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Lansing School District named as recipient of \$50,000 from the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries

(Lansing, MI) The Lansing School District will soon receive a total of \$50,000 in grants from the [Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries](#). This year, the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries awarded \$1.5 million in library grants to 300 schools from 36 states across the country, and Lansing School District will receive 10 grants to schools of \$5,000 each to support libraries at Everett High School, Pattengill, Gardner, Dwight Rich, North, Attwood, Wexford, Gier Park, Cumberland and Forest View schools in the district. Many of the school libraries will use the funds to update and diversify their collections.

"Congratulations to the 2023 Laura Bush Foundation Grant Recipients! I am thrilled that school librarians across the country will soon be able to update their library collections," Mrs. Laura Bush said.

"This is really exciting news for the Lansing School District," said Lori Lillmars, Media Coordinator for K-8 Lansing School District Libraries. "This money is a great investment in our Lansing schools and the collection of learning resources available to our students, and is greatly appreciated. Special thanks go to Janis Solomon who wrote the Pattengill grant and Joy Currie for the Everett grant."

Mrs. Bush revealed her 2023 summer reading list, which includes recommendations for young readers through middle schoolers at the annual Laura Bush Book Club event, as part of the Engage at the Bush Center series presented by NexPoint, with support from H-E-B. Selections feature books on family, adventure, and gratitude. The list contains classics like *The Little House* as well as new releases like *The Loud Librarian*, featuring Dallas illustrator, Erika Lynne Jones.

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“This year’s summer reading list includes an old favorite, *Charlotte’s Web*, which I remember reading to my daughters when they were little,” Mrs. Bush said. “As a former teacher and librarian, I know that the most important thing parents and caregivers can do for their children is to read to them. So I hope you bring this list to your local library, and pick out a few books to read with your family this summer. Your kids will love it, and so will you.”

Grant applications for the 2023-2024 school year will open in late 2023. Visit laurabushfoundation.org to learn more.

The Laura Bush Foundation for America’s Libraries supports school libraries with the greatest needs with the goal of encouraging all students to develop a love of reading and learning. Since its inception in 2002, it has awarded \$21 million to more than 3,600 schools across the country.

The George W. Bush Institute’s Education and Opportunity work, which houses the Laura Bush Foundation for America’s Libraries, is generously supported by The Allstate Foundation. The Laura Bush Foundation is managed as a restricted fund at the George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas, Texas. More information can be found at laurabushfoundation.org and www.bushcenter.org.

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