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Read Receives \$5,000 Grant from the Laura Bush Foundation

Bridgeport, CT – June 12, 2007 –The Laura Bush Foundation for America’s Libraries recently named Read School as one of this year’s recipients of the America’s Libraries Award. Read School will receive a \$5,000 grant to expand, update and diversify its library book collection. The foundation has announced that 263 school libraries nationwide are being awarded \$1,286,757 in grants for 2007. Read was one of two school in Connecticut to receive this grant.

“The \$5000 Laura Bush Award is a wonderful gift to support learning and love of reading at Read. This award will improve the book collection available at the Read Library. The books chosen will support the curriculum in social studies, science and language arts as well as supplementing the reference section with dictionaries and encyclopedias,” Patricia Colonnese, Read School Library Media Specialist, said. “Read School is very fortunate to receive this award. The budget cuts across the district have had a huge impact on having the right books for our students at our school library.”

According to the Laura Bush Foundation, more than 129,800 students will benefit from new books in their school libraries from this year’s Laura Bush Foundation grants. The 2007 awardees include 234 public schools, 11 charter schools, 14 private schools and 4 alternative schools. Grants were made in 48 states plus the District of Columbia.

The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries states that its mission "is to support the education of our nation's children by providing funds to update, extend and diversify the book and print collections of America's school libraries." For more information, visit www.laurabushfoundation.org.

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