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**Florida Teens Read  
A Florida Association for  
Media in Education Initiative**

**Disclaimer**

This program is designed to entice teens to read. In order to engage their interest and to provide a spur to critical thinking, the book selections include those that involve sensitive issues. The content of some of the titles may be more mature than younger students may have encountered. Please recognize that this is a voluntary reading program. Not every book selected will suit every student. In a democratic society, a variety of ideas must find voice. As a reader, teens have a choice to read the more mature titles or to close the book.

**Guidelines**Books nominated for the Florida Teens Read Award will be chosen to:  
 \* Engage high school students.   
 \* Reflect interests of high school  
 students.  
 \* Represent a variety of genres, formats,  
 reading levels, viewpoints, and ethnic and   
 cultural perspectives.  
 \* Include both books written for young  
 people and those written for adults.  
Ten to fifteen books will be nominated per year.  
Books may be fiction or non-fiction and must be available in English.  
The copyright of the books will be within two years of the start of the FTR list.  
Titles will be appropriate for grades 9-12.  
Media specialists, teachers, teens, and FAME members are eligible to nominate titles.  
It is understood that all books on the list may not appeal to all teen readers; however, books selected for the list will be of interest to a general young adult audience and will deal with relevant issues and topics of interest in the lives of teenagers.  
Students will be encouraged to read all of the books on the list of nominations, but it is recommended that students will have read three books to be eligible to vote. Listening to a title will be considered having read it. Eligibility for voting will be determined on the honor system.

**FLORIDA TEENS READ**

**…the program for Florida teens in grades 9-12 from Florida’s media specialists.**

**2015-2016**

**Mission Statement**

The Mission of the Florida Teens Read program is to encourage Florida teens to read enjoyable, quality literature that will stimulate imagination, awaken curiosity, expand horizons, enhance verbal fluency, and foster critical thinking and a lifelong love for reading and learning.

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The Impossible Knife of Memory by L. Anderson

Seventeen-year-old disillusioned Haley Kincaid and her father, Andy, move back to their hometown to try a “normal” life after living on the road for the past five years. Even then, the horrors Andy saw during the Iraq war threaten to destroy their lives. Alcohol and drugs are Andy’s way of dealing with PTSD. When the hot boy in school,

Finn, shows an interest in Haley she is not sure if she can be a part of a normal relationship. Fiction

Avalon by M. Arnett   
Jeth Seagrave will do anything to get his ship, Avalon, back from the crime boss who has enslaved him and his crew and forced them to work as mercenaries and thieves. So when a new mission arises – extremely dangerous, but with a payoff big enough to buy back his ship – he takes it. Soon, Jeth, his little sister Lizzie, and their crew

find themselves trapped between the government and galaxy’s worst crime bosses in a fight for information that could alter the fate of the entire galaxy.. Fiction

You Look Different in Real Life by J. Castle  
When Justine was just six, she and four other kids in her Kindergarten class became the focus of a documentary. The TV crew came back every five years to do a new show on the same kids. Now Justine and the others are sixteen with complex personal lives and little to do with each other. Do they have to share their secrets for the sake of good TV or should they pretend to be people they aren’t? Fiction

**Foul Trouble** by J. Feinstein   
Everybody wants a piece of Terrell Jamerson in this high-stakes sports novel. He’s a high school basketball player who’s destined for NBA stardom. Shoe companies and back-door college recruiters desperately vie for the prize player. Terrell’s friend and teammate, Danny, and his father, their high school coach, want to keep Terrell from making a mistake that could ruin his future forever.. Fiction

Fake ID by L. Giles  
Nick Pearson (or is that really his name?) has moved yet again with his parents in the US Federal Witness Protection Program, and already he’s in trouble. Will his crush on the sister of his best friend, Eli, detract him from finding Eli’s murderer? Is his father wrapped up in the town’s mysterious plot to hide all criminal activity? How can he stay “low key” in the Witness Security Program if he might be the next target? Fiction

The Winner’s Curse by M. Rutkoski

When you're the general's daughter, like Kestrel, your future doesn't hold a lot of surprises. You have two paths: the military or marriage. But what if your true passion is actually music? Kestrel's life becomes even more complicated when she lays eyes on Arin. Will her passions for music and this mysterious man put her, her family, and her people at risk? Or will she sacrifice her own desires to remain loyal to her father? Fiction

Steelheart by B. Sanderson

Ever since David’s father was killed by Steelheart, David has studied and plotted how to kill the most powerful Epic in the land. But Epics have super powers and David knows unless he joins the Reckoners, a rebel group dedicated to assassinating Epics, he doesn’t have a chance against this indestructible tyrant.. Fiction

Caged Warrior by A. Sitomer  
In this gritty novel, McCutcheon has been involved in mixed martial arts since he was nine. He is seventeen now and one of the best underground cage fighters in Detroit. But his teacher and his new girlfriend know he is smart and could get into agood college and do well. Can he defy his father and the bosses of Detroit’s organized crime? (mature: language/content)Fiction

Noggin by J. Whaley  
Sixteen-year-old Travis Coates is dying of leukemia, but gets to live on through cryogenics- or as he puts it, having his head “chopped off and shoved into a freezer in Denver, Colorado.” When he awakes five years later, his head is on a bigger, betterbody, but time has moved on. Humor abounds in this poignant story of relationships and medical marvels .Fiction

The Program by S. Young  
Teen suicide is an international epidemic, and the adults are bound to stop it through participation in the Program, a treatment facility where memories are erased. Sloan and James are two teens confident that their passion will overcome

depression, yet the handlers from the Program seem to have their eyes on the teens’ every move. Will their love survive the Program? Fiction

To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before by J. Han

Laura Jean Song puts all her attention into keeping her sisters close ever since their mother died. She knows that the best way to get over her crush on her older sister’s boyfriend is to pour out her heart and soul in a love letter, and then bury it deep in the hat box given to her by her deceased mother. This works for all the crushes she has ever had, until a little sibling rivalry goes amok. What would you do if all the boys you’ve loved before found out your inner-most feelings? Fiction

We Were Liars by E. Lockhart  
In this suspenseful novel, Cadence Sinclair Eastman, 17 and heiress to a fortune, returns to the island of her childhood summers. She hasn’t been to the island since she was fifteen and suffered a brain injury in a horrific accident. As Cadence regains snippets of her memory, readers will be taken on an incredible ride full of unexpected twists. Fiction.

The Truth about Alice by J. Mathieu  
Alice Franklin of Healy High was popular enough. That’s why she was invited to Elaine’s party. However, rumors can change reputations quickly in a small town, especially if the rumors include causing the death of the most popular jock in the school. Alice’s truth is revealed as one student after another tells what they “know.” Fiction

NIL by L. Matson

365 days. 365 days to escape from the island of NIL- or you die. It’s a race against time for seventeen-year-old Charley when she wakes up naked on a mysterious island. Each day brings new obstacles, but fortunately she has the help of Thad and other teen refugees on the island. Can they beat the clock and make it off the island in time? Fiction

Jackaby by W. Ritter  
Abigail Rook signs on as assistant to eccentric supernatural investigator R.F. Jackaby, and soon finds herself in the middle of a thrilling race to catch a serial killer before he (it?) strikes again. Jackaby shows her a world of extraordinary beings she never imagined could exist, and Abigail helps the investigator pick up on the ordinary details that he has a tendency to overlook. Together, they form the perfect supernatural crime-fighting duo. Fiction



**2015-2016 Award Nominees NOMINEES**

