

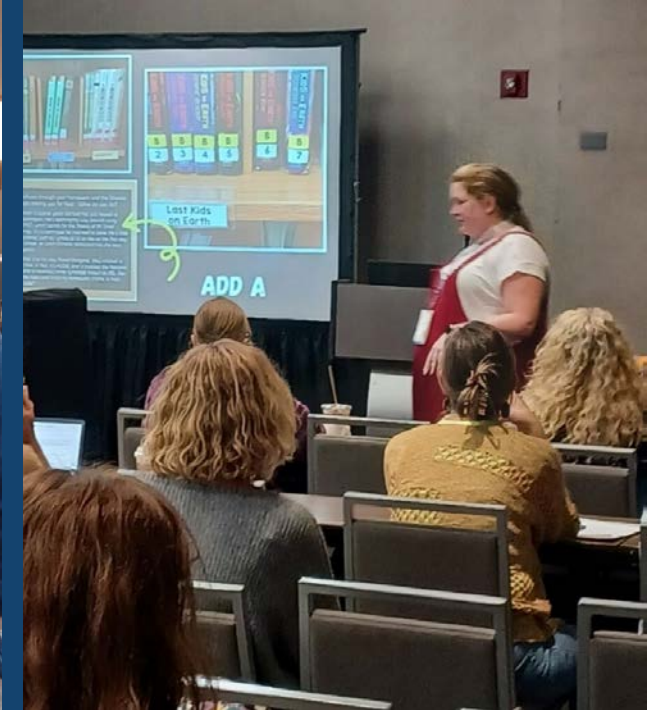


School Library Media Centers Are NOT 'Shushing' Places Anymore!

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What does a media specialist do?

- Make reading come alive for students of ALL ages
- Instills a love of inquiry and knowledge seeking.
- Attend and PRESENT at conferences
- Extensive Professional Development for themselves and their school colleagues.
- Collaborative curriculum development and support
- Author visits



May I take a moment to brag?

Florida Power Library Award Recipients

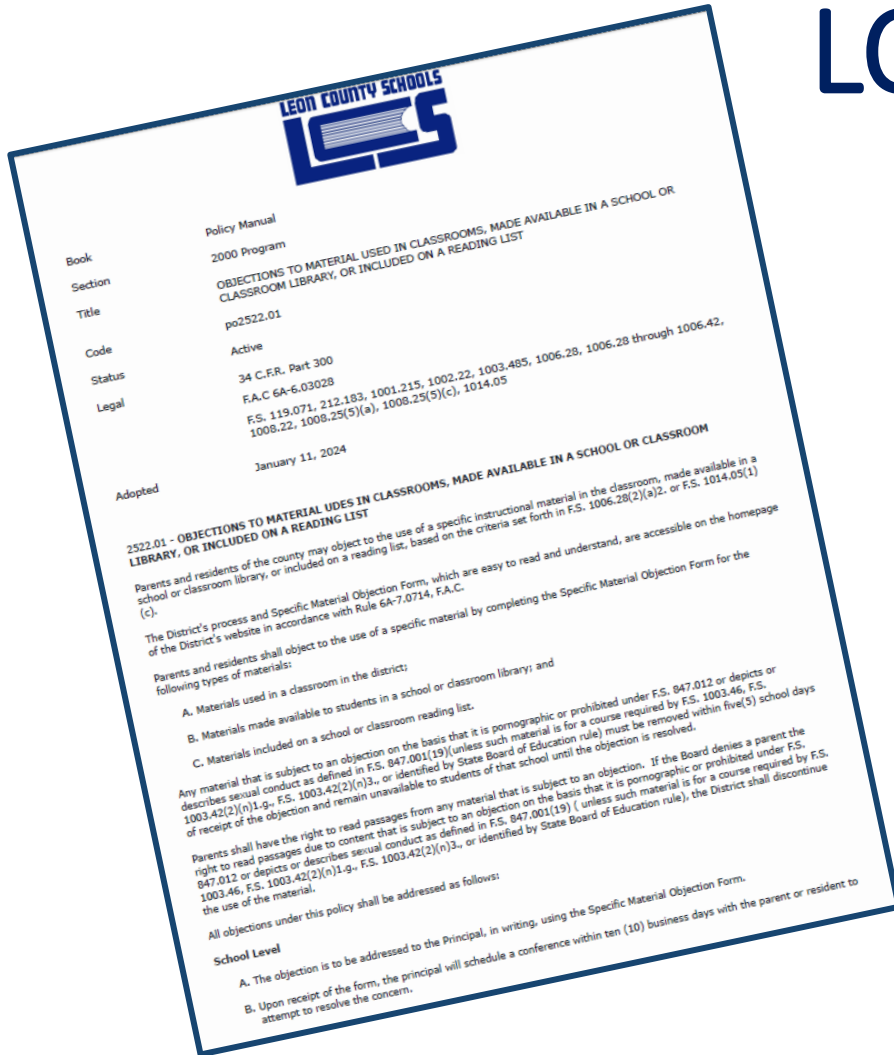
For the first time EVER, we have not just 1, or 2, BUT 3 awardees of the Florida Power Library Award.

