



*Left to right: Mrs. Laura Bush, community member Shirina Davenport, President and CEO Lawrence Pijoux, Jr., and IMLS Director Anne Radice. Photo credit: Bob Burgess/IMLS*

The [Birmingham Civil Rights Institute](#) formally received its **2007 National Medal for Museum and Library Service** that was [first announced in mid-November](#). On hand to receive the award in Washington, DC from First Lady Laura Bush and IMLS director Anne Radice were BCRI CEO Lawrence Pijoux, Jr. and Birmingham City Schools family involvement coordinator Shirina Davenport (to Pijoux's left as you are looking at the image). Head on over to IMLS' site to [view the official general release](#) and the one [recognizing the Institute's achievement](#).