



Dear Media Specialist or Book Award Coordinator:

Thank you for your continued participation in the Florida Reading Association's Children's Book Award. This past year children throughout the state cast over 90,000 votes for their favorite book. The 2006-2007 winner is *The Three Silly Billies* by Margie Palatini. The honor books this year are *Over in the Ocean in a Coral Reef* by Marianne Berkes and *Too Many Frogs* by Sandy Asher.

Students in Pre-K through Grade 2 choose the FRA Children's Book Award winner. Students are encouraged to read or listen to all eight of the nominees but are eligible to vote if they have heard at least five of the books. In many schools, the media specialist serves as the organizer of the program, however, the principal, assistant principal, or a teacher may take on the responsibility. The organizer or a school representative must hold a current membership in the Florida Reading Association. The quality of literature on the list provides a good opportunity for read aloud books as part of your literacy program. We encourage you to find ways to incorporate these books with your current curriculum.

If you have not done so already, register to participate in the 2007-2008 FRA Children's Book Award by completing the registration form from our website and submitting the form via automatic submission, fax, or mail. The registration form can be found at www.flreads.org. Once there click on Children's Book Award and then on the registration form. **Registration is open until December 15th**. The co-chairs of this award will begin mailing packets and stickers to registered schools after the FRA conference in September. Those attending the conference are able to pick up their packets during a conference session where we will share ideas and extensions for this year's nominated books. All forms will be available online in early October. The 2007-2008 winners will be announced on the website by May 1st.

Sincerely,

Shannon and Becky

Shannon Ayrish (North Florida) and Becky Beran (South Florida)
Co-chairs, FRA Children's Book Award