

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Michael Fonge, Ed.D.

Pearland, Texas

Dear Dr. Fonge and
Friends of the Buea Metropolitan Library,

I am delighted to send greetings and congratulations as you celebrate the grand opening of the Buea Metropolitan Library in Cameroon, West Africa.

Your efforts, and the teamwork of countless people on two continents, have culminated in a collection of books that will enhance life every day for the citizens of Buea. In this library visitors will find more than the magic of reading – they will find the spirit of human kindness that knows no borders.

Dr. Fonge, your commitment to your native Cameroon has been an inspiration to others, and I especially applaud the professors and staff of the Houston Community College System, Half Price Book Stores, and the many citizens of Pearland and Houston who have eagerly stepped forward to lend a hand in this great endeavor.

President Bush joins me in sending best wishes for continuing success and many happy hours of reading!

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Laura Bush". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "B".