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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Frances Haithcock

DATE: August 6, 2010

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

Welcome back to another exciting year with our Florida 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 and enhance instructional initiatives. Participation in the Sunshine State Young Reader's Award (SSYRA) Program is an excellent way to nurture lifelong reading and to 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's Library Media Services and the Florida Association for Media in Education (FAME). As in past years, the *School Participation Form* is located on the SSYRA Program website at http://myssyra.org/. Specific directions for accessing this form are being sent to your school library media specialists.

Throughout the year, please visit the SSYRA Program site for further information concerning voting procedures, curriculum activities, and promotional ideas. At the end of the year, a voting participation certificate, winning book posters and SSYRA labels will be sent to the participating voting schools.

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

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