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“ Katrina destroyed the Banneker library collection, but Hurricane Katrina couldn't diminish Banneker's school spirit. Thank you, every one of you, for not giving up on your schools. Thank you for keeping your sense of community spirit alive and well here. ”

– Laura Bush



Mrs. Bush with Banneker student Troynoka Anderson



Mrs. Bush reads with students at Banneker Elementary School

At Banneker, A Library – And Community – Are Reborn

This past November, Mrs. Bush visited Benjamin Banneker Elementary School in New Orleans to announce the foundation's most recent group of 14 Gulf Coast School Library Recovery Initiative (GCSLRI) grants. Along with representatives from all of the recipient schools, attendees included Paul G. Pastorek, State Superintendent of Education; Phyllis Landrieu, President, Orleans Parish Public Schools; Darrel Kilbert, Superintendent, Orleans Parish Schools; Amb. Pamela Willeford, Laura Bush Foundation Chair; and Marshall B. Payne, co-Chair of the Gulf Coast School Library Recovery Initiative. In addition to speaking with

representatives of Banneker and the other grantee schools, Mrs. Bush spent time reading with Banneker's 1st and 2nd graders.

The Banneker School, part of the New Orleans Recovery School District, was selected as the event site not only because it was among the grantees, but because the school's long-held dedication to reading, paired with its ongoing recovery, symbolize what the GCSLRI is all about. "Benjamin Banneker School was devastated by Hurricane Katrina," said Mrs. Bush. "Every single student that was here before left the city, and only a few of

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Beaming with Civic Spirit

Spirit ran sky-high – civic spirit, that is – at The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region’s third annual “Celebration of Civic Spirit” gala honoring Mrs. Laura Bush. The Laura Bush Foundation for America’s Libraries is a fund of The Community Foundation, and the two organizations work closely together. The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region is one of the largest foundations in the United States. Last year, The Foundation and its donors awarded more than \$95 million in grants to nonprofit organizations and educational institutions throughout the Washington, DC metropolitan area and nationwide.


Held last April at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, the event honored Mrs. Bush for her philanthropic work in building and expanding school library collections across the country, including several in the Greater Washington area, as well as for the rebuilding of school libraries in the Gulf Coast region that were devastated by the 2005 storms. In her remarks, Mrs. Bush praised the good works of The Community Foundation and its family of donors. “Thanks to each of you for stepping up and serving. Through your generosity, you’re improving the lives of people

across our country, and you’re representing the compassionate character of our nation.”

The gala also commemorated the tenth anniversary of The Community Foundation’s Linowes Leadership Awards, named for the late philanthropist, civic leader and former Community Foundation chairman, R. Robert Linowes, and his wife, Ada. The awards

recognize the Washington, DC-area’s “unsung heroes,” – volunteers and nonprofit leaders whose commitment to serving their communities largely have gone unrecognized.

“Robert and his wife Ada have exemplified this quiet service,” said Mrs. Bush. “They have given their energy to dozens of local community groups. Mrs. Linowes has volunteered with the Red Cross and local art galleries. Mr. Linowes served the Boy Scouts and the United Negro College Fund. He led the Federal City Council, and he helped rescue the Folger Shakespeare Theater – saving an American cultural icon.”

Mrs. Bush was honored to be recognized with her foundation by The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region and was pleased to share the evening with those whose efforts make the Washington, DC area a better place for all to live and work. 



Mrs. Bush receives The Community Foundation’s 2007 Civic Spirit Award. From left: Gala Chair George Vradenburg; Community Foundation President Terri Lee Freeman; Community Foundation Chair M. Charito Kruvant

Photo: Daniel B. McNeill, courtesy of The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region



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A Salute to Time Inc.

What Time Is It? "Time to Give Back"

Time Inc.'s spirit of corporate generosity in supporting the GCSLRI has spread to its employees. Dubbed "Time to Give Back," the company's annual employee-giving campaign has selected GCSLRI as one of its 2007 recipients, contributing \$42,761.90 in charitable donations.

