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Four Richmond County School System Libraries Receive Laura Bush Foundation Grants

(AUGUSTA, GEORGIA) - Four Richmond County School System (RCSS) libraries received the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries Grant for the 2026-2027 school year. Their winning applications collectively brought \$20,000 in private funding to their libraries. Out of thousands of national applicants, they were among only 220 schools chosen for their dedication to fostering student literacy.

Tobacco Road Elementary School, Richmond Hill Elementary School, W.S. Hornsby Elementary School and Lucy C. Laney Comprehensive High School each independently earned a \$5,000 award to modernize their campus print catalogs. To secure this highly competitive grant on their own merit, each school had to demonstrate acute financial need and submit a comprehensive, data-driven application detailing a clear plan to expand and diversify its book collections.

"It's truly an honor to receive this grant and be represented on the national stage," said Susan Scarmoutzos, media specialist at W.S. Hornsby Elementary. "With these grant funds, our main goal is to strengthen our library collection, and to align the extra material we have in our libraries with the curriculum being taught."

Housed by the George W. Bush Institute in Dallas, the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries supports school libraries across the country that have the greatest financial needs. Since its inception in 2002, the foundation has awarded \$24 million to more than 4,200 schools nationwide, distributing over \$1 million in total funding during the 2026 grant cycle alone.

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