



# Welcome to SLAM!

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 books and respond to them through artistic expression. Projects will be displayed at school and district Showcase events and celebrations. Students are invited to read the books listed on the back of this paper and respond with **Video Creative Expression, 2D Art Expression, or 3D Art Expression.**

Entries must be submitted to Mrs. French by **January 19, 2024**, and will be showcased in the media center from Jan. 22 – Feb. 2.

The top entry for each category will be announced during Celebrate Literacy Week and will be submitted to the district's SLAM Showcase at the Tampa Convention Center in the spring. Those students will get to see the projects from all the schools. Students will also get to see award-winning authors and storytellers at the district SLAM.

## GRADES 3-5 DIVISION GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION

**Purpose: To read and celebrate Florida award nominated books for each grade level**

By entering the SLAM Showcase, entrants accept and agree to be bound by these Official Rules as well as the requirements for their specific division and category. Entries which do not meet the general and/or category specific guidelines are subject to disqualification.

**CATEGORIES:** Students may enter the SLAM Showcase multiple times and in more than one category. Students who submit multiple entries must have works inspired by different books from the appropriate division list(s).

### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

- **Creativity:** Each entry must be the **original work** of the student. An adult may not alter the creative integrity of a student's work. Because the program is designed to encourage and recognize each student's creativity and personal connection to the literature, help from an adult is not allowed, except for specific accommodations allowed for in the Grades K-2 Division and in the Guidelines for Participation for Students with Disabilities.
- **Reader's Statement:** Each entry must include a Reader's Statement. The Reader's Statement communicates how the piece was inspired by one of the Florida award nominated books. The Reader's Statement must include at least one sentence but may not exceed 300 words.
- **Copyright:** Your SLAM Showcase entry must not use video, music, or images that you do not have the right to use. Entrants are responsible for copyright considerations. Entries without appropriate copyright permissions and/or plagiarized entries will be disqualified.
- **Division/Category Guidelines:** Each entry must also follow all the appropriate Division and Category Guidelines.

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### **VIDEO CREATIVE EXPRESSION STUDENT CATEGORY**

- Make a video for one of the current year's SSYRA (3-5) nominee books
- Individual and group projects are accepted. Groups are limited to a maximum of 3 students.
- Maximum length for the video is one (1) minute.
- Videos must include images/video, sound, title and author, and a book citation within the video. The book cover image can also be used but is not a requirement.
- Entry must be appropriate for "G" rated audiences.
- Must be submitted in MP4, MOV or WMV format.
- Entries must also follow all General Guideline Rules.

### **2D CREATIVE EXPRESSION STUDENT CATEGORY**

- Create 2D Art or other 2D Creative Expression for one of the current year's SSYRA (3-5) nominee books
- Only individual projects are accepted.
- 2D media only. Accepted media is drawings, paintings, collage and digital media. 3D media cannot be accepted, including relief.
- Work must be mounted or matted on sturdy material and not exceed 11"x14" (mat included)
- Entry must be appropriate for "G" rated audiences.
- Entries must also follow all General Guideline Rules.

### **3D CREATIVE EXPRESSION STUDENT CATEGORY**

- Create 3D Art or other 3D Creative Expression for one of the current year's SSYRA (3-5) nominee books
- Only individual projects are accepted.
- Examples of 3D Creative Expression include, but are not limited to, Ceramics, Sculpture, Mixed Media, Fine Crafts (jewelry, stained glass, mosaic), Robotics, Diorama, Board Game, etc.
- 3D Creative Expression works must be stable and not exceed 2'X2'X2' and 20 lbs. Student must be able to transport, carry and set up their 3D work.
- Entry must be appropriate for "G" rated audiences.
- Entries must also follow all General Guideline Rules.

## Booklist for Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Students

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

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

SLAM books are available in Limona's library, the public libraries, Boundless app (formerly Axis360), Amazon, and at local bookstores.