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2012 Summer Reading List
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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Greetings from the Central Office.

I am pleased to share with you the 2012 Summer Reading List that has been compiled through the collaborative efforts of many individuals, including the Madison Public Schools' library media specialists and staff, English / language arts coordinators and teachers, reading consultants, as well as Jane Ash, Children's Librarian and Katie Fargo, Young Adult Librarian from Scranton Memorial Library. All have been truly dedicated to developing a compelling list of titles that will appeal to our students and families.

The Summer Reading List is a roster of suggested titles and assignments. Those involved in its development acknowledge that the reading list, although covering a wide variety of genre, is limited. Our intent is not to discourage students’ sampling of other books or magazines and periodicals not on the list. Rather we do intend to encourage your child(ren) to read books that you recommend. Please ask librarians or local book sellers for assistance in suggesting more titles. Everyone is ready to contribute ideas that help young people develop a love of reading.

This year’s list has been updated to include many new titles, and it also contains “mini-lists” of librarian “picks” and student favorites. In addition, there is a list of the Nutmeg Award nominees and winners. Every January, students may vote for their favorite nominee to win the coveted state award. These titles were selected by the Connecticut Nutmeg Committee.

Many of the titles on the Summer Reading List can be found at the Scranton Library in e-book and audio formats. All titles can be located in the Scranton Library catalog. Information about Scranton Library Summer Programs and Summer Reading Incentives can be found at www.scrantonlibrary.org.

By working together, we can make reading an important activity in our young people’s lives. Best wishes for an enjoyable and relaxing summer being transformed by these wonderful books. Should you like to explore reading lists for other grades, visit the Madison Public Schools’ website at www.madison.k12.ct.us.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Scarice
Superintendent of Schools
2012 Scranton Library
Teen Summer Reading Program
Own the Night
June 24 - August 17
Program is open to students in Grades 6-12

Sign up for the summer reading program, keep track of the time you spend reading, and be eligible to win prizes!

Register online or at the Scranton Library Teen Desk beginning on June 10.

The Teen Department will also be hosting Nutmeg book discussions, a creative writing group, and many other activities. Registration for all activities begins on June 10th. Register at the Scranton Library Teen Desk or online at www.scrantonlibrary.org/teens.

Teen Nutmeg Book Discussions
Tuesdays from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join us for “Pizza & Pages.” Teen Nutmeg books are works of fiction with appeal for readers in grades 7 and up. Choose one title—or both (not required)—to read each week:

Tuesday, July 10
- The Accidental Genius of Weasel High by Rick Detorie
- After Ever After by Jordan Sonnenblick

Tuesday, July 17
- Bruiser by Neal Shusterman
- Evolution, Me & Other Freaks of Nature by Robin Brande

Tuesday, July 24
- The Grimm Legacy by Polly Shulman
- A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park

Tuesday, July 31
- Matched by Ally Condie
- Rot & Ruin by Jonathan Maberry

Tuesday, August 7
- The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen
- Trash by Andy Mulligan

Register online or at the Teen Desk and ask for your copy of the book.
GRADERS 9 - 12

All high school students are asked to read at least FOUR books this summer. AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOUR MUST COME FROM THE SUGGESTED SUMMER READING LIST in order to comply with assessments in English class. Each student is expected to complete summer reading before school begins. Reading ability varies; therefore, students are welcome to choose a title from another grade level, if it seems appropriate. Periodicals, audiobooks, and e-books are all acceptable forms of summer reading.

STUDENTS IN SOME CLASSES HAVE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS. Please see below.
STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT SUMMER READING RECORDING SHEETS TO THEIR PAW GROUP TEACHER THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL.

GUIDELINES WHEN READING A BOOK

The following guidelines may be useful in taking notes about a selected book:

1. There are several problems or conflicts that develop in this book. Choose one conflict that stands out and explain why you think it is important.

2. Choose one short but significant passage from the book and write it out. Explain why you think it is significant; discuss what it says about the characters in the story as well as about people in general.

3. Relate the story or novel to other characters in literature, to events or people in real life, or to situations (real or imaginary), such as those in film or on television.

Grade 10 WORLD LITERATURE HONORS

Students are asked to READ ONE of the following titles:
See, Lisa: Snow Flower and the Secret Fan
Hosseini, Khaled: The Kite Runner
Hardy, Thomas: Tess of the D’Urbervilles
Anaya, Rudolfo A.: Bless Me Ultima
Dickens, Charles: A Tale of Two Cities
Homer: Iliad (Books I, III, IV, VI, XVIII, XXII, and XXIV only)

Students must keep a chapter by chapter journal (a paragraph per chapter) that reflects their personal insights about themes, symbolism, or characterization. The journals should not be a summary of the chapters.

Grade 11 AMERICAN LITERATURE HONORS

Students are asked to READ ONE of the following titles:
Steinbeck, John: East of Eden
Capote, Truman: In Cold Blood
Cather, Willa: My Antonia
King, Stephen: Different Seasons
Kingsolver, Barbara: The Poisonwood Bible

Students should be prepared to address the question, “How does a theme within the work reflect American culture?”
ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES

AP ENGLISH

The novels listed below are the core of the first unit in literature. Students should take notes on characters, setting, plot, theme, and symbolism. Students should be prepared for in-depth discussion and for assessments on each of these novels.

Required Reading:
- Forster, E.M.: A Passage to India
- Heller, Joseph: Catch-22
- Hurston, Zora Neale: Their Eyes Were Watching God
- Huxley, Aldous: Brave New World

Recommended, but not required reading:
- Foster, Thomas C.: How to Read Literature Like a Professor

AP U.S. HISTORY

Required Reading:

*Students will receive a book from their teacher prior to leaving school in June

AP EUROPEAN HISTORY / WESTERN CIVILIZATION

Required Reading:
- Manchester, William: A World Lit Only by Fire: The Medieval Mind and the Renaissance – Portrait of an Age

*Students will be responsible for obtaining their own copy of the book.

