6th and 7th Grade Summer Reads

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Dear Sixth and Seventh Grade Families,

Welcome to this year’s edition of Pike’s *SummerReads*. This list encompasses a wide variety of genres and formats, from classics, historical fiction and fantasy to graphic novels and science fiction. *SummerReads* is updated annually with the best new titles from every genre.

Building on the success of *Pike Reads Green*, the Pike community will again participate in an all-school reading experience. This summer’s theme is **Pike Reads Forward**, focusing on the many facets of diversity.

By the opening of school in September 2012, each 6th and 7th grade student should have read **four books**, as outlined below.

**Incoming 6th graders must read:**
- the required book for English, *The London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd
- their **Pike Reads Forward book** (see back of this booklet)
- one book from this reading list, and
- one book of their own choosing.

**Incoming 7th graders must read:**
- their **Pike Reads Forward book** (see back of this booklet)
- one book from this reading list, and
- one book of their own choosing.

Please complete all the required reading before the start of school, and bring both required titles to school in September. We have partnered with The Andover Bookstore to have the required reading titles available before the end of school.

In the fall, students will participate in activities that celebrate their summer reading for English. In addition, our entire community will engage in discussions around the **Pike Reads Forward** titles.

We encourage you to visit your local public library this summer, where you can find these books and many others, and can also join their summer reading activities. This summer's reading theme is "Own the Night."

We hope you enjoy reading as part of your summer!

Warm regards,

Fran Mellin        Linda Spence
Tina Morris       Julie Ogden       Amy Salvatore
Little Women  
Alcott  
The four March sisters experience joy and pain as they grow up in 1860s Massachusetts.

Johnny Tremain  
Forbes  
Discover the battles of the American Revolution through the eyes of a young silversmith apprentice.

Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes  
Hamilton, E.  
From Artemis to Thor, classic tales retold.

A Wrinkle in Time  
L’Engle  
Published 50 years ago, this modern classic adventure pits the Murry children against the evil IT, as they travel through time and space to rescue their father.

Uncle Remus: The Complete Tales  
Lester  
A fresh retelling of the classic tales from the African-American tradition of the South.

Call of the Wild  
London  
A classic wilderness adventure.

Treasure Island  
Stevenson  
The quintessential adventure – pirates, treasure, and the high seas!

The Sword and the Circle  
Sutcliff  
Discover all the drama and action of the Arthurian legend.

The Hobbit, or There and Back Again  
Tolkien  
It all begins here: an impossible quest, trickery, and finally - the Ring. Immerse yourself in Middle-Earth and meet Gandalf, Gollum, and our unlikely hero, Bilbo Baggins. Prequel to The Lord of the Rings trilogy.

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea  
Verne  
Can anyone escape from the submarine Nautilus and the brutal Captain Nemo?

Short Stories/ Poetry

Friends: Stories About Old Friends, New Friends, and Unexpectedly True Friends  
Many notable authors contributed to this collection of short stories about all kinds of friends.

Owning It: Stories about Teens with Disabilities  
Ten noted young adult authors illuminate experiences with a wide range of conditions, from cancer to alcoholism.

The Curse of the Campfire Weenies and Other Warped and Creepy Tales  
Lubar  
Perfect for scaring everyone at summer sleepovers!

The Freedom Business  
Nelson  
An illustrated tribute in poems to African slave Venture Smith.

The Cuckoo’s Haiku and Other Birding Poems  
Rosen  
Bring this on a nature walk!

Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices From a Medieval Village  
Schlitz  
Travel back in time to 1255 and get a glimpse of everyday life in this extraordinary series of interconnected monologues.

The World According to Dog: Poems and Teen Voices  
Sidman  
A wonderfully illustrated collection.
**Fantasy**

**The Amaranth Enchantment**  
Berry  
A strange turn of events leaves Lucy in possession of a magical and powerful gem. Should she keep it? Her encounters with the handsome, mysterious Prince Gregor and a cunning thief lead her down a path of dangerous deceptions and hidden truths.