The company has a long history of corporate and employee involvement across the United States. By actively supporting several philanthropic organizations and creating opportunities for employees to become involved, Time Inc. leverages the talents and enthusiasm of its employees for the betterment of communities nationwide.

A TIME for Thanks

It goes without saying that the foundation's many good works simply would not be possible without the generous support of individuals, families, foundations and corporations. When it comes to the Gulf Coast School Library Recovery Initiative (GCSLRI), the foundation's friends at Time Inc. have led by their example of outstanding corporate citizenship.

As the world's leading magazine publisher, Time Inc. has long championed literacy and the vital role that reading plays in lifelong learning. In the aftermath of the 2005 hurricanes that decimated or destroyed scores of school library collections, Time Inc. stepped in as a major, early supporter of the GCSLRI to help rebuild them.

In fact, Time Inc. Chairman and CEO Ann Moore joined Mrs. Bush for her announcement of the first GCSLRI grants held in May 2006 in Chalmette, LA. That day was especially emotional, as the Chalmette High School's

A key example of this commitment is Time Inc.'s annual "Time To Give Back" charitable campaign. During this month-long campaign each fall, employees have the opportunity to contribute to one of five featured organizations or the charity or school of their choice. These contributions are then matched 2:1 by the company. With this match, employees have donated more than \$4.5 million since the program's inception in 2002.

The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries extends heartfelt thanks to the generous and caring spirit of Time Inc. and its employees. 📌

29,000-volume library had been lost entirely to wind and water. Among the treasures washed away was the library's pride and joy – a nearly complete set of *Life* magazines dating back to the early 1930s. Demonstrating Time Inc.'s unwavering commitment, Ms. Moore presented the new library with a complete set of *Life* magazines to replace those lost, along with digital copies and a selection of famous *Life* photographs.

Since then, Time Inc. and its employees (see story above) have continued to support the Initiative in generous and innovative ways. For example, the company donates three-year subscriptions to up to 15 Time Inc. titles – such as *Time*, *People*, *Fortune*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Money*, *Sports Illustrated Kids*, and many more – to libraries selected for LBF grants throughout the region. With Time Inc.'s help, the rebuilding has begun and will continue. 📌



Time Inc. Chairman and CEO Ann Moore
Photo courtesy of Time Inc.

The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries and the GCSLRI schools extend heartfelt thanks to all at Time Inc. for their caring spirit and commitment to good corporate citizenship.

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“ Thanks to some great golf and generous people in New Orleans, schoolchildren in the region will have the books they need to learn and further their education. ”

– James J. Schiro,
CEO of Zurich
Financial Services



*Zurich Financial Services
CEO James J. Schiro promotes
“Birdies for Books”*



*Mrs. Bush with Mr. and
Mrs. James J. Schiro*

Zurich Classic’s “Birdies for Books” Raises \$415,000 for Gulf Coast School Library Recovery Initiative

The 2007 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, the PGA TOUR event sponsored by Zurich Financial Services, raised an impressive \$415,000 for the GCSLRI through its innovative “Birdies for Books” program. The tournament was held in New Orleans this past April with an impressive field of professional golfers.

Zurich Financial Services pledged \$100 for every birdie made during the tournament. A “birdie” is the term used to designate a score of one stroke under par on a hole. Fortunately for the Laura Bush Foundation and Gulf Coast schools that are beneficiaries of the LBF’s Gulf Coast School Library Recovery Initiative, the golfers “carded” many birdies that week – a total of 1,556 – translating into a gift from Zurich Financial Services of \$155,600. The player with the most birdies – 19 in all – was Nick Watney, winner of the 2007 Zurich Classic of New Orleans. After winning the tournament, Mr. Watney then made a generous donation of \$25,000 of his winnings to support the GCSLRI.

Zurich also encouraged local businesses as well as tournament spectators to match its donation. Indeed, the tournament sparked an outpouring of support from the New Orleans region: residents Martha and Gary Solomon contributed \$150,000 and Nu-Lite Electrical Wholesalers, the largest independent electrical distributor in the New Orleans area, donated \$76,000 to the Fore!Kids Foundation, which was immediately earmarked for Birdies



Mrs. Bush with chef Emeril Lagasse

for Books. Tournament spectators made donations at booths across the course, and TV viewers contributed through BirdiesForBooks.com.

