

RECOMMENDED READING LIST

Each year lists of books are chosen by a committee of Florida librarians for statewide reading motivation programs called the Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Program (SSYRA) and Florida Teens Read. These are the books read for the annual Battle of Books competition. In addition, the Orlando city mayor releases his recommended list for Mayor Buddy's Book Club each summer. Below you will find the FAME recommended books, Mayor Buddy's book list and the Summer 2015 recommended reading lists for students in grade bands from K-12.

Each of these lists can be found on the SummerReading.ocps.net site. Students, parents, and educators are encouraged to visit SummerReading.ocps.net to obtain reading lists, search for books, apps, interactive literacy websites, e-books, parent resources, and literacy events taking place around the community this summer. The Just Read! Florida website also has a variety of reading resources and additional selections for middle and high school readers at www.justreadflorida.com.

Grades K-1

How Chipmunk Got His Stripes by James Bruchac and Joseph Bruchac

Thanks to the Animals by Allen Sockabasin

Birds by Kevin Henkes

Clifford's Spring Clean-Up by Norman Bridwell

The Earth and I by Frank Asch

Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten by Joseph Slate

Back to School for Rotten Ralph by Jack Gantos

Alphabet Trucks by Samantha R. Vamos

Charlie Goes to School by Ree Drummond

Race Car Alphabet by Brian Floca

First Day, Hooray! by Nancy Poydar

Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes

There's a Zoo in Room 22, Judy Sierra

Juan Bobo Goes to Work by Marisa Montes

Pablo's Tree by Pat Mora

Chato and the Party Animals by Gary Soto

The Feet in the Gym by Teri Daniels

Mama & Papa Have a Store by Amelia Lau Carling

Wemberley Worried by Kevin Menkes

Running the Road to ABC by Denize Lauture

Miss Nelson is Missing! by Harry G. Allard Jr.

Grades 2-3

Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman

Astronauts Today by Bosanna Hansen

Floating in Space by Franklyn Branley and True Kelley

How Much is a Million by David Schwartz

Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11 by Brian Floca

The Best Book of Spaceships by Ian Graham

The Library by Sarah Stewart

Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale by Carmen Agra Deedy

From the Bellybutton of the Moon and Other Summer Poems by Francisco X. Alarcón

Locomotive by Brian Floca

Snapshots from the Wedding by Gary Soto

I've Seen the Promised Land: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by Walter Dean Myers

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I Dream of Trains by Angela Johnson
The Moon Over Star by Dianna Hutts Aston
The Patchwork Quilt by Valerie Flournoy
The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry
Mr. Garbage by William H. Hooks
Third Grade Pet by Judy Cox
Transformed: How Everyday Things are Made by Bill Slavin
Marty McGuire Digs Worms! by Kate Messner
Song of the Water Boatman and Other Pond Poems by Joyce Kilmer and Beckie Prange
The Wolves Are Back by Jean Craighead George

Grades 4-5

Built to Last by David Macaulay
Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion by Loree Griffin Burns
One Day in the Tropical Rain Forest by Jean Craighead George
One Day in the Alpine Tundra by Jean Craighead George
Keeper of the Swamp by Ann Garrett and Karen Chandler
My Diary from Here to There by Amada Irma Pérez
Where the Flame Trees Bloom by Alma Flor Ada
Amazing Hispanic American History by George Ochoa
The Day It Snowed Tortillas: A Classic from the American Southwest by Joe Hayes
The Dreamer by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Harlem, by Walter Dean Myers
Circle of Gold by Candy Dawson Boyd
Brothers in Hope: The Story of the Lost Boys of Sudan by R. Gregory Christie
Thank You, Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco
Ramona the Pest by Beverly Cleary Morrow
Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary

Grades 3-5 Sunshine State Young Reader Award Finalists

Athlete vs. Mathlete by W.C. Mack
Blast Off! by Nate Ball
Eight Keys by Suzanne LaFleur
Fortunately, the Milk by Neil Gaiman
The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer Holm
Freaky Fast Frankie Joe by Lutricia Clifton
The Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom by Christopher Healy
The Hypnotists by Gordon Korman
Kizzy Ann Stamps by Jeri Watts
Nerd Camp by Elissa Brent Weissman
Olivia Bean, Trivia Queen by Donna Gephart
Pie by Sarah Weeks
A Snicker of Magic by Natalie Lloyd
Three Times Lucky by Sheila Turnage
White Fur Flying by Patricia MacLachlan

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2015-2016 Mayor Buddy's Book Club List for Upper Elementary and Middle School

- The Strange Case of the Origami Yoda** by Tom Angleberger
- The Crossover** by Kwame Alexander
- Liar and Spy** by Rebecca Stead
- The Color of My Words** by Lynn Joseph
- The Wednesday Wars** by Gary D. Schmidt
- Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventure** by Kate DiCamillo
- A Mango Shaped Space** by Wendy Mass
- Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life** by James Patterson