**13th Reality: The Journal of Curious Letters**  
Dashner  
Atticus “Tick” Higginbottom has just received a most unusual letter, warning of great danger and asking for his help. The problem is, he needs to solve the riddles to journey to other worlds. Thankfully, his dad is willing to help. Other series titles: *The Hunt for Dark Infinity, The Blade of Shattered Hope.*

**So You Want To Be a Wizard**  
Duane  
Never underestimate the power of a book! Nita discovers a dusty library book and unlocks her inner magical powers. She and fellow wizard Kit must travel to an alternate New York City where disaster is about to strike. Follow Nita and Kit’s adventures in the next 9 titles in the *Young Wizards* series.

**Stoneheart trilogy**  
Fletcher  
Did you know that the statues of London can come to life? George finds this out in terrifying fashion and is thrust into a war with devastating consequences. Trilogy titles: *Stoneheart, Ironhand, Silvertongue.*

**The Dark Lord of Derkholm**  
Jones  
It’s time for revolt - Derk is fed up with alien “tourists” on his planet. How will his wizarding powers stand up against the evil Mr. Chesney?

**The Hero and the Crown**  
McKinley  
Aerin, the king’s daughter, has been shunned by her people because her mother was a witch. Little does she know that an old war-horse, a long-lost magical protection, and a powerful sword will lay the path to her redemption — and to true love.

**The Apothecary**  
Meloy  
It’s 1952 and Janie and her family move to London from California to escape anti-Communist feelings. Soon she’s involved with Russian spies who are trying to get their hands on *The Pharmacopoeia* — a book filled with magical secrets.

**Inheritance, or The Vault of Souls**  
Paolini  
Eragon, Roran, and Nasuada combine forces to battle the evil Galbatorix in this stunning conclusion to the series. Other series titles: *Eragon, Eldest, Brisingr.*

**Harry Potter series**  
Rowling  
The epic saga of “The Boy Who Lived” — wizards, goblins, Quidditch, friendship, mischief, bravery, and sacrifice. The best way to enjoy the series is on audio with narrator Jim Dale, who creates unique voices for the many memorable characters.

**The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel series**  
Scott  

**The Silver Bowl**  
Stanley  
Molly is an ordinary scullery maid at the castle, with an extraordinary gift - she has visions of the future. When one of these visions shows danger to the king's heir, she resolves to keep him safe, no matter the cost to herself.

**The Ring of Solomon: A Bartimaeus Novel**  
Stroud  
Asmira, a proud member of Queen of Sheba's royal guard, is on an impossible mission to kill the ruthless King Solomon. Bartimaeus, a powerful wise-cracking djinn, is stuck building a castle. When their paths collide, sparks fly and allegiances are tested. *Bartimaeus Trilogy titles: The Amulet of Samarkand, The Golem's Eye, Ptolemy's Gate.*

**Extraordinary**  
Werlin  
Phoebe and Mallory are unlikely best friends - Phoebe's rich but plain, and Mallory is gorgeous...and a faerie who has been sent to settle an old score. When Mallory’s resolve falters, her older brother arrives to romance Phoebe and to finish the job.
**Science Fiction**

*Ship Breaker*  
Bacigalupi  
Nailer has a meager existence as part of a scavenging crew, stripping scrap metal of the many abandoned oil rigs and ships off the American coast. His world is turned upside down when he finds a shipwreck with a beautiful, wealthy survivor. Can he keep these treasures to himself, or will the ruthless bosses kill them both?

*The Roar*  
Clayton  
In a future London where an animal plague has wiped out most of the natural world, Mika is desperate to find his missing twin, Ellie. Can he win the massive computer game that could lead him to her?

*The Hunger Games* trilogy  
Collins  
In the futuristic society of Panem, 24 youth contestants battle to the death in a televised competition. How long will Katniss and Peeta survive? And what will happen if they do? Trilogy titles: *The Hunger Games*, *Catching Fire*, *Mockingjay*.