At a breakfast hosted by Zurich to kick off the tournament, Mrs. Bush and chef (and Louisiana native) Emeril Lagasse demonstrated for the crowd how to make New Orleans specialties such as shrimp and grits, giving the event an authentic Cajun flavor.

“We all know that the Gulf Coast recovery ultimately depends on its schools,” said Mrs. Bush in her remarks at the breakfast. “Until there are schools for children, families can’t return home. These grants will help librarians build new collections that support their schools’ curriculum. And they’ll help young people who use these libraries find comfort and inspiration in their favorite books.”

Mrs. Bush, Zurich Financial Services CEO James J. Schiro and other Zurich officials then proceeded to Holy Cross School in New Orleans’ Lower Ninth Ward to announce grants to fourteen schools. These grants, made possible by the Birdies for Books program, have helped purchase thousands of books for these schools’ libraries.

“Thanks to some great golf and generous people in New Orleans,” said Schiro, “schoolchildren in the region will have the books they need to learn and further their education.”

Photos: Mark Ehrmann/Wire Image, courtesy of Zurich Financial Services

2007 Congressional Club Luncheon Benefits GCSLRI

The 2007 Congressional Club luncheon, traditionally held in honor of the First Lady, was particularly special this year, as the event culminated with a generous charitable contribution of \$25,000 in Mrs. Bush's name to the Gulf Coast School Library Recovery Initiative.

The Congressional Club was incorporated by an Act of Congress on May 30, 1908. Although the scope of the Club and the breadth of its activities have increased over the years, its purpose remains the same: to provide a nonpartisan setting for friendship among the spouses of the House and Senate during their tenure in Washington, DC. The Club's annual luncheon is its most important event of the year.

Taking the theme of "Soul of the South," the May 10 event

was held at the Washington Hilton's ballroom and attended by some 1,850 spouses of sitting Congressmen, cabinet members, Joint Chiefs and military leaders, and Supreme Court justices. The luncheon was hosted by Congressional Club President Vivian Bishop, wife of U.S. Rep. Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (D-Georgia).

"The whole challenge before school districts of having to rebuild a whole school district at once, as fast as you can, is unprecedented in our country," stressed Mrs. Bush when speaking about the Gulf Coast region. "It's much more difficult than people might think it would be. And it's very important for schools to be open, for kids to be able to go back to their own school." ◆

With \$1.2 Million in New Grants, LBF Brings the Joy of Reading to New York and Beyond

This past May, Mrs. Bush visited P.S. 188 The Island School, located on Houston Street in Lower Manhattan, to announce the latest round of grants made by the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries. The event was, in the end, a celebration of learning and reading at a school that has made great strides in recent years.

Greeted by Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education Joel Klein, and Island School principal Dr. Barbara Slatin, Mrs. Bush first visited the school's library where she and the students watched a puppet show

staged by the school librarian and talked about some of their favorite books. And then came the big moment – Mrs. Bush announced her foundation's newest grants. Totaling \$1.2 million, the awards will support 263 school libraries across the country, from New York to Chicago to Alaska. The Island School was among the recipients, receiving a grant of \$5,000. In addition, representatives from 20 of the 28 New York City-area schools receiving grants were in attendance and stood to be recognized by Mrs. Bush.

"We know that many children don't have books in their homes,



Mrs. Bush at the 2007 Congressional Club luncheon
Photo courtesy of Reflections Photography 2007, Washington, DC