AP PSYCHOLOGY

Students will receive the textbook before leaving school in June along with a handout containing required reading assignments from your textbook and a written assignment to complete for this course.

Required Reading:
- Gladwell, Malcolm: Blink

*There is an additional reading/writing assignment that will be given at the beginning of the second trimester which will be chosen from the list below.

Blass, Thomas: The Man Who Shocked the World
Chabris, Christopher: The Invisible Gorilla
Cullen, David: Columbine
Gregory, Julie: Sickened: The Memoir of a Munchausen by Proxy Childhood
Jamison, Kay Redfield: An Unquiet Mind
Rapoport, Judith L. The Boy Who Couldn’t Stop Washing: The Experience and Treatment of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
Robison, John: Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger’s
Sacks, Oliver: Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain
Saks, Elyn: The Center Cannot Hold: My Journey Through Madness
Schiller, Lori: The Quiet Room
Shawn, Allen: Wish I Could Be There: Notes From a Phobic Life
Simmons, Rachel: Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls
Strauch, Barbara: The Secret Life of the Grownup Brain
Wagner, Pamela and Carolyn Spiro: Divided Minds: Twin Sisters and Their Journey Through Schizophrenia
Zimbardo, Philip: The Lucifer Effect: Understanding How Good People Turn Evil
Acampora, Paul: **Defining Dulcie**
When sixteen-year-old Dulcie’s father dies, her mother makes a decision to move them to California, where Dulcie makes an equally radical decision to steal her dad's old truck and head back home.

Anderson, Laurie Halse: **Wintergirls**
Eighteen-year-old Lia comes to terms with her best friend's death from anorexia as she struggles with the same disorder. *By the author of Speak, Prom, and Twisted*

Dessen, Sarah: **What Happened to Goodbye**
Since her parents’ divorce, Mclean and her dad have moved to four towns in two years. Estranged from her mother, Mclean has followed her dad in leaving the unhappy past behind, and each new place gives her a chance to try out a new persona, from cheerleader to drama diva. But now, for the first time, Mclean discovers a desire to stay in one place and just be herself, whoever that is. *By the author of Along for the Ride and Just Listen*

Green, John and Levitan, David: **Will Grayson, Will Grayson**
When two teens, one gay and one straight, meet accidentally and discover that they share the same name. Their lives become intertwined as one begins dating the other's best friend who produces a play revealing his relationship with them both. *By the authors of Paper Towns and Boy Meets Boy*

Kwok, Jean: **Girl in Translation**
Ah-Kim Chang and her mother immigrate to Brooklyn where they work in a Chinatown clothing factory earning barely enough to keep them alive; however, Kim's perseverance earns her a place at an elite private school where she is befriended by Annette who helps her adjust to American culture.

Murdock, Catherine Gilbert: **Wisdom's Kiss: A Thrilling and Romantic Adventure, Incorporating Magic, Villainy, and a Cat**
Princess Wisdom, who yearns for a life of adventure beyond the kingdom of Montagne, Tips, a soldier keeping his true life secret from his family, Fortitude, an orphaned maid who longs for Tips, and Magic the cat all form an uneasy alliance as they try to save the kingdom from certain destruction. The story is told through diaries, memoirs, encyclopedia entries, letters, biographies, and a stage play. *By the author of Front and Center, The Off Season, and Dairy Queen*

Picoult, Jodi: **Between the Lines**
Delilah is a loner who prefers spending her time in the school library with her head in a particular book involving Prince Oliver, a brave, adventurous, and loving person who turns out to be more than a one-dimensional storybook prince. Delilah and Oliver work together to attempt to get Oliver out of his book and a romance blossoms that is anything but a fairy tale.

Portman, Frank: **Andromeda Klein**
After Andromeda Klein’s tarot card readings prove to be accurate, she discovers clues to secret truths connected to her family and friends; but things become stranger when Andromeda’s dead friend starts to harass her. *By the author of King Dork*
Reinhardt, Dana: **Things a Brother Knows**  
Although they have never gotten along well, seventeen-year-old Levi follows his older brother Boaz, an ex-Marine, on a walking trip from Boston to Washington, D.C. in hopes of learning why Boaz is completely withdrawn.

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Sonnenblick, Jordan: **Curveball: The Year I Lost My Grip**  
Meet Peter Friedman, high school freshman, talented photographer, and former baseball star. When a freakish injury ends his pitching career, Peter has some major things to figure out. Is there life after sports? Why has his grandfather suddenly given him thousands of dollars worth of camera equipment? Why is the super-hot star of the girls' swim team flirting with him, right in front of the amazing new girl in his photography class? *By the author of After Ever After and Notes from the Midnight Driver*

Volponi, Paul: **Rikers High**  
Arrested on a minor offense, a New York City teenager attends high school in the jail facility on Rikers Island while waiting for his case to go to court.

Zevin, Gabrielle: **The Hole We’re In**  
Roger Pomeroy decides to go back to school, leaving the financial stability in the hands of his wife, Georgia. As their debt swells and unpaid bills amass, the ruinous consequences of their poor choices plague the lives of the three Pomeroy children. *By the author of Elsewhere and Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac*

Other Authors: Alex Flinn, Chris Crutcher, Jaclyn Moriarty, Ann Brashares, Julia Alvarez, Mike Lupica, Ellen Wittlinger, Deb Caletti

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**FICTION**  
**Fantasy / Science Fiction**

Asher, Jay: **The Future of Us**  
Emma gets her first computer and an America Online CD-ROM in 1996. When her best friend Josh visits and they log on, they discover themselves on Facebook fifteen years in the future. *By the author of Thirteen Reasons Why*

Bacigalupi, Paolo: **Ship Breaker**  
In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living. When he finds a beached ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl.