*Matched*  
Condi  
Life is perfect in Cassia’s world, down to her computer-assigned future husband, until a computer glitch reveals a second match – an Aberration named Ky. Like Jonas in *The Giver*, Cassia begins to have doubts about her world. Sequel: *Crossed*.

*The House of the Scorpion*  
Farmer  
Matt is a clone, considered a monster by all except El Patrón. Can he ever escape the land of Opium and his horrible fate?

*Missing series*  
Haddix  
Jonah and Chip discover that they are “endangered children” from the past and must time-travel to restore history. Series titles: *Found*, *Sent*, *Sabotaged*, *Caught* (out in July).

*Simon Bloom, The Gravity Keeper*  
Reisman  
Simon didn’t mean to become the next Keeper of the Book of Physics – the book hit him on the head by accident. As he plays around with the formulas and develops cool superpowers, he attracts the attention of the evil Sirabetta.

**Supernatural**

*The House of Dead Maids*  
Dunkle  
Tabby Aykroyd arrives at Seldom House on the Yorkshire moors to be a nursemaid to Young Master, but soon realizes something is very wrong. The ghosts of former maids and masters haunt her every move. Can she escape their fate?

*The Graveyard Book*  
Gaiman  
Bod’s parents have just been murdered – can he find safety from “the man Jack” in a nearby graveyard, with its many ghosts and mysterious creatures?

*ghostgirl*  
Hurley  
Charlotte can’t believe it – all she did was choke on a gummy bear, and now she’s a ghost. Can she still make it to the Fall Ball?

*Out of Sight, Out of Mind*  
Kaye  
Amanda, the most popular girl at school, has just had the shock of her life. She somehow has switched bodies with meek Tracy Devon. How can she deal with Tracy’s horrible taste in clothes? There’s plenty of girl drama here.

*Pemba’s Song: A Ghost Story*  
Nelson  
Pemba’s mom has dragged her from her Brooklyn ‘hood to small-town Connecticut and she’s sure her life is over. Why is she blacking out and hearing voices?

*A Monster Calls*  
Ness  
Conor is watching his mom battle cancer when a demanding monster pounds on his window. What does the creature want? (And could he help Conor’s mom?)

*The Prince of Mist*  
Ruiz Zafón  
It’s 1943, and Max and his family have gone to the seaside to escape the horrors of World War II. Why do the stone statues in their garden appear alive? And what is the connection to the Prince, who bargains for souls? Don’t miss this nail-biter!
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<td><strong>The Danger Box</strong></td>
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<td>An original journal of Charles Darwin's captures Zoomy's interest. While he investigates the scientist's life, a thief is hot on his trail.</td>
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<td><strong>The Gallagher Girls series</strong></td>
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<td>Cammie and her friends at the Gallagher Academy are spies-in-training with amazing adventures, but also want to have normal teen fun. Titles: <em>I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You, Cross My Heart and Hope to Spy, Don't Judge a Girl by her Cover, Only the Good Spy Young, Out of sight, Out of Time.</em></td>
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<td><strong>I Know What You Did Last Summer</strong></td>
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<td>Fans of <em>Pretty Little Liars</em>, this book is for you! Julie and her friends pledge to keep a horrible secret, but everyone starts getting mysterious, threatening notes. Who else knows about what happened?</td>
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<td><strong>The Gollywhopper Games</strong></td>
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<td>For fans of <em>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!</em> Gil is determined to enter and win the Golly Toy company contest to restore his family's honor.</td>
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<td><strong>Tunnels series</strong></td>
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<td>Will, an underground explorer, needs to rescue his father, who has disappeared. He digs his biggest tunnel yet, and discovers a dangerous underground civilization – but no Dad. Other series titles: <em>Deeper, Freefall, Closer, Spiral.</em></td>
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<td>A ridiculous reality-TV star gets lost in the Everglades, and it's up to two kids to save him – if the wildlife doesn’t get him first!</td>
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<td><strong>The Castaways of the Flying Dutchman series</strong></td>
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<td>Neb and his trusty dog have been spared from the curse on the infamous ship <em>Flying Dutchman</em>, with a mission to help those facing injustice. Follow their adventures on land and sea as they battle pirates, factory owners, and slave traders. Series titles: <em>Castaways of the Flying Dutchman, The Angel's Command, Voyage of Slaves.</em></td>
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<td><strong>Bliss</strong></td>
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<td>Starting a new school is always tough, but beyond the daily drama, Bliss starts to hear &quot;blood voices&quot; in her head. What connection do they have to a student's death?</td>
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<td><strong>Steel Trapp: The Challenge</strong></td>
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<td>Steven sees a woman leave a briefcase on the train to Washington, D.C. The mystery begins when she denies that it’s hers. Could she be part of a terrorist organization?</td>
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<td><strong>The Westing Game</strong></td>
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<td>One of the most clever mysteries ever! Sam Westing is dead. At the reading of his will, sixteen different people are put into teams and given bizarre clues to solve the murder and win his multi-million-dollar estate. Allegiances form and are broken, tempers fray, and bombs explode on the way to the ending you don’t see coming. Check out the fabulous audio book - great for long car rides!</td>
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<td><strong>The Case of the Cryptic Crinoline</strong></td>
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<td>Enola Holmes, sister of the famous Sherlock, is on the trail of her missing landlady and uncovers a long-ago spy network.</td>
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Historical Fiction