LBF Gulf Coast School Library Recovery Initiative Grantees

- Alba Middle School, Bayou La Batre, AL
- Albert Wicker Elementary/ Middle School, New Orleans, LA
- Alice M. Harte Charter School, New Orleans, LA
- Alternative Learning Institute, New Orleans, LA
- Andrew Jackson Elementary/ Middle School, Chalmette, LA
- Bay-Waveland Middle School, Bay Saint Louis, MS
- Beach Elementary, Pascagoula, MS
- Benjamin Banneker Elementary School, New Orleans, LA
- Benjamin Franklin Elementary Mathematics and Science School, New Orleans, LA
- Benjamin Franklin High School, New Orleans, LA
- Booker T. Washington Transitional School, New Orleans, LA
- Brother Martin High School, New Orleans, LA
- Bunche Academy for High School Preperation, Metairie, LA
- Central Elementary School, Pascagoula, MS
- Chalmette High School, Chalmette, LA
- Crescent City Christian School, Metairie, LA
- Delcambre Elementary School, Delcambre, LA
- Dozier Elementary School, Erath, LA
- Eastlawn Elementary School, Pascagoula, MS
- Eaton Park Elementary School, Abbeville, LA
- Edgar P. Harney Elementary School, Baton Rouge, LA
- Edna Karr High School, New Orleans, LA
- Erath High School, Erath, LA
- Erath Middle School, Erath, LA
- Fannie C. Williams Elementary School, New Orleans, LA
- Forked Island-E. Broussard Elementary School, Abbeville, LA
- Gautier Elementary School, Gautier, MS
- Glynn H. Brock Elementary School, Slidell, LA
- Gorenflo Elementary School, Biloxi, MS
- Gulfview-Charles B. Murphy Elementary School, Kiln, MS
- Gulfview-Charles B. Murphy Elementary School, Bay Saint Louis, MS
- Harriet R. Tubman Charter School, New Orleans, LA
- Henry C. Schaumburg School, New Orleans, LA
- Holy Cross School, New Orleans, LA
- J.F. Gauthier Elementary School, Saint Bernard, LA
- L.W. Higgins High School, Marrero, LA
- Lake Forest Charter School, New Orleans, LA
- Lusher Charter Elementary School, New Orleans, LA
- Lusher Charter School - Fortier Campus, New Orleans, LA
- Martin Behrman Charter School, New Orleans, LA

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With \$1.2 Million in New Grants, LBF Brings the Joy of Reading to New York and Beyond *continued*



Chancellor Joel Kline and Island School Librarian Lou Lahana with students Jose Lopez, Patricia Marquez, Erin Colon, Brian Garcia, Dewan Hassan, Tristan Johnson, and Jaiden Jack, with Mrs. Bush and Mayor Michael Bloomberg

which makes it even more important for them to have access to a well-stocked school library,” remarked Mrs. Bush. “Young people should be able to read the classics of children’s literature, as well as new books that reflect their own interests, backgrounds and cultures. And their teachers need libraries that are filled with up-to-date non-fiction books that support the school’s curriculum.”

An additional grant – the first in the foundation’s five-year history -- was made to Spangdahlem Elementary, a

U.S. Department of Defense school serving the children of military personnel stationed at Spangdahlem Air Force Base in Germany.

“The Island School library is what every school library should be: a vibrant place brought to life by the children and their love of books,” Mrs. Bush continued. “Congratulations to all the librarians, teachers, and administrators here today who are helping children improve their learning by encouraging them to read.”

Photo: Brian Marcus, courtesy of Fred Marcus Photography, New York, NY

Laura Bush Foundation for America’s Libraries 2007 Grantees

A.D. Harrington Elementary School, Philadelphia, PA
 Aberdeen Middle School, Aberdeen, MS
 Academic Success Center, Columbus, GA
 Acadian Elementary School, Alexandria, LA
 Acoma Elementary School, Albuquerque, NM
 Allen Central High School, Eastern, KY
 Alonzo De Leon Middle School, McAllen, TX
 Alta Vista Elementary, Haines City, FL
 Alvin Avenue Elementary School, Santa Maria, CA
 Amite County High School, Liberty, MS
 Annadale Elementary School, Los Angeles, CA
 Annette Officer Elementary School, East St. Louis, IL

