

Sunshine State Young Readers Award Program

The Florida Association of Media Educators (FAME) sponsors the Sunshine State Young Readers Award program each year. Media Specialists from across the state select 15 titles published in the previous 3 years for student consideration. Any student in grades 3-5 who reads at least three of the titles gets the opportunity to vote in the spring for which title wins the award. It's an award bestowed on the author completely by kid opinion!

At Durbin, SSYRA is a BIG deal! Our Media Center has lots of different incentives to encourage students to read the books, but everything about SSYRA is **completely optional!**

In order to earn incentives, students need to take the 10-question quiz that can be found on the DCES Media Center webpage (right hand side under Links). Students must score a 70% or higher to pass and have 2 chances to pass each quiz. They will receive notice of passing/failing within 48 hours via their teacher's mailbox. Students are *highly encouraged* to look back in the text while they take the quizzes. ***However, cheating by sharing answers with another student or taking quizzes for another student will not be tolerated and will result in all incentives being forfeited.***

Students may read or listen to the books and obtain them from any source! I encourage families to read them together. We have 6 copies of each title in the Media Center available for checkout. Due to the popularity of these titles, they may not be put on hold or renewed, and only one can be checked out at a time.

Incentives

- For each book read & quiz passed, a student earns a brag tag (a plastic dog tag featuring the book's cover). They will receive a necklace chain with the first tag earned. (Brag tags and chains will not be replaced for ANY reason!)
- 3 books read & quizzes passed – voting in the spring
- 5 books read & quizzes passed – vote in spring, picture taken and displayed on a stamp card in the Media Center. Students stamp the title of each book they read.
- 10 books read & quizzes passed – vote in spring, picture taken and displayed on a stamp card in the Media Center. Medal at the end of the year. Students may try out for Battle of the Books team (usually tryouts in January).
- ALL 15 books read & quizzes passed – vote in spring, picture taken and displayed on a stamp card in the Media Center. Trophy at the end of the year. Students may try out for Battle of the Books team, & a special "I Read Them ALL!" brag tag

If parents have any questions about the SSYRA program or to see the list of titles for this year, please visit: <https://www.floridamediaed.org/ssyra.html>

ALL STUDENTS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE THIS YEAR MUST HAVE PARENT PERMISSION/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS IN ORDER TO EARN ANY INCENTIVES.

Visit here to give permission: <https://forms.office.com/r/uX1FZnJ4z1>

(PERMISSION MUST BE GIVEN EVERY YEAR)

Questions? Please email Mrs. O'Brien – andrea.obrien@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Happy Reading, ♥ Mrs. O'Brien, DCES Media Specialist