

## Just Read, Florida! 2009 Summer Recommended Reading List

Commissioner Smith announces the Just Read, Florida! Recommended Summer Reading List which parents and educators can use to encourage students to continue reading during the summer months. There are a variety of interesting titles available to spark the interest, imagination and most of all, the love of reading for children of all ages.

### Grades K-3

- **Ocean Hide and Seek**, Jennifer Evans Kramer
- **Sort it Out!**, Barbara Mariconda
- **Henry the Impatient Heron**, Donna Love
- **Where Should Turtle Be?**, Susan Ring
- **Little Skink's Tail**, Janet Halfmann
- **The Earth and I**, Frank Asch
- **Buffy the Burrowing Owl**, Betty Gilbert
- **'Twas the Day Before Zoo Day**, Catherine Ipcizade
- **Deep in the Swamp**, Donna Bateman
- **Dino-Dinners**, Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom
- **The Perfect Nest**, Catherine Friend
- **Polar Slumber**, Dennis Rockhill
- **River Beds: Sleeping in the World's Rivers**, Gail Langer Karwoski
- **The Adventures of Max and Pinky, Best Buds**, Maxwell Eaton
- **Hot City**, Barbara Joose
- **Leaf Jumpers**, Carole Gerber
- **Buster**, Denise Fleming
- **Actual Size**, Steve Jenkins
- **Daddy & I**, Eloise Greenfield
- **No, David!**, David Shannon
- **A Day in the Life of Murphy**, Alice Provensen
- **My Name is Yoon**, Helen Recorvits
- **Diary of a Worm**, Doreen Cronin
- **The Everything Book**, Denise Fleming
- **Wemberly Worried**, Kevin Henkes
- **Aunt Flossie's Hats**, Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard
- **Miss Nelson Is Missing!**, Harry Allard
- **You Can't Get into More Trouble than Gator Pervis!**, Sarah Owens Hammock
- **When Donkeys Fly**, Ginger Hodge
- **Mommy, There's a Giraffe in my Room**, Angela Lane

### Grades 4-5

- **Animals in the House: A History of Pets and People**, Sheila Keenan
- **The Book Club Kit**, Patti Kelley Criswell
- **Crazy Cars**, Matt Doeden
- **Dare to Dream!**, Carl Sommer
- **Riddle-iculous Math**, Joan Holub
- **Do Not Open: An Encyclopedia of the World's Best-Kept Secrets**, John Farndon
- **Turtle Summer: A Journal for My Daughter**, Mary Alice Monroe
- **Every Minute on Earth: Fun Facts That Happen Every 60 Seconds**, Steve Murrie and Matthew Murrie
- **Extreme Pets!**, Jane Harrington
- **See What You Can Be: Explore Careers That Could Be for You!**, Diane Heiman and Liz Suneby

- **Because of Winn Dixie**, Kate DiCamillo
- **The Courage of Sarah Noble**, Alice Dalgliesh
- **Crossing Jordan**, Adrian Fogelin
- **Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing**, Judy Blume
- **Sarah, Plain and Tall**, Patricia MacLachlan
- **Dog Diaries: Secret Writings of the WOOF Society**, Betsy Byars, Betsy Duffey, and Laurie Myers
- **Space Race**, Sylvia Waugh
- **Life Under Ice**, Mary M. Cerullo
- **Bud, Not Buddy**, Christopher Paul Curtis
- **Island of the Blue Dolphins**, Scott O'Dell
- **Shiloh**, Phyllis Naylor

