

## SSYRA: Sunshine State Young Reader's Award

The Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Program is a statewide reading motivation program for students in grades 3-8. The program, cosponsored by the School Library Media Services Office of the Department of Education and the Florida Association for Media in Education (FAME), began in 1983. The purpose of the SSYRA Program is to encourage students to read independently for personal satisfaction, based on interest rather than reading level.

Sunshine State books are selected for their wide appeal, literary value, varied genres, curriculum connections, and/or multicultural representation. Students are encouraged to read books that are above, on, and below their tested reading level in order to improve their reading fluency.

Participate in Fifth Grade's SSYRA Book Club!	
Choose which books you'd like to read. Read it before the end of month deadline and participate in a special Book Club lunch with teachers. Read one a month, two a month, or read them all. It's up to you. Extra credit points available to students who pass a quiz on the book.	
SEPT	Berlin, Eric. <b><i>The Puzzling World of Winston Breen</i></b> . Puffin ©2009.
OCT	Cheaney, J. B. <b><i>The Middle of Somewhere</i></b> . Yearling, ©2008. Davies, Jacqueline. <b><i>The Lemonade War</i></b> . Sandpiper, ©2009.
NOV	Fleming, Candace. <b><i>The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School</i></b> . Yearling, ©2009. Funke, Cornelia. <b><i>Igraine the Brave</i></b> . Chicken House Ltd, ©2008.
DEC	Haddix, Margaret Peterson. <b><i>Found</i></b> . Simon & Schuster, ©2009.
JAN	Hobbs, Valerie. <b><i>Defiance</i></b> . Square Fish, ©2009. Kennedy, Marlane. <b><i>Me and the Pumpkin Queen</i></b> . HarperCollins, ©2009.
FEB	Lin, Grace. <b><i>The Year of the Dog</i></b> . Little, Brown, ©2007. Lisle, Janet Taylor. <b><i>Highway Cats</i></b> . Puffin, ©2009.
MAR	Salisbury, Graham. <b><i>Night of the Howling Dogs</i></b> . Laurel Leaf, ©2009. Urban, Linda. <b><i>A Crooked Kind of Perfect</i></b> . Harcourt, ©2009.

### TEACHER READ-ALOUDS:

- 1 – Lubar, David. ***Punished***. Darby Creek, ©2007.
- 2 – Frazier, Sundee T. ***Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything in it***. Yearling, ©2008.
- 3 – Jonell, Lynne. ***Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat***. Square Fish, ©2008.

For more information about the books, check out the CTE library website and the SSYRA website. Click on Grades 3 – 5 Annotated Book List.

<http://myssyra.org/default.html>