Architecture, Construction and Engineering Technical Charter HS, Chicago, IL
 Aroma Park Primary, Aroma Park, IL
 Augusta High School, Augusta, AR
 Austin-East Magnet High School, Knoxville, TN
 Bayles Elementary School, Dallas, TX
 Belfry High School, Belfry, KY
 Belfort Academy, Houston, TX
 Ben Milam Elementary, Conroe, TX
 Benjamin S. Carson Honors Preparatory School, Atlanta, GA
 Bethel Youth Facility, Atmautluak, AK
 Biscayne Elementary Community School, Miami Beach, FL
 Box Elder Elementary School, Box Elder, MT

Brookmeade Elementary, Memphis, TN
 Burton Street Elementary, Panorama City, CA
 Cairo Junior Senior High School, Cairo, IL
 Canutillo Middle School, Canutillo, TX
 Carl G. Lauro Elementary School, Providence, RI
 Carver Elementary School, Greenville, TX
 Cascade High School, Cascade, MT
 Catlettsburg Elementary, Catlettsburg, KY
 Celerity Nascent Charter School, Los Angeles, CA
 Central High School, Independence, OR
 Cesar Chavez Middle School, Lynwood, CA
 Cesar E. Chavez Middle School, Planada, CA
 Charles Carroll School, Philadelphia, PA
 Chetopa High School, Chetopa, KS

Clark Elementary School, Detroit, MI
 Clemente Community Academy High School, Chicago, IL
 Columbine Elementary, Longmont, CO
 Commerce Middle School, Yonkers, NY
 Cook Elementary School, McMinnville, OR
 Cooper Elementary, Derby, KS
 Cornertsons Schools of Alabama, Birmingham, AL
 Crestworth Middle School, Baton Rouge, LA
 Crow Creek High School, Stephan, SD
 Dakota Memorial School, Minot, ND
 David Crockett Elementary School, San Antonio, TX
 Denison Middle School, Denison, IA
 Diomedes School, Diomedes, AK



Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries 2007 Grantees, *continued*

Dishchii'bihok High School, Cibecue, AZ
 Dolan Middle School, Stamford, CT
 Dolores Gonzales Elementary, Albuquerque, NM
 Donaldsonville Primary School, Donaldsonville, LA
 Dr. Katie Harper Wright Elementary School, East St. Louis, IL
 Dr. Kenneth B. Clark Academy, Dobbs Ferry, NJ
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 Dutton/Brady Public School, Dutton, MT
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 Elizabeth Morris Elementary, Cahokia, IL
 Elkhardt Middle School, Richmond, VA
 Elysian Heights Elementary, Los Angeles, CA
 Emerson Elementary, Cairo, IL
 Eugene Field Elementary, East Chicago, IN
 Ewing Park Middle School, Nashville, TN
 Fair Play School, Fair Play, MO
 Fair Street International Baccalaureate Academy, Gainesville, GA
 Fairfield Center School, Fairfield, VT
 Fairley High School, Memphis, TN
 Far Rockaway High School, Far Rockaway, NY
 Farrer Elementary School, Provo, UT
 Ferguson Elementary School, York, PA
 Fox Elementary School, Columbus, GA
 Francis Scott Key Elementary #102, Indianapolis, IN
 Frank Del Olmo Elementary School, Los Angeles, CA
 G.W. Carver Academy, Waco, TX
 George C. Clarke Elementary School, Fort Worth, TX
 George W. Sharswood School, Philadelphia, PA
 Glen Park Elementary School, Fort Worth, TX
 Goldblatt Elementary, Chicago, IL
 Goldsboro High School, Goldsboro, NC
 Golfcrest Elementary School, Houston, TX
 Grace Dodge Vocational High School, Bronx, NY
 Grand Coulee Dam Middle School, Grand Coulee, WA
 Greenville Elementary School, Greenville, FL
 Griffith Centers for Children, Larkspur, CO
 Gwyneth Ham Elementary School, Yuma, AZ
 Hamilton Middle School, Wichita, KS
 Hamlin Middle School, Springfield, OR
 Hannah Penn Middle School, York, PA
 Harding Elementary, Warren, MI
 Harmony Hill School, Inc., Chepachet, RI
 Hatcher Elementary School, Ashland, KY
 Henry Clay Middle School, Los Angeles, CA
 Henry Oyama Elementary School, Tucson, AZ
 Herman Badillo Bilingual Academy #76, Buffalo, NY
 Hirsch High School, Chicago, IL
 Holmes Alternative School, Covington, KY
 Hoover Elementary School, Yakima, WA