Bray, Libba: **Going Bovine**  
Cameron Smith, a disaffected sixteen-year-old diagnosed with mad cow disease, sets off on a road trip with a death-obsessed, video-gaming dwarf he meets in the hospital while attempting to find a cure. *By the author of A Great and Terrible Beauty, Rebel Angels, and The Sweet Far Thing*

Clare, Cassandra: **Clockwork Angel**  
Sixteen-year-old Tessa Gray travels to England in search of her brother only to be abducted by the Dark Sisters, residents of London's Downworld, home to the city's supernatural folk. She becomes the object of much attention, both good and bad, when it is discovered she has the power to transform at will into another person.

Condie, Allyson Braithwaite: **Matched**  
Seventeen-year-old Cassia has always trusted the Society to make the right choices for her. But when there is a "glitch" at her Matching ceremony, she is torn between marrying her best friend and a new love.

Fantaskey, Beth: **Jessica's Guide to Dating on the Dark Side**  
Seventeen-year-old Jessica, adopted and raised in Pennsylvania, learns that she is descended from a royal line of Romanian vampires and that she is betrothed to a vampire prince, who poses as a foreign exchange student while courting her.
Garcia, Kami: **Beautiful Darkness**  
In a small southern town with a secret world hidden in plain sight, sixteen-year-old Lena, who possesses supernatural powers and faces a life-altering decision, draws away from her true love, Ethan, a mortal with frightening visions.  
*Sequel to Beautiful Creatures*

Klause, Annette Curtis: **Blood and Chocolate**  
Having fallen for a human boy, a beautiful teenage werewolf must battle both her packmates and the fear of the townspeople to decide where she belongs and with whom.

Knox, Elizabeth: **Dreamquake**  
While investigating the government's involvement in the disappearance of her father, Tziga Hame, and the decline of the art of projecting dreams, dreamhunter Laura learns more about "The Place."  
*Sequel to Dreamhunter*

Lloyd, Saci: **The Carbon Diaries 2015**  
In 2015, when England becomes the first nation to introduce carbon dioxide rationing in a drastic bid to combat climate change, sixteen-year-old Laura documents the first year of rationing as her family spirals out of control.

McBride, Lish: **Hold Me Closer, Necromancer**  
Sam LaCroix, a Seattle fast-food worker and college dropout, discovers that he is a necromancer, part of a world of harbingers, werewolves, and satyrs.

Roth, Veronica: **Divergent**  
In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life. Prior's decision is made more difficult when she discovers she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all.

Sebold, Alice: **Lovely Bones**  
Fourteen-year-old Susie Salmon, the victim of a sexual assault and murder, looks on from the afterlife as her family deals with their grief, and waits for her killer to be brought to some type of justice.

Other Authors: Patricia Wrede, Terry Brooks, Michael Crichton, J.R.R. Tolkien, Terry Prachett, Brian Jacques, Tamora Pierce, Jonathan Stroud, Stephanie Meyer

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**FICTION**  
**Mystery / Suspense / Horror**

Asher, Jay: **Thirteen Reasons Why**  
High school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing seven cassette tapes recorded by his crush, Hannah Baker, who committed suicide. He spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death.

Bray, Libba: **Beauty Queens**  
When a plane crash strands thirteen teen beauty contestants on a mysterious island, they struggle to survive, to combat the island's other diabolical occupants, and to learn their dance numbers in case they are rescued in time for the competition.

Carter, Ally: **Only the Good Spy Young**  
Cammie Morgan questions the loyalty of her classmates and friends after she learns that one of her most trusted allies is actually a double-agent and now danger follows her everywhere.  
*Sequel to Cross My Heart and Hope to Spy, I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You, and Don't Judge a Girl by Her Cover*

Doctorow, Cory: **For the Win**  
A group of teens from around the world find themselves drawn into an online revolution arranged by a mysterious young woman who hopes to challenge the status quo and change the world using her virtual connections. *By the author of Little Brother*

Feinstein, John: **The Rivalry: Mystery at the Army-Navy Game**  
Teen sportswriters Stevie Thomas and Susan Carol Anderson are assigned to cover the football game between longtime rivals Army and Navy. After noticing the actions of secret service agents, they begin to suspect that the president, who is going to attend the event, is in danger. *Author of Change-up: Mystery at the World Series*
Matheson, Richard: **I am Legend**  
Robert Neville, the last living man on an Earth in which every other man, woman, and child has become a vampire, struggles to survive. He scavenges for food and supplies and desperately searches for other survivors while trying to avoid the evil that lurks in the shadows.

Myracle, Lauren: **Shine**  
When her best friend falls victim to a vicious hate crime, sixteen-year-old Cat sets out to discover the culprits in her small North Carolina town.

Pfeffer, Susan Beth: **Blood Wounds**  
Willa's life as part of a loving, blended family is torn apart when her estranged father kills his new wife and children and heads east in pursuit of her and her mother. While in police protection, Willa learns her mom has been harboring secrets, and tries to decide whether to share a devastating secret of her own. *By the author of Life as We Knew It and This World We Live In*

Yancey, Richard: **The Curse of the Wendigo**  
In 1888, twelve-year-old Will Henry chronicles his apprenticeship with Dr. Warthrop, a New England scientist who hunts and studies real-life monsters, as they discover and attempt to destroy the Wendigo, a creature that starves even as it gorges itself on human flesh. *By the Author of The Monstrumologist*

**Other Authors:** Clive Barker, Tom Clancy, Sue Grafton, Mary Higgins Clark, Clive Cussler, Stephen King, John Grisham, Lois Duncan, Agatha Christie, Dick Francis, Ian Fleming, Alexander McCall Smith, Robert Ludlum

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**FICTION**  
**Historical**

Bruchac, Joseph: **March Toward the Thunder**  
Louis Nollette, a fifteen-year-old Abenaki Indian, joins the Irish Brigade in 1864 to fight for the Union in the Civil War.