### Grades 6-8

- **50 Simple Things Kids Can Do to Recycle**, Earthworks group
- **John James Audubon: The Making of an American**, Richard Rhodes
- **Bees in America: How the Honey Bee Shaped a Nation**, Tammy Horn
- **The Life Cycle of Everyday Stuff**, Mike Reeske and Shirley Watt Ireton
- **Planet Earth**, Kathleen Reilly
- **Earth-Friendly Crafts for Kids: 50 Awesome Things to Make with Recycled Stuff**, Heather Smith
- **Forever Forest**, Kristin Joy-Pratt Serafini
- **Wangari's Tree of Peace**, Jeanette Winter
- **A Life in the Wild: George Schaller's Struggle to Save the Last Great Beasts**, Pamela S. Turner
- **When the Wolves Returned: Restoring Nature's Balance in Yellowstone**, Dorothy Hinshaw Patent
- **The Trumpet of the Swan**, E.B. White
- **Treasure Island**, Robert Louis Stevenson
- **Old Yeller**, Fred Gipson
- **Hoot**, Carl Hiaasen
- **Bridge to Terabithia**, Katherine Paterson
- **Esperanza Rising**, Pam Munoz Ryan
- **Hattie, Big Sky**, Kirby Larson
- **The Young Man and the Sea**, Rodman Philbrick
- **Peter and the Starcatchers**, Dave Barry & Ridley Pearson
- **Artemis Fowl: the Arctic Incident**, Eoin Colfer
- **Where the Red Fern Grows**, Wilson Rawls
- **The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle**, Avi
- **The Wright Sister: Katharine Wright and Her Famous Brothers**, Richard Maurer
- **Carver, a Life in Poems**, Marilyn Nelson
- **An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever, Epidemic of 1793**, Jim Murphy
- **Magnificent Voyage: An American Adventurer on Captain James Cook's Final Expedition**, Laurie Lawlor
- **The Man Who Went to the Far Side of the Moon: The Story of Apollo 11 Astronaut Michael Collins**, Bea Uusma Schyffert
- **Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammed Ali**, Charles R. Smith
- **Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village**, Laura Amy Schlitz
- **The Wednesday Wars**, Gary D. Schmidt
- **The Anybodies**, N.E. Bode
- **The Lightning Thief**, Rick Riordan

- **Fire From the Rock**, Sharon Draper
- **Diamonds in the Shadow**, Carolyn Cooney
- **Separate Fountains**, Patti Wilson Byars
- **The Surrender Tree: Poem's of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom**, Margarita Engle
- **The Graveyard Book**, Dave McKean
- **Savvy**, Ingrid Law
- **Newt's World: Beginnings**, Susan Womble

### **Grades 9-12**

- **The Real Question**, Adrian Fogelin
- **The Swamp: The Everglades, Florida, and the Politics of Paradise**, Michael Grunwald
- **Solomon**, Marilyn B. Shaw
- **Losing It All to Sprawl**, Bill Belleville
- **The Yearling**, Marjorie K. Rawlings
- **We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success**, Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, Rameck Hunt, and Sharon Draper
- **The House on Mango Street**, Sandra Cisneros
- **Money Hungry**, Sharon Flake
- **The Book Thief**, Markus Zusak
- **The Old Man and the Sea**, Ernest Hemingway
- **Kon-Tiki: Across the Pacific by Raft**, Thor Heyerdahl
- **Monster**, Walter Dean Myers
- **Taken**, Edward Bloor
- **Mirage: Florida and the Vanishing Water of the Eastern U.S.**, Cynthia Barnett
- **Florida Then & Now**, Bruce Hunt
- **Southern Comforts: Rooted in a Florida Place**, Sudye Cauthen
- **Looking for the New Deal**, Elna C. Green
- **Breaking Point**, Alex Flinn
- **Flush**, Carl Hiaasen
- **Night**, Elie Wiesel
- **Fahrenheit 451**, Ray Bradbury
- **All Quiet on the Western Front**, Erich Maria Remarque
- **A Separate Peace**, John Knowles
- **Separate Fountains**, Patti Wilson Byars
- **Whispers from the Bay**, John Tkac
- **Everglades: an Ecosystem Facing Choices and Challenges**, Anne Ake
- **Imaginary Enemy**, Julie Gonzalez
- **The First Hollywood Florida and the Golden Age of Silent Filmmaking**, Shawn Bean
- **The New Deal in South Florida**, John Stuart and John Stack, Eds.
- **Pilgrim in the Land of Alligators: More Stories about Real Florida**, Jeff Klinkenberg
- **Silent Spring**, Rachel Carson
- **The Everglades, River of Grass**, Marjorie Stoneman Douglas
- **A Land Remembered**, Patrick D. Smith

You may also find more selections for High School readers at [www.justreadflorida.com](http://www.justreadflorida.com) under the Student Section – For Teens, by Teens recommended reading.