I.S. 302 Rafael Cordero y Molina, Brooklyn, NY
 Ida Posner School PS/IS165K, Brooklyn, NY
 IDEA Public Charter School, Washington, DC
 Immaculate Conception School, Staten Island, NY
 International Newcomers' Center, Tahlequah, OK
 Irving Elementary School, Quincy, FL
 IS 254, Bronx, NY
 Island School, New York, NY
 Ivey Lane Elementary School, Orlando, FL
 J.B. Passmore Elementary School, San Antonio, TX
 Jack Lowe Sr. Elementary School, Dallas, TX
 Jackson Elementary School, York, PA
 Jackson Elementary School, Memphis, TN
 Joann A. Alexie Memorial School, Atmaultuak, AK
 Joel C. Harris Middle School, San Antonio, TX
 John Hope Elementary School, Atlanta, GA
 John Tyler Elementary, Washington, DC
 Jose Alderete Middle School, Canutillo, TX
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 Kamiah High School, Kamiah, ID
 Kanoon Magnet School, Chicago, IL
 Kingstree Elementary School, Kingstree, SC
 L.O. Donald Elementary School, Dallas, TX
 Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School, Hayward, WI
 Lacoochee Elementary School, Dade City, FL
 Lakeside Elementary School, Worley, ID
 Lakeside High School, Plummer, ID
 Lakeside Middle School, Plummer, ID
 Lana'i High and Elementary School, Lana'i City, HI
 Lancaster Elementary, Orlando, FL
 Lawrence Barnes Elementary School, Burlington, VT
 Lexington Avenue Primary Center, Los Angeles, CA
 Liberty High School, Glen Daniel, WV
 Lillian Rashkis High School, Brooklyn, NY
 Lincoln Elementary School, Eureka, CA
 Lone Rock School, Stevensville, MT
 Loving School, Brandon, SD
 Lyons Elementary, Houston, TX
 M.S. 203x, Bronx, NY
 Mansfield Middle School, Mansfield, LA
 Marbrook Elementary School, Wilmington, DE
 Margaret Hedrick Elementary, El Centro, CA
 Margaret S. Douglas Junior High School, Brooklyn, NY
 Mark Twain Primary School, Kankakee, IL
 Marta Valle Secondary School, New York, NY
 Martin Luther King Middle School, Beaumont, TX
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School, Tuscaloosa, AL
 Marty Indian School, Marty, SD
 Mary Bethune Elementary, New Orleans, LA
 Mary H. Wright Elementary School, Spartanburg, SC
 McDowell Elementary School, McDowell, KY
 Michael Faraday Elementary, Chicago, IL
 Milburn Public Schools, Milburn, OK