Donnelly, Jennifer: **Revolution**  
An angry, grieving seventeen-year-old musician facing expulsion from her prestigious Brooklyn private school, travels to Paris to complete a school assignment. While there she uncovers a diary written during the French revolution by a young actress attempting to help a tortured, imprisoned little boy, Louis Charles, the lost king of France.

Dogar, Sharon: **Annexed**  
A fictional account of life with Anne Frank hidden in the secret annex told from Peter's point-of-view. As Peter becomes closer with Anne, he begins to question his own religion, and is forced to suppress his own desires to join the fight.

Frost, Helen: **Crossing Stones**  
Four young people in two families tell of their experience during World War I.

Hemphill, Stephanie: **Wicked Girls: A Novel of the Salem Witch Trials**  
A fictionalized account, told in verse, of the Salem witch trials, told from the perspective of three young women living in Salem in 1692: Mercy Lewis, Margaret Walcott, and Ann Putnam, Jr.

Ibbotson, Eva: **The Dragonfly Pool**  
Tally and her friends at Dalderton Boarding School form a dance troupe and travel to Bergania. There she befriends Karil, the crown prince, and helps him flee the Nazis after his father is assassinated.
McGuigan, Mary Ann: **Morning in a Different Place**
In 1963 in the Bronx, eighth-graders Fiona and Yolanda help one another face hard decisions at home despite family and social opposition to their interracial friendship.

Morpurgo, Michael: **War Horse**
Joey the horse recalls his experiences growing up on an English farm, his struggle for survival as a cavalry horse during World War I, and his reunion with his beloved master.

Myers, Walter Dean: **Riot**
*Written in screenplay format* - In 1863, fifteen-year-old Claire, the daughter of an Irish mother and an African father, faces ugly truths and great danger when Irish immigrants, enraged by the Civil War and a federal draft, lash out against African-Americans and wealthy "swells" of New York City.

Napli, Donna Jo: **Alligator Bayou**
Fourteen-year-old Calogero Scalise and his Sicilian uncles and cousin live in small-town Louisiana in 1898, when Jim Crow laws rule and anti-immigration sentiment is strong. Despite his attempts to be polite and to follow American customs, disaster dogs his family at every turn.

Paulsen, Gary: **Woods Runner**
From his 1776 Pennsylvania homestead, thirteen-year-old Samuel, who is a highly-skilled woodsman, sets out toward New York City to rescue his parents from the band of British soldiers and Native Americans who kidnapped them after slaughtering most of their community. *By the author of Hatchet and Nightjohn*

Wood, Maryrose: **The Poison Diaries**
In late eighteenth-century Northumberland, England, sixteen-year-old Jessamine Luxton and the mysterious Weed uncover the horrible secrets of poisons growing in Thomas Luxton's apothecary garden.

**Other Authors:** Michael Shaara, Allan Stratton, Caleb Carr, Ann Rinaldi, Carolyn Meyer, Graham Salisbury

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**NON-FICTION**

**Biography**

**Autobiography**

**Memoir**

Borden, Louise: **His Name Was Raoul Wallenberg: Courage, Rescue, and Mystery During World War II**
This book chronicles the life of Raoul Wallenberg, a Swede, who at the end of World War II was able to save thousands of Hungarian Jews from the Nazi concentration camps.

Busby, Cylin and John Busby: **The Year We Disappeared: A Father-Daughter Memoir**
Father and daughter, Cylin and John Busby, share their memories of the challenges they faced after their family was forced to go into hiding in order to protect themselves from a killer.

Guibert, Emmanuel: **The Photographer**
This graphic novel/photo-journal is a record of one reporter's arduous and dangerous journey accompanying Doctors Without Borders through Afghanistan after the Afghan/Soviet war.

Rhodes-Courter, Ashley: **Three Little Words: A Memoir**
Ashley Rhodes-Courter provides an account of her life focusing on the nine years she spent in Florida's foster care system and explains how her life changed after she was adopted.

Rubin, C.M.: **The Real Alice in Wonderland: A Role Model for the Ages**
This book explores the life and legacy of Alice Pleasance Liddell Hargreaves, who was the inspiration for Carroll Lewis's character Alice.

Vise, David: **The Google Story**
From the meeting of the two founders at Stanford University to the development of technology that delivers lightning-fast search results, this book presents an overview of the history of the Internet search engine Google.
Anderson, Jodi Lynn: **Americapedia: Taking the Dumb Out of Freedom**
This book is aimed at teens who want to know more about the day-to-day workings of the United States government and it provides a crash course for understanding critical events in America and the world.

Aronson, Marc: **Race: A History Beyond Black and White**
Marc Aronson traces the history of racial prejudice in the Western world from ancient times to the present, and identifies events and individuals that have influenced conceptions about race.

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell: **They Called Themselves the K.K.K.: The Birth of an American Terrorist Group**
The history and origin of the Ku Klux Klan is documented in this book through the use of personal accounts, congressional documents, diaries, and more.

Discover why the definitions of beauty and success set by celebrities are so powerful and learn how girls can empower themselves by disregarding these definitions.

Burnham, Niki, et al.: **Breaking-Up is Hard to Do: Stories of Falling Out of Love by Four Incredible Authors**
This collection of four stories by women authors explores the joys and sorrows of falling in and out of love.

Ellis, Deborah: **Children of War: Voices of Iraqi Refugees**
Twenty Iraqi children discuss how the War on Terror has affected their lives.

Kaufman, Michael T.: **1968**
Text and black-and-white photographs highlight significant events that occurred around the world in 1968, such as the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., the student revolt at Columbia University, the Soviet occupation of Prague, and the Democratic convention in Chicago.

Kuklin, Susan: **No Choirboy: Murder, Violence, and Teenagers on Death Row**
This is a collection of essays by prison inmates who were sentenced to death while still in their teens. The inmates share their thoughts and feelings about how they ended up in prison and how they feel about capital punishment.

