



# Welcome to SLAM 2023-2024!

SLAM is a reading program for all Hillsborough County K-12 students which promotes reading a collection of books nominated for our state awards.

Students are encouraged to read these nominations and respond to them through artistic expression. Projects will be displayed at school and if chosen, will be displayed at the district Showcase events and celebrations.

Students are invited to read the books listed on the back of this paper and respond in any of the following ways (multiple entries are accepted):

## Video Creative Expression

Students may work together or individually to create a video about one of the book selections. Videos must be one minute or less in length, and must contain pictures, sound, title, author, and citations. These elements must have appropriate copyright permissions or be original work.

Students in grades K-2 may work independently, in a group of up to three students, or as a class. Students in grades 3-5 may work independently, or in a group of up to three students.

## 2D Art Expression

Individual students create a drawing, painting, collage, or digital media as an expression of one of the books. Artwork must be mounted on a sturdy material and must not exceed 11"x14", including mat. Artwork must lay flat on the poster (no 3D art accepted for K-2 students)

A reader's statement which explains the inspiration and connection between the book and the student work must be submitted with each project. This statement must be at least one sentence but may not exceed 300 words. This must be the work of **students only**, and adults are not allowed to alter the student creation in any way.

**\*\*\*\*\*3-5 students may create 3D Art Expression that represents the book, guidelines are on the MC (Media Center) webpage.**

**Entries must be submitted to the Media Center no later than January 18, 2024, and will be showcased in the media center from 5-7pm on Thursday, January 25, 2024. This will be a red-carpet event during SMATH/Literacy Night at school.**

The top entries for the school will be announced and will be taken to the district SLAM Showcase at the Tampa Convention Center on March 28, 2024. Those student creators will attend to experience the projects from all the schools. Students will also get to see award-winning authors and storytellers at the district SLAM.

Any Questions please feel free to contact Ms. Kennedy at [Aimee.Kennedy@hcps.net](mailto:Aimee.Kennedy@hcps.net)

## Booklist for Kindergarten, First and Second Grade Students

These booklists include nominations for  
the Florida Literacy Association (FLA) Children’s Choice Award  
the Sunshine State Young Readers Association Jr. (SSYRA Jr.) Award

| TITLE   | AUTHOR                                     | Nominated By      |
|---|--|-------------------|
| <i>The Three Billy Goats Gruff</i>  | Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen                | SSYRA Jr          |
| <i>Knight Owl</i>   | Christopher Denise                         | SSYRA Jr          |
| <i>Bug on the Rug</i>   | Sophia Gholz and Susan Batori              | SSYRA Jr.         |
| <i>A Mouthful of Minnows</i>  | John Hare                                  | SSYRA Jr.         |
| <i>Maybe...</i>   | Chris Haughton                             | SSYRA Jr.         |
| <i>When Glitter Met Glue</i>  | Karen Kilpatrick and German Blanco         | SSYRA Jr.         |
| <i>Tomatoes in My Lunchbox</i>  | Costantia Manoli and Magdalena Mora        | SSYRA Jr. and FLA |
| <i>Not that Pet</i>   | Smriti Prasad-Halls and Rosalind Beardshaw | SSYRA Jr.         |
| <i>Big Truck, Little Island</i>   | Chris Van Dusen                            | SSYRA Jr.         |
| <i>Chickadee Criminal Mastermind</i>  | Monica Silvie and Elina Ellis              | SSYRA Jr.         |
| <i>Doggo and Pupper (Independent Reader)</i>                                      | Katherine Applegate                        | SSYRA Jr.         |
| <i>Cornbread and Poppy (Independent Reader)</i>                                   | Matthew Cordell                            | SSYRA Jr.         |
| <i>Beak and Ally Unlikely Friends (Independent Reader)</i>                        | Norm Feuti                                 | SSYRA Jr.         |
| <i>Sir Ladybug (Independent Reader)</i>   | Cory Tabor                                 | SSYRA Jr.         |
| <i>Bibbidi Bobbidi Academy: Rory and the Magical Mix-Ups (Independent Reader)</i> | Kallie George and Lorena Alvarez Gomez     | SSYRA Jr.         |
| <i>A Park Connects Us</i>   | Sarah Nelson                               | FLA               |
| <i>A Little Ferry Tale</i>  | Chad Otis                                  | FLA               |
| <i>D is for Drool</i>   | Amanda Noll & Shari Dash Greenspan         | FLA               |
| <i>If Tigers Disappeared</i>  | Lily Williams                              | FLA               |
| <i>My Football Family</i>   | Andy Holloway                              | FLA               |
| <i>Our Planet!</i>  | Stacy McAnulty                             | FLA               |
| <i>School is Wherever I Am</i>  | Ellie Peterson                             | FLA               |
| <i>Ten Blocks to the Big Wok</i>  | Ying-Hwa Hu                                | FLA               |
| <i>The Pet Potato</i>   | Josh Lacey                                 | FLA               |

**Please note:** Our library has a limited collection of these books. But if you are looking books can be purchased online or at local bookstores, if you can’t find them at the library or public library.

## Booklist for Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Students

These are nominations for the Sunshine State Young Readers Association Award.

| TITLE  | AUTHOR                            |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| <i>The Area 51 Files</i>                     | Julie Buxbaum                     |
| <i>Bedhead Ted</i>                           | Scott SanGiacomo                  |
| <i>Better with Butter</i>                    | Victoria Piontek                  |
| <i>The Curse of Spectacle Key</i>            | Chantel Acevedo                   |
| <i>Glitch</i>                                | Laura Martin                      |
| <i>Good Dogs on a Bad Day</i>                | Rachel Wenitsky and David Sidorov |
| <i>Honestly Elliott</i>                      | Gillian McDunn                    |
| <i>Night Frights: The Haunted Mustache</i>   | Jo McGee                          |
| <i>Odder</i>                                 | Katherine Applegate               |
| <i>The Raven Heir</i>                        | Stephanie Burgis                  |
| <i>Secondhand Dogs</i>                       | Carolyn Crimi                     |
| <i>Solimar-The Sward of the Monarchs</i>     | Pam Munoz Ryan                    |
| <i>Strangeville School is Totally Normal</i> | Darcy Miller                      |
| <i>Stuck</i>                                 | Jennifer Swender                  |
| <i>Swim Team</i>                             | Johnie Christmas                  |

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# SLAM Information Handout

How can I find the SSYRA books?

## Boundless

- This is what the App looks like for phones or tablets:



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- Then select HCPS McKittrick as your Library
- Your Library Card number is: Your Student Number

## HAAL Pass

Use your student number and the PIN 4321 😊 As your PIN, you will create a username

## **Need Music or Sound for your Videos?**

- Go to: [Media Center / Welcome \(hillsboroughschools.org\)](https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/media-center/welcome)
- Click on Soundzabound
- User Name and Password are: hcpsfl (both)