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**Pennridge High School English Department
Summer Reading List
2009-2010**

The English teachers believe in **reading widely** and **reading often**, and we expect all students will fulfill the following:

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- **Academic** students will read **Randy Pausch's *The Last Lecture*** during the summer. ***The Last Lecture* must be read by the start of the 09-10 school year.**
- In addition, it is expected that academic-level students read **3 outside reading books** during the course of the school year. Students will receive direction from teachers upon returning to school.
- Finally, the following is a list of suggested titles if you are looking for something to read over the summer. Enjoy!

Promised the Moon: The Untold Story of the First Women in the Space Race- Stephanie Nolen

Witch Hunt: Mysteries of the Salem Witch Trials- Marc Aronson

A Separate Peace – John Knowles

The Secret Life of Bees- Sue Monk Kidd

The Demon in the Freezer: A True Story- Richard Preston

The Five People You Meet in Heaven – Mitch Albom

The Lovely Bones: A Novel – Alice Sebold

The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fist Fight in Heaven- Sherman Alexie

Close to Shore: The Terrifying Attacks of 1916- Michael Capuzzo

Indian Givers: How the Indians of the Americas Transformed the World- Jack Weatherford

In Code: A Mathematical Journey-Sarah Flannery

The Hot Zone-Richard Preston

Great Projects: The Epic Story of the Building of America from the Taming of the Mississippi to the Invention of the Internet- James Tobin

Icy Sparks - Gwyn Hyman Rubio

Pigs in Heaven – Barbara Kingsolver

Peace Like a River – Leif Enger

Any American-born writer on the New York Times Best Seller List