Salwen, Kevin: **The Power of Half: One Family's Decision to Stop Taking and Start Giving Back**
*Wall Street Journal* reporter Kevin Salwen recounts his family's efforts to stop their overconsumption and instead start giving back to the world, describing how they sold their mansion, moved into a house half its size, and gave half of the proceeds from the sale to charity.

Simmons, Bill: **The Book of Basketball: The NBA According to the Sports Guy**
This book presents a discussion of a wide variety of topics pertaining to professional basketball. It covers the best players and teams, reevaluates the NBA Hall of Fame inductee system, and examines the secret of the game through a conversation with an NBA superstar.

Weinstein, Bruce D.: **Is it Still Cheating if I Don't Get Caught?**
Real-life examples and five basic moral principles are used to encourage teens to make the right choices in various situations related to friends, family, school, and relationships.

Zimmerman, Keith: **Mythbusters: The Explosive Truth Behind 30 of the Most Perplexing Urban Legends of All Time**
The authors use extreme science to determine the truth or myth behind thirty urban legends.
**GRADES 11 and 12**

For specific assignments, refer to the REQUIREMENTS pages on pages 5 and 6, and check out “Last Summer’s Most Popular Picks” on page 21 to learn what other students suggest reading.

Students are asked to complete and submit Summer Reading Recording Sheets to their PAW teacher during the first week of school.

**FICTION**

**Realistic**

Donoghue, Emma: *Room*
Five-year-old Jack has spent his life living in an eleven-by-eleven foot space his mother calls Room. While Jack uses his imagination to create wondrous fantasies to entertain himself, his mother dreads the day her son begins to question why they must remain in Room and tries to find a way to escape.

Efaw, Amy: *After*
Devon Davenport, a straight-A student and prominent player on her school’s soccer team, is linked to an abandoned baby found in the trash and accused of attempted murder.

Green, John: *The Fault in Our Stars*
Sixteen year old Hazel, who has cancer, meets Augustus at a cancer support group, and they fall in love while both wondering how they will be remembered. *By the author of Looking for Alaska and Will Grayson, Will Grayson*

Hopkins, Ellen: *Fallout*
Written in free verse, this book explores how three teenagers try to cope with the consequences of their mother’s addiction to crystal meth and its effects on their lives. *By the author of Crank*

LaCour, Nina: *Hold Still*
Caitlin wrestles with her feelings of devastation and helplessness after her friend Ingrid commits suicide. She turns to her family and newfound friends for help while encountering love, and using Ingrid's journal to heal.

Meyers, Randy Susan: *The Murderer’s Daughter*
After Lulu and Merry’s mother is killed in a drunken rage by their father, who is sent to prison, they become orphans and are sent to a terrifying group home where they cling to each other for support. Thirty years later, the girls have yet to come to terms with the events and each has a different view of their incarcerated father.

Nelson, Blake: *Destroy All Cars*
Through assignments for English class, seventeen-year-old James Hoff rants against consumerism and his classmates' apathy, puzzles over his feelings for his ex-girlfriend, and expresses disdain for his emotionally-distant parents.

Saenz, Benjamin Alire: *Last Night I Sang to the Monster*
Eighteen-year-old Zach does not remember how he came to be in a treatment center for alcoholics, but through therapy and caring friends, his amnesia fades and he learns to face his past while working toward a better future.

Schutt, Christine: *All Souls*
Astra Dell is stricken with a devastating illness, leaving the students and teachers at her distinguished New York prep school reeling as they try to cope with their friend's impending death and their own longings and attachments.

Sedaris, David: *Squirrel Seeks Chipmunk: A Modest Bestiary*
This is a collection of stories in which animals confront situations which resemble aspects of human life, including the title selection in which a squirrel and a chipmunk find their love for one another threatened by their disapproving family.
Sparks, Nicholas: **Safe Haven**
Katie arrives in the small town of Southport, North Carolina, hoping to hide from her past and avoid raising suspicions. When she reluctantly begins a relationship with Alex, a widowed store owner with two young children, and befriends her neighbor Jo, Katie is forced to confront the dark secret she is hiding if she wants to put down roots and find true love. *By the author of The Notebook and Dear John*

Stork, Francisco X.: **Irises**
Teenage sisters Kate and Mary are forced to make adult decisions regarding the direction of their lives after their loving but old-fashioned father dies suddenly and leaves them alone with their mother, who has been in a persistent vegetative state since an accident four years earlier.

Strout, Elizabeth: **Olive Kitteridge**
This is a collection of thirteen linked short stories recounting the experiences of Olive Kitteridge, a retired schoolteacher who witnesses the changes in her town and the world at large.

Toole, John Kennedy: **A Confederacy of Dunces**
Set in New Orleans, this is a Pulitzer Prize winning farce about Ignatius J. Reilly and his various attempts at employment and one-man wars.

Verghese, A.: **Cutting for Stone**
Twin brothers Marion and Shiva Stone come of age in Ethiopia, sharing a deep bond that has helped them survive the loss of their parents and the country’s political upheaval. When they both fall for the same woman, their bond is broken and the two go their separate ways, until a medical crisis reunites them.

Wizner, Jake: **Spanking Shakespeare**
Shakespeare Shapiro has always hated his name, having been teased about it all the way through school; however, he may get his revenge through his memoirs, a school project, that has chronicled every detail of his life.

**Other Authors:** Toni Morrison, Kurt Vonnegut, Amy Tan, John Irving, Elizabeth Berg, Anita Shreve, Helen Fielding, Jeffery Archer, Jane Wizner, Jake

Hamilton, Ellen Wittlinger, John Updike, Elaine Marie Alphin, Sue Miller, Mitch Albom. Fanny Flagg, Gail Giles

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**FICTION**

**Fantasy / Science Fiction**

Ackroyd, Peter: **The Casebook of Victor Frankenstein**
Mary Shelley's classic novel is retold in this book. It describes both Victor Frankenstein's meeting with the radical atheist and poet Percy Bysshe Shelley at Oxford and his recruitment of "resurrection men" to deliver fresh bodies to secret laboratory where the monster is created.

