



# 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 or 2D 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 K-2 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.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Students must attend Hillsborough County Public Schools in grades K-12. Students must participate through their library media center.

**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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**Grades K-2 Division Reader's Statement Accommodation:** In the Grades K-2 Division, the Reader's Statement may be dictated to another person and typed in exact words as spoken by the student. (Transcribers should make every attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is reflected in the student's words).

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

- Make a video for one of the current year's SSYRA, Jr. 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.
- Video must include images/video, sound, title and author, and a book citation within the video. Books covers can only be used within the video for SSYRA Jr. titles.
- 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 2D Creative Expression for one of the current year's SSYRA, Jr. nominee books
- Only individual projects are accepted.
- 2D media only. Accepted media is drawings, paintings, collage and digital media. 3D media cannot be accepted.
- 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.

## **Booklist for Kindergarten, First and Second Grade Students**

This booklist includes nominations for the Sunshine State Young Readers Association Jr. (SSYRA Jr.) Award.

TITLE	AUTHOR
The Three Billy Goats Gruff	Mac Barnett
Knight Owl	Christopher Denise
A Mouthful of Minnows	John Hare
Bug on the Rug	Sophia Gholz
Maybe...	Chris Haughton
Tomatoes in my Lunchbox	Constantia Manoli
Not that Pet	Smriti Prasadam-Hall
When Glitter Met Glue	Karen Kilpatrick
Big Truck, Little Island	Chris VanDusen
Chickadee Criminal Mastermind	Monica Silvie
Doggo and Pupper	Katherine Applegate
Cornbread and Poppy	Matthew Cordell
Beak and Ally	Norm Feuti
Sir Ladybug	Corey Tabor
Bibbidi Bobbidi Academy Rory and the Magical Mix Ups	Kallie George

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