Chains by Anderson
Isabel and her sister Ruth are slaves in the American colonies. Can spying for the rebels help her gain freedom? Sequel: Forge.

The Seer of Shadows by Avi
Is there really a ghost in Mrs. Von Macht’s photograph? This is a riveting mystery set in 1870s New York City.

The Printer’s Devil by Bajoria
Mog, a printer’s apprentice, is drawn into a mystery involving a smuggling ring.

Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War II by Bruchac
When Ned was six, he was taken from his tribe and sent to an Anglo boarding school. Now, the Marines need him to be a Navajo again.

Revolution by Donnelly
While spending Christmas break in Paris, Andi discovers a diary written during the French Revolution. Who knew that the chaos of 1700s Paris could rival the drama in her own life?

Phantoms in the Snow by Duble
Noah, recently orphaned, has been sent to his uncle, who is training for a special mission during World War II. Should he join this corps of mountain fighters?

The Year of the Bomb by Kidd
Paul and his friends can’t wait - a movie is going to be filmed in their little California town. Things turn mysterious when the FBI starts investigating the actors. Does it have any connection to the atomic bomb?

Inside Out and Back Again by Lai
Beautiful poetry tells the heartbreaking and inspiring story of a young girl who must leave her Vietnam village when Saigon falls to the Communists. Based on events in the author’s life.

Black Duck by Lisle
Black Duck is the fastest rum running boat along the Rhode Island coast. The body that Rueben and Jeddy find washed up on the beach leads them into the midst of a smuggling operation.

Bloodline by Moran
Essa, abandoned by his father, develops unusual powers in this adventure set in 600s Britain among the mistrustful clans. Can he stop a war from happening?

Child of Dandelions by Nanji
Sabine and her family consider Uganda their home, even though they are Indian. When Idi Amin orders all “foreign born” to leave the country, her friends become enemies overnight.

Bread and Roses, Too by Paterson
Lawrence, Massachusetts, 1912: everybody but Rosa is excited about the big strike at the mill. Then things turn ugly.

Keeping Corner by Sheth
Can you imagine being widowed at age 12? Leela’s husband has just died and according to Indian custom, she must observe a strict year of mourning.

After the Train by Whelan
Peter is tired of hearing about the Nazis - after all, it’s 1955 and his German town has moved on. However, after he stumbles on a hidden letter, his world is turned upside down.