Boulle, Pierre: **Planet of the Apes**
Explorers in space find a planet that is identical to Earth, with the exception that on the planet Betelgeuse the roles of ape and human are reversed.

Cronin, Justin: **The Passage**
FBI agent Brad Wolgast vows to protect six-year-old orphan Amy Harper Bellafonte after a government military experiment she was involved in goes bad, unleashing a toxic virus that turns humans into bloodthirsty monsters.

Dick, Philip K: **Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?**
In January 2021, years after World War Terminus has destroyed the planet, bounty hunter Rick Deckard remains on the Earth pursuing his vocation of hunting down and killing rogue androids.

Doyle, Larry: **Go Mutants!**
Jim, the son of alien mutants, feels alone and believes the world is out to get him, until he makes a discovery that may alter the course of civilization. *By the author of I Love You, Beth Cooper*

Gill, David Macinnis: **Black Hole Son**
Sixteen-year-old Durango and his crew of mercenaries are hired by the settlers of a mining community on Mars to protect their most valuable resource from a feral band of marauders.
Haig, Matt: **The Radleys**
The Radleys, an eccentric family of vampires living in the suburbs, try to deny their natural instincts to avoid eating the neighbors and struggle to fit in with their peers.

Harvard Lampoon: **Nightlight: A Parody**
This is a parody of Stephenie Meyer's *Twilight*, in which Belle Goose falls in love with a nerdy vampire named Edwart Mullen who she tries to convince to turn her into one of his kind. She runs into trouble when she realizes he finds girls repulsive.

Kinsella, W.P.: **Shoeless Joe**
An Iowa farmer builds a baseball stadium in his cornfield, hoping his hero, Shoeless Joe Jackson, will play in it.

Levithan, David: **Marly's Ghost: A Remix of Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol**
The spirit of Ben's girlfriend, Marly, returns with three other ghosts to haunt him with a painful journey through Valentine's Days past, present, and future.

King, A.S.: **Please Ignore Vera Dietz**
When her best friend, whom she secretly loves, betrays her and then dies under mysterious circumstances, high school senior Vera Dietz struggles with secrets that could help clear his name.

King, Stephen: **Under the Dome**
The citizens of Chester's Mill, Maine, find their relationships strained and lives in danger after an inexplicable force field develops around the town, cutting it off from the outside world. This results in a power struggle between local politicians and drug lord Big Jim Rennie.

Larsson, Stieg: **The Millennium Trilogy** *(The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo—The Girl Who Played with Fire—The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet’s Nest)*
This book follows the adventures of journalist Mikael Blomkvist and computer prodigy Lisbeth Salander after they team up to find a woman who went missing decades earlier, to investigate rumors of sex trafficking, and to be involved in exposing corruption at the highest levels of Swedish government, business, and society.

Nikitas, Derek: **The Long Division**
Jodie Larkin flees Atlanta and her housecleaning job with stolen money to look for the son she put up for adoption. Meanwhile, Wynn Johnston, a college student, is hunted by drug dealers and a police officer on the trail of the shooter in a double murder case.
### FICTION

**Historical**

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<td>This is a coming-of-age story told by eight-year-old Ruba who lives with her family in a small Christian village outside of Beirut during the 1982 Israeli invasion.</td>
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<td>Allende, Isabel</td>
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<td>Zarite, who is known as Tete, born to an African mother she has never known and a white sailor, survives a brutal childhood and grows up to find comfort in the music and culture of her fellow slaves. When Toulouse Valmorain purchases young Tete for his bride, both of their lives become intertwined in surprising ways, particularly when they both end up in New Orleans.</td>
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<td>Bandele-Thomas, Biyi</td>
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<td>Seventeen-year-old Lev Beniov, is arrested for looting the corpse of a German paratrooper. He is given the opportunity to be released from jail if he, along with a soldier imprisoned for desertion, can secure twelve eggs to be used in the colonel's daughter's wedding cake by traversing the dangerous streets of Leningrad.</td>
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<td>This fictionalized account of the Penobscot Expedition of the American Revolution relates how colonial ships and infantry were decimated by a small Scottish force in the battle that led to an unsuccessful court-martial of Paul Revere.</td>
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**Other Authors:** Patricia Cornwall, John Grisham, Ken Follett, Janet Evanovich, Agatha Christie, Dick Francis, Tony Hillerman, Rex Stout, Martha Grimes, Carol Plum-Ucci, P.D. James, Elizabeth Peters, Steven Saylor, Scott Turow, Harlan Coben
Dana, Barbara: **A Voice of Her Own: Becoming Emily Dickinson**
This is a fictionalized first-person account of revered American poet Emily Dickinson's girlhood in the mid-nineteenth-century.

Doctorow, E.L.: **Ragtime**
The lives of three remarkable families become entwined with Henry Ford, Harry Houdini, J.P. Morgan, Theodore Dreiser, Sigmund Freud, and Emiliano Zapata at the turn of the century.

Doig, Ivan: **The Eleventh Man**
The "Supreme Team" was Treasure State University's 1941 undefeated football team whose WWII exploits are reported by teammate Ben Reinking, the eleventh man, whose war record tests the law of averages.

Kent, Kathleen: **The Heretic's Daughter**
Ten-year-old Sarah Chapman, recovering from smallpox in 1752, becomes caught up in another life and death battle when her mother, Martha, is accused of witchcraft by her uncle who wants the plot of land on which the Chapman family is living. The rest of the community, looking for a scapegoat for their own troubles, joins the campaign to have Martha hanged.

