

## Summer Literacy Adventure

Florida First Lady Ann Scott, along with the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Department of State, kicked off the **Summer Literacy Adventure** as a way to encourage students to pledge to read and visit their local public libraries this summer.



Florida students have the opportunity to participate in the Summer Literacy Adventure by visiting the Just Read, Florida! Website at [www.justreadflorida.com](http://www.justreadflorida.com) to take the pledge. A select school with the most participating students in the Summer Literacy Adventure will be recognized during the 2011-12 school year.

Students who take the pledge may also utilize a free online tool to search for books based on their reading ability and interests. The DOE, through MetaMetrics, offers a unique resource called "Find a Book, Florida" at <http://florida.lexile.com> that uses Lexile® measures, a widely adopted reading metric that can guide a reader to an appropriate level book. Each year, more than 30 million Lexile measures are reported from reading assessments and programs—representing over half of U.S. students.

The Department of State also encourages students to read, and local public libraries throughout the state host a variety of programs during the summer to promote reading. Students and their families can learn more about summer reading programs by contacting their local public library, and information on the locations of public libraries in Florida can be found at [www.fllibraries.org](http://www.fllibraries.org).

Access the Summer Reading List or other reading resources through the Just Read, Florida! Website at [www.justreadflorida.com](http://www.justreadflorida.com). We hope you will encourage your students to take the pledge today!