One Crazy Summer by Williams-Garcia
"Power to the People" - the slogan of the Black Panthers rings in Delphine’s ears as she and her sisters adjust to living with the mother who abandoned them.
Anything But Typical  Baskin
Jason is autistic - but that doesn't mean he's stupid. Online, he can make friendships where people won't laugh at him.

3 Willows: The Sisterhood Grows  Brashares
Jo, Polly, and Ama used to be best friends, but by 8th grade, they have grown apart. As they each deal with summertime challenges, from wilderness camp to sexy guys, they realize that they are more alike than different.

The Truth About Truman School  Butler
Zebby and Amr can’t write anything in the school paper about the problems at their school – so they decide to create a website instead. Can they keep it under control?

Chasing Redbird  Creech
Zinnia’s summer project is to clear a trail on her family's property. As she digs rocks and pulls weeds, she discovers more than she bargained for.

If I Stay  Forman
One minute Mia is in the car with her family; the next, she is in an ambulance, close to death. This intense page-turner takes place over the next 24 hours of Mia's life - hours that may be her last.

My Life in Pink and Green  Greenwald
Lucy has to help save her family's pharmacy business - can she combine her fashion and make-up talents? More importantly, will anyone take her seriously?

The Juliet Club  Harper
Kate has sworn off love, but her summer trip to Verona, Italy, home of the tragic Romeo and Juliet, holds plenty of drama and surprises.

Lemonade Mouth  Hughes
When five high school students are assigned detention, they discover their shared interest in music, and a band is born – along with more trouble.

Would You  Jocelyn
Natalie and her friends love playing the “would you rather…” game, but somehow it doesn’t seem so funny after the accident.

Out of Patience  Mehle
If you liked Holes, read this! Jake is trying to rid his family of an old curse and find buried treasure, with a...toilet plunger? Pick this for a funny, quick read!

A Long Walk to Water  Park
Salva, one of the Lost Boys of Sudan, manages to come to America after a brutal attack on his village. His story alternates with that of Nya, who walks hours to fetch water in a similar village. How their two lives intersect is inspiring and based on a true story.

Liar, Liar: The Theory, Practice, and Destructive Properties of Deception  Paulsen
How many lies can Kevin tell in a week? Plenty, if he's going to have a chance at getting Tina to notice him!

Monsoon Summer  Perkins
It's so unfair - Jazz has to spend the summer in rainy India with her family instead of enjoying the California sun with her best-maybe-boyfriend, Steve.

Wonderstruck  Selznick
Brian Selznick, author of The Invention of Hugo Cabret, defies genres again! This is the story of Ben and Rose, who live 50 years apart, but whose lives are interconnected through words and pictures.

Stuck in Neutral  Trueman
Shawn’s trapped in a body wracked by cerebral palsy. Through his eyes, we see how he suffers - and how he fears his father may be trying to kill him.

Lockdown  Tullson
Josh has endured enough abuse at his high school and wants revenge. Can Adam stop a tragedy? This is an intense quick read.
Humor

**Origami Yoda** series  
Dwight has made an origami finger puppet that dispenses advice, in Jedi fashion, to his middle school friends. Is he real? Tommy aims to find out.

**Little Blog on the Prairie**  
Dwight has made an origami finger puppet that dispenses advice, in Jedi fashion, to his middle school friends. Is he real? Tommy aims to find out.

**Dead End in Norvelt**  
Jack’s grounded for the summer, but things get more interesting when his dad acquires a World War II plane. The 2012 Newbery Award winner.

**The Seeks** series  
Becker Drane is the Seeks' newest Fixer – and his first mission might be his last. Laugh out loud as you discover this new universe, where everything from dreams to the weather is controlled in giant factories.

**Magic in Manhattan** series  
Rachel can’t believe it – her mother and sister are witches! This means all her problems can be solved with magic – or can they? You’ll laugh out loud at the crazy situations she gets herself into.

**DWEEB: Burgers, Beasts, and Brainwashed Bullies**  
Wimpy Kid fans, here’s suggestion #1! The evil Vice Principle Snodgrass has taken blood from the five smartest kids in the eighth grade in his plot to raise test scores. Can they take him out before everyone in the school becomes transformed?

