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**Laura Bush Foundation Announces \$1,005,000 in Grants To
Gulf Coast School Libraries**

The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries announced today \$1,005,000 in Gulf Coast School Library Recovery Initiative grants to twenty-two schools in Louisiana and Alabama. These grantees are in addition to the eighty schools in Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida and Texas that have received awards since the first grants were made in May 2006. Total grants to date through the GCSLRI total over \$4.7 million.

Many schools in the Gulf Coast region were destroyed or severely damaged by the 2005 hurricanes, and part of the destruction was the loss of the schools' libraries. As a response to Mrs. Bush's concern for the students of these affected schools, the Laura Bush Foundation established a special fund to help re-establish the book collections for the school libraries.

Grantees announced today include:

- Academy of the Sacred Heart New Orleans, LA
- Bunche Accelerated Academy
for High School Preparation Metairie, LA
- Edgar P. Harney Elementary School New Orleans, LA
- Holy Cross School New Orleans, LA
- Jackson High School Jackson, AL
- John Curtis Christian Middle
and High School River Ridge, LA
- John Dibert School New Orleans, LA
- Johnson Elementary New Orleans, LA
- Joseph J. Davies Elementary Meraux, LA
- Laurel Elementary School New Orleans, LA
- L.H. Marrero Middle School Marrero, LA
- Our Lady of Lourdes Slidell, LA
- Paul J. Solis Elementary Gretna, LA
- Priestly School of Architecture
and Construction New Orleans, LA
- Riverdale Middle School Jefferson, LA
- St. Bernard Middle School St. Bernard, LA
- St. Mary's Dominican High School New Orleans, LA
- St. Rosalie Middle School New Orleans, LA

- South Cameron High School Grand Chenier, LA
- T.H. Harris Middle School Metairie, LA
- W. J. Smith, Jr. Elementary Violet, LA
- Xavier University Preparatory New Orleans, LA

The Foundation will be accepting final applications at www.laurabushfoundation.org beginning in January 2009. Schools that lost book collections or schools that are being built in the areas affected by the 2005 hurricanes in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Texas are encouraged to apply.

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