Congratulations to Chaires Elementary (formerly Janeen Larson, now Delanie Ornstein); **Montford Middle School** (Stacy Thompson); and **Sabal Palm Elementary** (Cheryl Frazier).

This award is bestowed by FASM (the Florida Association of Supervisors of Media). A lengthy presentation, survey of both faculty and students, along with interviews of school administration are the main components. One of the unique aspects of this award is that it belongs to the school, not the media specialist. That is because an award-winning school library is not only the media specialist's responsibility--it is everyone's.



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This is the policy that directs how to handle ‘Objections to Materials Used in Classrooms, Made Available in a School or Classroom Library, or Included on a Reading List’

It establishes a process to follow and if the objector is not satisfied after speaking with the school principal, a committee is tasked with reviewing the materials and making a determination.

The committee is to consist of but is not limited to:

1. one (1) or more parents of students who will have access to the materials;
2. one (1) or more instructional staff members;
3. one (1) or more certified media specialist;
4. one (1) or more lay persons knowledgeable in the area.

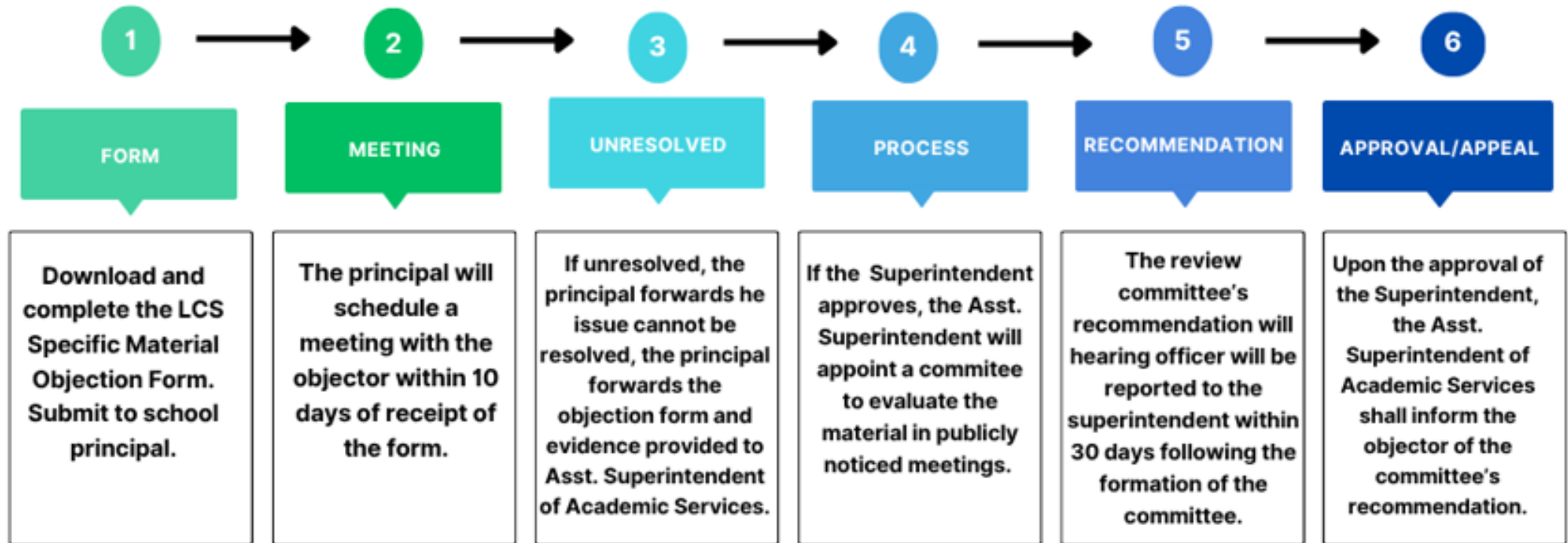
Meetings of review committees must be noticed and open to the public in accordance with F.S. 286.011.



Each Step is Clearly Outlined

LCS Objection Process of a Specific Instructional Material

(in a classroom, made available in a school library, or included on a reading list based on the criteria set forth in F.S. 1006.28(2)(a)2. or F.S. 1014.05(1)(c). **LCS po 2522.01**)





Are YOU Willing?

- I am here to ask for volunteers to serve on our committee.
- Ask ANY questions that you'd like and if I do not know the answer, I will find it for you.
- You will need to read the book before the committee meeting commences.
- All meetings must be publicly noticed and open to the public.



If you would like to serve our school system in this way, please fill out the form at your table and I will collect.