



September 11, 2026

Dear Parent of a Kindergartener, First Grader or Second Grader:

Students are invited to participate in this optional Reading Incentive Program sponsored by the OES Library – the SSYRA Jr. (Sunshine State Young Readers Award Jr.) The goal is to promote a reading routine and develop their vocabulary while becoming a fluent and confident reader.

Each time your child reads one of these **15** Florida state nominated books and takes the AR test earning 70% or higher, they will earn a brag tag, representing each book. Brag tags are provided after they reach milestone of reading 3, 8, 12 and 15 books. **Deadline to read these books is March 31, 2027.**

It is the **responsibility of all students** to advise the classroom teacher after taking each test so they can update their SSYRA Jr. record card. The recording card will be sent to the library for fulfilment which can take up to 10 days. By reading at least 8 books, the student will be eligible to vote in our SSYRA Jr. Election that will be held in April. **Kindergartener** – mark the reading log in your child's Cub Folder.

Rhonda

Gamboa – Teacher Librarian – Oasis Elementary South

The Sunshine State Young Readers Award Junior Books 2026-2027

Picture Books:

The Great Dinosaur Sleepover by Linda Bailey

Bored Panda by Mike Bender

There's Something Odd About the Babysitter by Elayne Crain

Oh Deer! by Phaea Crede

The Bakery Dragon by Devin Elle Kurtz

Zombie and Brain Are Friends by Stephanie V. W. Lucianovic

Vampire Jam Sandwich by Casey Lyall

No More Gnomes by Beth Mills

Don't Trust Fish by Neil Sharpson

Anonymoose by Shawna J. C. Tenney

Independent Readers:

Box Tales: Grown Strawberries Grow! by James Burks

Fairy Scout Friends: No Rain, No Rainbows by Hannah Fay

The Faraway Forest: Wally's Route by Debbie Fong

Katrina Hyena, Stand Up Comedian by Sophie Kohn

Max, a Little Axolotl by Joey Spiotto