

**Baldwin County  
Education  
Coalition**



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## Coalition Obtains \$148,000 in Grants to Grow Classroom Libraries

The Education Coalition recently obtained grant funding from Impact 100 Baldwin County, Baldwin EMC Foundation, Dollar General Foundation, Snook Foundation, Wells Fargo Foundation and United Way of Baldwin County to help provide Scholastic's 7 Strengths Library to every 2nd, 3rd & 4th grade classroom in Baldwin County! Close to 9,000 students in Baldwin County's 22 elementary schools received over 31,000 books including teachers' guides and book bins.



Recent studies on literacy have proven the more contact children have with books, the better readers they become. Classroom libraries improve access to books to increase independent reading practice and improve reading performance.

The 7 Strengths Library is a large, varied collection of fiction and non-fiction contemporary favorites and popular classics that also provide support for social-emotional learning through the lens of the 7 Strengths: Belonging, Friendship, Kindness, Curiosity, Confidence, Courage and Hope! The libraries align with Baldwin County's Strategic Plan for Academics and Balanced Literacy Framework. It also complements and strengthens the successful Guided Reading Initiative that is already making a difference in student achievement.

The ability to read proficiently lays the foundation for a child's success in school and in life, ultimately creating a healthier and stronger Baldwin County. We're so very grateful to the many foundations for supporting this initiative!





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