Minnesota International Middle School, Minneapolis, MN
 Molina High School, Dallas, TX
 Monticello Middle School, Longview, WA
 Morrison Academic Advancement Center, Jackson, MS
 Morrison Elementary School, Fort Smith, AR
 Mount Auburn Elementary School, Dallas, TX
 Mount Pleasant Cottage School, Pleasantville, NY
 MS 319, New York City, NY
 Mt. Iliamna School, Elmendorf AFB, AK
 Namaste Charter School, Chicago, IL
 Nathaniel Briggs Borden School, Fall River, MA
 Nelson Island School, Toksook Bay, AK
 New Brunswick Middle School, New Brunswick, NJ
 New Schools at Carver, Atlanta, GA
 New Small High School, Memphis, TN
 Niobrara Public School, Niobara, NE
 Nuniwarmiut School, Mekoryuk, AK
 Oak View Elementary, Decatur, GA
 Oliver Wendell Holmes Elementary School, Dorchester, MA
 P.B. Young Senior Elementary School, Norfolk, VA
 P.S. 102 Joseph O Loretan, Bronx, NY
 P.S. 12, Brooklyn, NY
 P.S. 199Q - Maurice FitzGerald School, Long Island City, NY
 P.S. 55 Benjamin Franklin Elementary School, Bronx, NY
 P.S. 70 Lt. Joe Petrosino School, Long Island City, NY
 Pablo Elementary School, Ronan, MT
 Pahocee Middle/Senior High School, Pahocee, FL
 Park Street Elementary, Marietta, GA
 Parks Elementary School, Pasadena, TX
 Passages Academy, Bronx, NY
 Patterson Park Public Charter School, Baltimore, MD
 Peabody Middle School, Petersburg, VA
 Phelps Elementary School, Windsor, KY
 Pine Street Elementary School, Presque Isle, ME
 Planada Elementary School, Planada, CA
 Primary Academic Center, Markham, IL
 PS 86Q, Jamaica, NY
 Raft River Elementary, Malta, ID
 Ravenswood Elementary School, Chicago, IL
 Rayville Elementary School, Rayville, LA
 Read School, Bridgeport, CT
 Red Mountain Middle School, Deming, NM
 Reed Elementary School, New Orleans, LA
 Rene Spitz School, Denver, CO
 Richard Edwards School, Chicago, IL
 Richey Elementary School, Pasadena, TX
 Robert Fulton Elementary School, Chicago, IL
 Robert Nathaniel Dett School, Chicago, IL
 Roger C. Sullivan School, Chicago, IL
 Rosa Parks Elementary School, Portland, OR
 Ryerson Elementary School, Chicago, IL
 Saint Peter's Elementary School, Staten Island, NY
 Saints Peter & Paul School, Bronx, NY

San Luis Middle School, San Luis, AZ
 Saticoy Elementary, North Hollywood, CA
 Seco Mines Elementary School, Eagle Pass, TX
 Shiloh Hills Elementary School, Spokane, WA
 South Houston Elementary School, South Houston, TX
 Southwest Junior High School, San Luis, AZ
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 St. Jerome School, Bronx, NY
 St. Mary of the Lake, Chicago, IL
 St. Rafael the Archangel School, Milwaukee, WI
 Standing Rock Middle School, Fort Yates, ND
 Stanton Primary Elementary School, New Boston, OH
 Stephen C. Foster Elementary School, Dallas, TX
 Taos Municipal Charter School, Ranchos de Taos, NM
 Taylor Elementary School, Cedar Rapids, IA
 Tharptown High School, Russellville, AL
 Tidewater Park Elementary School, Norfolk, VA
 Tilton Elementary School, Chicago, IL
 Tonopah High School, Tonopah, NV
 Trezevant Middle/High School, Memphis, TN
 University Terrace Elementary School, Baton Rouge, LA
 Valley View Elementary School, Pharr, TX
 Valley View North Elementary School, Pharr, TX
 Valley View South Elementary School, Pharr, TX
 Varnado High School, Angie, LA
 Vaughn Occupational High School, Chicago, IL
 Virgil I. Grissom MS 226, South Ozone Park, NY
 W. A. Blair Elementary School, Dallas, TX
 Warren Easton Senior High School, New Orleans, LA
 Washington Elementary School, Wichita, KS
 Washington Elementary School, Mount Vernon, WA
 Weeks Middle School, Des Moines, IA
 West Elementary, West Liberty, IA
 West Oktibbeha Elementary, Sturgis, MS
 Western New York Children's Psychiatric Center, West Seneca, NY
 Western Village Academy, Oklahoma City, OK
 Wheeling Catholic Elementary School, Wheeling, WV
 Whispering Winds Charter School, Chiefland, FL
 Wilbur E. Lucas Elementary School, Pharr, TX
 William T. Davis School, P.S. 31, Staten Island, NY
 William Tell Aggeler Community Day High School, Chatsworth, CA
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 Zenith Academy, Columbus, OH
 Zinsmeyer Academy, Long Beach, CA



The following schools were included in this round of GCSLRI grants:

