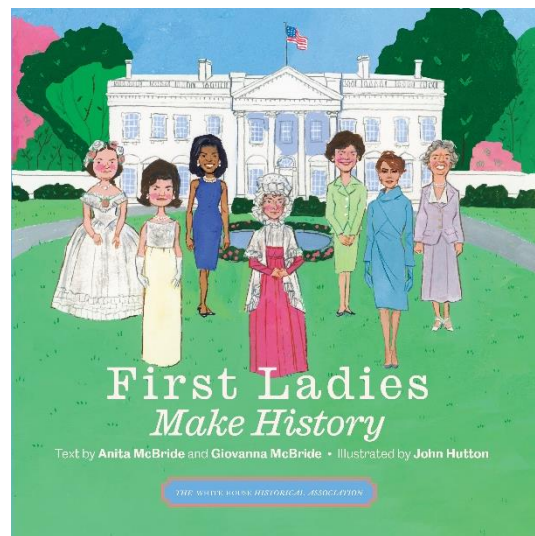




**Authors Anita and Giovanna McBride Donate
3,000 Copies of *First Ladies Make History* to School Libraries**
Title is also featured on Mrs. Bush's 2025 Summer Reading List

May 12, 2025 (Washington, D.C.) – Anita and Giovanna McBride, authors of [*First Ladies Make History*](#), have generously donated 3,000 copies of their children's book, published by The White House Historical Association, to be distributed to the schools from 38 states across the country that have received grants from the [Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries](#) to expand and update their library collections.

Mrs. Laura Bush opens the special edition of *First Ladies Make History* by discussing how “first ladies of the United States are an important part of our nation’s history,” and encouraging young readers to “have fun learning about first ladies.”



First Ladies Make History was named as one of Mrs. Bush's 2025 Summer Reading List recommendations on May 8 at a Laura Bush Book Club event. The list includes 16 books for young readers through middle schoolers that “celebrate America, everyday adventures, and friendships that stand the test of time.”

Anita McBride served as Mrs. Bush's Chief of Staff when she was first lady and is the author of several books on first ladies and their legacies. Giovanna McBride's previous book, [*Gigi at the White House*](#), recounts her adventures visiting her mother at the White House when she was a little girl.

“Giovanna and I are honored to support Laura Bush's lifelong advocacy and commitment to education and literacy through this donation to the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries,” Anita McBride said. “Since its founding in 2001, the foundation's grants make a lasting impact in thousands of schools. It's very special for us to see *First Ladies Make*

History' reach so many young readers across the country through the foundation's network of schools as well as be selected for Mrs. Bush's 2025 Summer Reading List."



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About First Ladies Make History

Who are the first ladies of the United States and what do they do? In this special book, authors Anita and Giovanna McBride explain that this is a big question with many answers. There is no rulebook defining the role of the first lady, yet the first ladies have worked hard to make the world a better place for more than two hundred years. *First Ladies Make History* is the first book of its kind, taking young readers beyond the typical fashion and hospitality topics associated with first ladies to the important contributions they have made to society and culture throughout American history. The book has been recently updated to include the second presidency of Donald J. Trump.

About The White Historical Association

The White House Historical Association was founded in 1961 by First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy to support her vision to restore and preserve the Executive Mansion and its legacy for generations to come. Mrs. Kennedy sought to inspire Americans, especially children, to explore and engage with American history and its presidents. Supported entirely by private resources, the Association is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that has contributed more

than \$115 million to the White House in fulfillment of its mission. To learn more about the White House Historical Association, please visit WhiteHouseHistory.org.

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