**My Life As a Stuntboy**  
Wimpy Kid fans, here’s suggestion #2! Derek has been discovered! He’ll be a skateboarding stunt artist in a new movie with a famous teen actress. It only takes a few hours, though, for everything to fall apart.

Sports

**The Warriors**  
Jake loves playing lacrosse, but when he moves from his Iroquois reservation to a boarding school, he faces many challenges.

**Rush for the Gold**  
Teen reporters Stevie and Susan have another mystery on their hands. This time, Susan’s a competitor at the London Olympics – is someone trying to fix her race? Other series titles: *Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery, Cover-Up, Change-Up: Mystery at the World Series, The Rivalry: Mystery at the Army-Navy Game, Vanishing Act."

**Football Genius**  
Great on-the-field action! Troy is convinced he can help his favorite team, the Atlanta Falcons, win a championship. Will anyone believe a kid?

**Balancing Act**  
Carl’s gymnastics coach thinks she could be an Olympic contender - but her parents need her to help out at their ranch. Can she spend enough time training?

**Boost**  
Savvy is 6'2" and a hard-working basketball phenom, practicing jump shots whenever she's not helping at her aunt's farm. But when steroids are found in her gym bag, she has to step up her defensive game.

**Kick**  
This amazing new novel was co-written by Walter Dean Myers and a teen fan. Kevin, arrested for stealing a car, is in danger of not playing in the state soccer tournament. Sargent Brown just may be on his side. Can Kevin trust him?

**Hothead: A Novel**  
Cal Ripkin, Jr.'s first novel is the story of Connor, an All-Star third baseman, whose team is headed for the championship.
Non-fiction

Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom, and Science  Aronson
Who knew that one simple ingredient could have such a complicated social and scientific history?

They Called Themselves the K.K.K.: The Birth of an American Terrorist Group  Bartoletti
Drawing on letters and diaries of KKK founders, as well as slave narratives and photos, the author gives life to this chilling movement.

A Lion Called Christian  Bourke
First published in 1971, this true story of a pet lion and his return to the African wild was re-published after the owners' reunion with Christian went viral on YouTube.

How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous  Bragg
Ready to be grossed out? Then read this book to find out lots of interesting (and disgusting) facts, including which king’s body literally exploded after being decked out for the funeral!

Great Moments in the Summer Olympics  Christopher
The Olympics are happening this summer! Read up on all the events before July 27.

Sparky: The Life and Art of Charles Schulz  Gherman
Did you know that many Peanuts cartoon characters were based on real people? Find out about the inspiration for Lucy, Snoopy, and others in this scrapbook-style biography.

The Dark Game: True Spy Stories  Janeczko
Learn about codes, high-tech gadgets, and the life of double agents, from the American Revolution to the Cold War and beyond.

Evolving Planet: Four Billion Years of Life on Earth  Kelly
Stunning illustrations bring science to life.

World Without Fish  Kurlansky
A compelling look at the fishing industry and the effect that overfishing is having on our planet.

A Night to Remember  Lord
One hundred years ago this year, the “unsinkable” ocean liner, Titanic, sank on a frigid night in the Atlantic. Re-live that night with this gripping, classic account.

What The World Eats  Mendel
Take a trip around the world to get a glimpse of other cultures.

Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans  Nelson
A beautifully illustrated history of ordinary people and important leaders.

Born to Play: My Life in the Game  Pedroia
See what PD has to say about his incredible drive to succeed on the field.

Star Wars: The Complete Visual Dictionary  Reynolds
Perfect for a rainy summer day! Make some popcorn and then have a Star Wars movie marathon!

Animals Up Close: Zoom In On the World’s Most Incredible Creatures  Siwanowicz
Check out these amazing photographs of centipedes, flying fox bats, tarantulas, and crested geckos.