Mantel, Hilary: **Wolf Hall**
Henry VIII, anxious about the consequences of dying without a male heir, is denied permission to annul his marriage of twenty years and marry Anne Boleyn. The power struggle between the Church and the Crown is mediated by astute politician Thomas Cromwell, who manages to get the king what he wants while keeping his eye on the prize of a free England.

Morpurgo, Michael: **War Horse**
Joey the horse recalls his experiences growing up on an English farm, his struggle for survival as a cavalry horse during World War I, and his reunion with his beloved master.

Mullen, Thomas: **The Many Deaths of the Firefly Brothers**
Brothers and bank robbers Jason and Whit Fireson cheat death on a number of occasions, while committing crimes and avoiding capture during the Great Depression.

Other Authors: Ursula Hegi, Dan Brown, Willa Cather

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**Drama**

**Pulitzer Prize Winners**

Auburn, David: **Proof**
Catherine, having spent years caring for her brilliant but unstable mathematician father, is forced to deal with her own volatile emotions in the days following his death.

Letts, Tracy: **August: Osage County**
This Broadway play is about a dysfunctional American family forced to reunite at the family homestead after the patriarch disappears.

Norris, Bruce: **Clybourne Park**
This is the satirical play in which Russ and Bev create discontent among their white neighbors when they sell their home to an African-American family in 1959, which is echoed fifty years later when African-Americans disapprove of a young white couple's purchase of the same house.

Nottage, Lynn: **Ruined**
The dramatic text from Lynn Nottage's play depicts a brothel in the Democratic Republic of Congo run by Mama Nadi who sells women's bodies to government soldiers and rebel forces.

Shanley, John Patrick: **Doubt, a Parable**
This play, set in the Bronx in 1964, is the story of Sister Aloysius who suspects that Father Flynn has more than a casual interest in the school's first African-American student.
**CLASSICS**

Chase, Mary: **Harvey**  
This book contains the script of the 1951 comedy play about a man who insists his closest friend is a six-foot tall white rabbit that is, of course, invisible to everyone else.

Mamet, David: **The Spanish Prisoner**  
A research-and-development worker is tricked out of his own discovery in this classic thriller.

**Other Authors:** Gina Gionfriddo, Tennessee Williams, Edward Albee, Eugene O'Neill, George Bernard Shaw, Neil Simon, Arthur Miller

**NON-FICTION**  
**Biography, Autobiography, Memoir**

Bacon, Paul: **Bad Cop: New York's Least Likely Police Officer Tells All**  
Paul Bacon, a young New Yorker, describes how he was inspired to join the NYPD after the September 11 tragedy, including how he fell in love with a female cadet in police-academy training as well as his experiences on the Harlem beat.

Beah, Ishmael: **A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier**  
Ishmael Beah describes his experiences after he was driven from his home by war in Sierra Leone and picked up by the government army at the age of thirteen, serving as a soldier for three years before being removed from fighting by UNICEF and eventually moving to the United States.

Farley, Tom: **The Chris Farley Show: A Biography in Three Acts**  
This is a biography of comedian Chris Farley as told through interviews with friends, family members, and celebrity colleagues.

Isaacson, Walter: **Steve Jobs**  
Focusing on his intense personality and creative success as the founder of Apple, this biography of Steve Jobs is based on interviews with Jobs and more than a hundred, friends, family, and colleagues.

Leavy, Jane: **Sandy Koufax: A Lefty's Legacy**  
Focusing on the impact his career had on the history of America's favorite pastime, this book chronicles the life and career of professional baseball player Sandy Koufax.

Liz Murray, who was homeless at the age of fifteen and had drug-addicted parents, reflects on how she overcame obstacles and eventually attended Harvard University.

Pekar, Harvey: **The Beats: A Graphic History**  
In graphic novel format, this book details the history of the Beat movement, which began in the 1940s, and describes the lives of Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, William Burroughs and other writers and artists.

Queenan, Joe: **Closing Time: A Memoir**  
This memoir chronicles the author's upbringing in a Philadelphia housing project in the 1960s, covering his father's erratic and emotional behavior as well as his own flight from the confines of his youth to follow his dreams and better his circumstances.

Schiff, Stacy: **Cleopatra: A Life**  
This book reconstructs the life of Cleopatra, discussing her childhood, marriages, affairs with Julius Caesar and Mark Anthony, and the political scandals that plagued her.

Smith, Patti: **Just Kids**  
Smith's evocative, honest, and moving coming-of-age story reveals her extraordinary relationship with artist Robert Mapplethorpe. Part romance, part elegy, "Just Kids" is about friendship in the truest sense, and the artist's calling.

Smithson, Ryan: **Ghosts of War: The True Story of a 19-Year-Old GI**  
Ryan Smithson recounts the experiences he had serving his first tour of duty as an Army engineer in Iraq when he was only nineteen.
Non-Fiction
General

Anderson, Jodi Lynn: **Americapedia: Taking the Dumb Out of Freedom**
Blends humor and facts in a look at events in America and the world, providing information about the electoral system in the U.S., the world economy, the role of religion in conflict, America's place in the world, and other topics, and including advice on how to get involved.

Auletta, Ken: **Googled: The End of the World as We Know It**
Examine the way Google has influenced the twenty-first century's media landscape, and discover how the company's Internet search engine and other features have changed the way people live and work. The author also speculates as to the future of the industry.

Barrow, John D: **100 Essential Things You Didn’t Know You Didn’t Know: Math Explains Your World**
The author uses mathematics to explain one hundred of the world's curiosities, and discusses the odds of winning the lottery, the physics of sobriety tests, long lines, the pattern of a leopard's spots, and more.

Bowers, Rick: **Spies of Mississippi: The True Story of the Spy Network That Tried to Destroy the Civil Rights Movement**
This book chronicles how the Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission attempted to halt racial integration in the 1950s and 1960s through an extensive propaganda effort to label civil rights leaders and their followers as communists.

