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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Pam Stewart

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SUBJECT: **Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Program**

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Welcome back to another exciting year with our students! A new school year brings with it countless opportunities to continue our commitment to furthering student achievement and nurturing lifelong readers. Our library media programs will continue to provide literature-based activities that promote the enjoyment of reading, enhance instructional initiatives and increase student achievement. Participation in the Sunshine State Young Reader's Award (SSYRA) Program is an excellent way to promote lifelong reading and motivate students in grades three through eight to read high-quality, high-interest contemporary literature.

The SSYRA Program continues to be co-sponsored by the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Association for Media in Education and is open to all schools whose librarians have FAME membership.

Throughout the year, please visit the [SSYRA Program](#) site for further information concerning voting procedures, curriculum activities and promotional ideas. The voting participation certificate, winning book posters and SSYRA labels will be available online to participating schools.

If you have additional questions, please contact Katrina Figgett in the Bureau of Curriculum and Instruction at 850-245-0758 or by email at Katrina.Figgett@fldoe.org.

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