Chasing Lincoln’s Killer  Swanson
Did you know that it took 12 days for the manhunt to catch up to John Wilkes Booth? Follow this fast-paced chase.
Graphic Novels, Graphic Non-Fiction

Full-length narratives told through sequential comic-strip art are compelling and complex. From historical fiction and fantasy to classics and memoir, there's something for everyone.

- **Trickster: Native American Tales** (Dembecki) - Traditional literature
- **Sandman series** (Gaiman) - Fantasy
- **Macbeth** (Haynes) - Classic
- **Malcolm X: A Graphic Biography** (Helfer) - Biography
- **The Hero Twins Against the Lord of Death: A Mayan Myth** (Jolley) - Traditional literature
- **The Prince of Tennis series** (Konomi) - Sports
- **Outlaw: The Legend of Robin Hood** (Lee) - Traditional literature
- **The Storm in the Barn** (Phelan) - Historical fiction
- **Blindspot** (Pyle) - Realistic
- **Frankenstein: The Graphic Novel** (Reed) - Classic
- **Persepolis (living through the Iranian Revolution)** (Satrapi) - Memoir
- **A Thousand Ships: Age of Bronze, vol. 1** (Shanower) - Traditional literature
- **Inside Out: Portrait of an Eating Disorder** (Shivack) - Memoir
- **Bone series** (Smith) - Fantasy
- **Alia's Mission: Saving the Books of Iraq** (Stamaty) - Biography
- **Black Butler series** (Toboso) - Supernatural
- **Pedro and Me: Friendship, Loss, and What I Learned** (Winick) - Memoir
- **Into the Volcano** (Wood) - Adventure

*** Recently Reviewed and Recommended ***

Pike students have posted book reviews on the library catalog! Just search the catalog for these titles, click on the stars and see what your friends have to say!

- **H.I.V.E. (Higher Institute of Villainous Ed.)** (Walden) - Adventure
- **The Sacrifice** (Duble) - Historical Fiction
- **The Invention of Hugo Cabret** (Selznick) - Historical Fiction
- **Jack's New Power** (Gantos) - Humor
- **Double Identity** (Haddix) - Mystery
- **The Cassandra Virus** (Johansen) - Mystery
- **Lulu Dark Can See Through Walls** (Madison) - Mystery
- **Candyfreak** (Almond) - Non-fiction
- **God Went to Beauty School** (Rylant) - Novel in verse
- **Friday Night Lights** (Bissinger) - Realistic
- **Looks** (George) - Realistic
- **Sweet Treats and Secret Crushes** (Greenwald) - Realistic
- **The Beast** (Myers) - Realistic
- **Stargirl** (Spinelli) - Realistic
- **Interworld** (Gaiman) - Science Fiction
- **Elsewhere** (Zevin) - Science Fiction
- **The Big Time: A Football Genius Novel** (Green) - Sports
- **The Million-dollar Strike** (Gutman) - Sports
An All-School Summer Reading Experience

This summer, all Pike students, faculty, staff, and administrators will read a book that deepens their appreciation of the differences and similarities between people. “Forward” is the informal name of “Future With Diversity,” an Upper School diversity group. A small group from Pike’s Diversity Committee reviewed many children’s and young adult novels and chose realistic fiction titles that touch on many aspects of diversity.

In the fall, the entire Pike community will gather in small groups for book discussions led by adult facilitators. Upper School students will focus on areas of social awareness and justice. To help students prepare for this meeting, questions to think about will be available later this summer on the library web site.

**Book Choices for Grades 6 and 7**

Students have indicated which title they have chosen on the list below.

- Return to Sender
- Tangerine
- The Misfits
- Heat
- Project Mulberry
- The Not-so-star-spangled Life of Sunita Sen (also titled The Sunita Experiment)

Alvarez, Julia
Bloor, Edward
Howe, James
Lupica, Mike
Park, Linda Sue
Perkins, Mitali

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*SummerReads compiled by Mrs. Mellin and Ms. Spence.*

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