Dosa, David: **Making Rounds with Oscar: The Extraordinary Gift of an Ordinary Cat**
The author, a doctor at the Steere House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Rhode Island, shares stories of Oscar, a resident cat that seems to know instinctively when patients are at the end of their lives.

Finkel, David: **The Good Soldiers**
In January 2007, President Bush ordered a new strategy in Iraq. This book presents the story of the surge to increase the number of American troops in order to provide security to Baghdad and Al Anbar Province.

Lanier, Jaron: **You are Not a Gadget: A Manifesto**
The author examines cultural and technical problems that are a result of poorly planned digital designs. He argues that technological and Internet advances are allowing the wisdom of computers and large groups to become more powerful than individual judgment and intelligence.

Levitt, Steven D. & Dubner, Stephen J.: **Super Freakonomics: Global Cooling, Patriotic Prostitutes, and Why Suicide Bombers Should Buy Life Insurance**
Authors explore the economics of real-world issues often viewed as insignificant, such as the odds of someone with both a Muslim first and last name being a terrorist, and if eating kangaroo can save the planet. *By the authors of Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything*

Rubin, Gretchen Craft: **The Happiness Project, or, Why I Spent a Year Trying to Sing in the Morning, Clean My Closets, Fight Right, Read Aristotle, and Generally Have More Fun**
Gretchen Rubin chronicles her year-long happiness project, during which she drew on scientific research, ancient wisdom, and lessons from popular culture to find the key to true happiness.
Selzer, Adam: *The Smart Aleck's Guide to American History*
This book presents a humorous discussion of obscure trivia relating to United States history, covering details about presidents such as John Adams, Abraham Lincoln, and other leaders who are often overlooked.

Sherwood, Ben: *The Survivors Club: The Secrets and Science that Could Save Your Life*
Combining science, interviews, and reporting with survivor stories and analysis, this book presents insights on survival, arguing that surviving near fatal phenomenon has as much to do with luck as with training, worldview, and faith.

Simmons, Bill: *The Book of Basketball: The NBA According to the Sports Guy*
This book presents a discussion of a wide variety of topics pertaining to professional basketball. It covers the best players and teams, reevaluates the NBA Hall of Fame inductee system, and examines the secrets of the game through a conversation with an NBA superstar.

Skloot, Rebecca: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*
This book examines the experiences of the children and husband of Henrietta Lacks, who, twenty years after her death from cervical cancer in 1951, learned that doctors and researchers took cells from her cervix without consent and used them to create the immortal cell line known as the HeLa cell; the book provides an overview of Henrietta's life and explores issues of experimentation on African-Americans and bioethics.

Stuart, Tristram: *Waste: Uncovering the Global Food Scandal*
Tracing the problem of world hunger along the length of the food chain, the author argues that consumers in North America and Europe discard half their food while crops in developing countries rot because there is no way to process or get them to market; the author offers a plan to rectify the problem by reducing, redistributing, and recycling.

Thacker, Lloyd, editor: *College Unranked: Ending the College Admissions Frenzy*
This collection of essays by veteran college admissions counselors provides advice on the college selection and admission process.

Zailckas, Koren: *Smashed* The author discusses her relationship with alcohol, telling how she began drinking at the age of fourteen and continued drinking for the express purpose of getting drunk, bolstering her courage, or medicating her moods; she shares the reasons why she decided to give up alcohol nine years later.

**SERIES**

Delaney, Joseph: *The Apprentice Series*

Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan: *Sherlock Holmes*

Harrison, Lisi: *Clique Series*

James, Steven: *The Bowers Files Series*

Kinsella, Sophie: *Shopaholic Series*

Myracle, Lauren: *TTYL Series*

Rolling, J.K.: *Harry Potter Series*

Shepard, Sara: *Pretty Little Liars Series*

VonZiegesar, Cecily: *Gossip Girls Series*

Westerfeld, Scott: *The Uglies Series*
Last Summer’s Most Popular Picks!

Authors / Titles

Albom, Mitch: The Five People You Meet in Heaven
Asher, Jay: Thirteen Reasons Why
Bacigalupi, Paolo: Ship Breaker
Benioff, David: City of Thieves
Bruchac, Joseph: March Toward the Thunder
Boule, Pierre: Planet of the Apes
Busby, Cylin: The Year We Disappeared: A Father-Daughter Memoir
Clare, Cassandra: City of Ashes
Cronin, Justin: The Passage
Dessen, Sarah: Just Listen; Someone Like You; The Truth About Forever; This Lullaby
Donoghue, Emma: Room
Edwards, Kim: Memory Keeper’s Daughter
Flinn, Alex: Beastly
Green, John: Looking for Alaska; Will Grayson, Will Grayson
Gruen, Sara: Water for Elephants
Hopkins, Ellen: Crank
King, Stephen: Under the Dome
Larsson, Steig: The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo; The Girl Who Played with Fire; The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet’s Nest
Lore, Pittacus: I am Number Four
Lupica, Mike: Too Far; Heat; Travel Team; Summer Ball
Martin, George R. R: A Game of Thrones
Matheson, Richard: I am Legend
McCarthy, Cormac: No Country for Old Men, The Road
Meyer, Stephenie: Twilight; New Moon; Eclipse; Breaking Dawn; The Host
Moore, Alan: Watchmen
Moran, Michelle: Cleopatra's Daughter
Neri, Greg: Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty
Niffenegger, Audrey: The Time Traveler’s Wife
Palahniuk, Chuck: Fight Club
Paolini, Christopher: Eldest; Eragon; Inheritance
Picoult, Jodi: My Sister’s Keeper; Tenth Circle; The Pact; Nineteen Minutes, et al.
 Riordan, Rick: The Lightning Thief
Sebold, Alice: Lovely Bones
Sedaris, David: Me Talk Pretty One Day; When You are Engulfed in Flames, et al.
Sherwood, Ben: Charlie St. Cloud
Smith, Roland: Peak
Stockett, Kathryn: The Help
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