- Alba Middle School
Bayou La Batre, AL
- Alternative Learning Institute
New Orleans, LA
- Benjamin Banneker Elementary School
New Orleans, LA
- Central Elementary School
Pascagoula, MS
- Crescent City Christian School
New Orleans, LA
- Harriet R. Tubman Charter School
New Orleans, LA
- Lake Forest Charter School
New Orleans, LA
- Murray Henderson School
New Orleans, LA
- North Bay Elementary
Bay St. Louis, MS
- Ruppel Academy for Advanced Studies
Marrero, LA
- St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School
Long Beach, MS
- Sylvanie F. Williams Elementary
New Orleans, LA
- Walter L. Cohen School
New Orleans, LA
- William Colmer Middle School
Pascagoula, MS

At Banneker *continued*



Mrs. Bush with Louisiana State Superintendent of Education Paul G. Pastorek



Mrs. Bush with Banneker Elementary School Principal Cheryllynn Branche

the previous Banneker students have returned. Most of the children who were students at Benjamin Banneker before the storm are now in other states. Banneker is the first Recovery School District school to reopen after Katrina, and you welcomed every child who wanted to come here.”

The event also included a number of other “firsts.” A grant of \$40,000 to Alba Middle School in Bayou La Batre, AL, represents the GCSLRI’s first investment to date in an Alabama school. And a \$70,000 grant to the Alternative Learning Institute, a correctional facility serving incarcerated young women, will help rebuild its library which serves as a place for them to learn as well as to develop job skills.

In addition to financial support, grants from the GCSLRI provide librarians at grantee schools the opportunity to participate in

workshops on building entire library collections. Conducted by professionals in the field of library science serving on the LBF advisory board, the workshops are designed to help school librarians who have added to or maintained existing collections in the past, but who have never been charged with establishing a collection from its inception.

“Katrina destroyed the Banneker library collection,” Mrs. Bush continued, “but Hurricane Katrina couldn’t diminish Banneker’s school spirit. Thank you, every one of you, for not giving up on your schools. Thank you for keeping your sense of community spirit alive and well here. Congratulations to each one of the grant recipients. May God bless you all and may God bless the children.”

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LBF Gulf Coast School Library Recovery Initiative Grantees, *continued*

- Metairie Park Country Day School, Metairie, LA
- Murray Henderson School, New Orleans, LA
- N.P. Trist Middle School, Chalmette, LA
- New Orleans Science and Math Charter High School, New Orleans, LA
- North Bay Elementary School, Bay Saint Louis, MS
- Our Lady of Lourdes, Slidell, LA
- Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Chalmette, LA
- Patrick F. Taylor Science and Technology Academy, Jefferson, LA
- Paul B. Habans Elementary School, New Orleans, LA

- Peebles Elementary, New Iberia, LA
- Pensacola Beach Elementary School, Pensacola, FL
- Phoneix High School, Braithwaite, LA
- Pine Junior/Senior High School, Franklinton, LA
- Ruppel Academy for Advanced Studies, Marrero, LA
- Saint Stanislaus College, Bay Saint Louis, MS
- Salmen High School, Slidell, LA
- Sarah Towles Reed Senior High School, New Orleans, LA
- Second Street Elementary School, Bay Saint Louis, MS
- Seventh Ward Elementary, Abbeville, LA

- Sophie B. Wright Charter Middle School, New Orleans, LA
- South Plaquemines Elementary School, Port Sulphur, LA
- South Plaquemines High School, Port Sulphur, LA
- St. Mary’s Academy, New Orleans, LA
- St. Mary’s Dominican High School, New Orleans, LA
- St. Rosalie School, Harvey, LA
- St. Tammany Junior High School, Slidell, LA
- St. Ville Accelerated Academy for High School Preparation, Harvey, LA
- St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, Long Beach, MS

- Sylvanie F. Williams Elementary School, New Orleans, LA
- Trent Lott Middle School, Pascagoula, MS
- Trist Middle School, Meraux, LA
- Walter L. Cohen High School, New Orleans, LA
- Warren Easton Senior High School, New Orleans, LA
- Waveland Elementary School, Waveland, MS
- West Hancock Elementary School, Picayune, MS
- West Jefferson High School, Harvey, LA
- William Colmer Middle School, Pascagoula, MS
- Xavier University Preparatory School, New Orleans, LA



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