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What are Sunshine State Books?

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.

What is the Sunshine State Readers Challenge?

During the summer months the students can get a head start! Students are challenged to read 5 of the Sunshine State Titles over the summer and fill out the form below, as well as one Sunshine State Readers Challenge form (found on this <u>Summer Reading website</u>) for each of the five titles they read.

Do you have a ravenous reader? If so this is the challenge for them!

The five books that they read over the summer then apply to the overall Sunshine State Challenge where I challenge students in grades 3-8 to read and report on 10 Sunshine State books (this year's or last year's titles). If they do, they are invited to an all you can eat pizza, ice cream and movie party in the library the last week of school

Read five over the summer and get a coupon for a free ice cream during lunch! Return this form to Mrs. Hascup the first week of school.

Student <i>Name</i>	Grade Level	How many stars would you give this book?
Title	Author	
1.		****
2.		****
3.		****
4.		****
5.		****

My favorite Sunshine State Title was:
