

# **SOUTH MECKLENBURG HIGH SCHOOL**

## **SUMMER READING**

### **Rising 9th Grade**

**2015-2016**

**English I Honors: Read two (2) books from the following lists:**

**As one choice all honors students should read:**

*The Color of Water*

James McBride

**Choose one (1) more from the following titles:**

*Great Expectations*

Charles Dickens

*I Capture the Castle*

Dodie Smith

*Memoirs of a Geisha\**

Arthur Golden

*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*

Mark Haddon

**English I Standard: Read any one (1) of the following:**

*The Lonely Crossing of Juan Cabrera*

J. Joaquin Fraxedas

*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*

Mark Haddon

*Tuesdays with Morrie*

Mitch Albom

*The House on Mango Street*

Sandra Cisneros

*\*Contains a scene of adult content*

**Please note:** In a 2009 government web cast, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan described summer learning loss as “devastating.” This is what researchers have often referred to as the “summer slide.” It is estimated that school summer breaks will cause the average student to lose up to one month of instruction, with disadvantaged students being disproportionately affected. Additionally, students in the United States have lost ground in reading ability compared with students around the world. The global reading test was administered in 2001 and again in 2006. Americans dropped further behind other countries, falling from the fourth highest scores in the world in 2001 to tenth place in 2006. Please encourage your child to read 4-5 books this summer.