



The Bookworm Bulletin



August 2026

2025-2026 Library Stats

of books checked out: 16,840 books
of whole-class visits: 154 classes
of books added to the library: 503 books
of individual student visits: 6,730+ visits
Top book check-outs by grade:
 1st place - 6th grade (7,104)
 2nd place - 7th grade (6,362)
 3rd place - 8th grade (3,374)

Join our Schoology Group!

Group Code:

4H4F-29GW-W4NJ6

Stay up to date on library events and connect with other bookworms!

Most Checked Out Books of the 25-26 School Year



Meet Your Librarian Media Specialist:

Hello, my name is Madison Gowin and this is my sixth year as the librarian at SPMS! I grew up in Orange Park, Florida and graduated from the University of North Florida with a degree in Secondary English Education. I joined the SPMS team in March 2018 and taught intensive reading and English for 3 years before becoming the librarian. My favorite holiday is Halloween, and I love thriller and horror books and movies. In my free time, you'll usually find me reading at a coffee shop, curled up at home with my cats, working my second job at Target, going to concerts, or playing video games. This fall, I am also starting a graduate degree in Educational Leadership at UNF - wish me luck!



Frequently Asked Questions:

When can I come to the library? Every student will visit the library once to twice a month with their English class. Students can also come to the library before school starting at 7:10 AM, after school if they are NOT a bus rider until 2:00 PM, from any class if they have a signed blue pass, or during lunch with a special lunch pass.

How does checking out books work? Each student can check out 2 books at a time, but only one of them can be an SSYRA book. Regular books are due every 4 weeks, but manga, SSYRA books, and graphic novels are due every 2 weeks! We don't charge late fees, but we ask that you renew your books if you need them for longer!

How do I earn all the cool prizes from your prize case? Read and take a quiz on a current SSYRA book! See the next page for more info!

How does library lunch work? Library lunch is still a work in progress! My goal is to allow students to sign up before school to eat lunch in the library on certain days. There might also be opportunities to purchase makerspace lunch activities using Raider Bucks - Stay tuned for more information soon!

Name the Library's New Assistant!

I have a new library assistant this year and I need your help naming him! Think you have a good idea? Join our Schoology group to suggest a name - students will get the opportunity to vote for their favorite name at the end of August!



Brain & Heart Challenge: EARN CANDY!

Each month will have a different brain & heart challenge. Send me (Ms. Gowin) a Schoology message with the correct answer to my puzzle AND explain how you completed the kindness challenge to earn a piece of candy from me in the library!

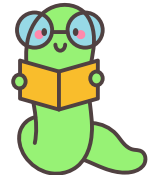
Brain: Can you figure out the common phrase hidden in this word puzzle?

EGSG, ESGG, GEGS, GESG, GSEG, GGES, SGEG

Heart: Start a conversation with a new student that you've never met before. Introduce yourself, find out their name, their favorite dipping sauce, and if they'd rather have spaghetti for hair or corn for teeth. (If they HAD to pick one.) Message me on Schoology and tell me about who you met, what you learned about them, and at least one common interest you have with them. Did you make a new friend? I'm excited to hear all about it!



The Bookworm Bulletin



August 2026 - Page 2

Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books (SSYRA)

What is SSYRA? The Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books are a list of 15 books put out every year in the state of Florida. Sunshine State books are selected for their wide appeal, literary value, varied genres, curriculum connections, and/or multicultural representation.

Why Should you Read SSYRA books? When you read SSYRA books, you can take a short quiz on them and earn brag tags, prizes, and exclusive activities! Ms. Gowin has read all of them and can give you more information on which one you might enjoy!

2026 - 2027 SSYRA List for 6th - 8th Grade



For every book from this list that you read and quiz on, you will earn a matching brag tag, a library lunch reservation pass, and either a prize from my prize case or a spin of the wheel of weird!

Check out some of my other favorite books that are available in our library!

