**SOUTH MECKLENBURG HIGH SCHOOL**

**SUMMER READING**

**Rising 11th Grade**

**2015-2016**

**English III Honors: Ready any two (2) of the following:**

*How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accent* Julia Alvarez

*Into the Wild* John Krakauer

*Cat’s Cradle* Kurt Vonnegut

*Montana 1948* Larry Watson

*Things They Carried* Tim O’Brien

*Travels with Charley: In Search of America* John Steinbeck

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

*Of Mice and Men* John Steinbeck

*Montana 1948* Larry Watson

*Passing* Nella Larsen

*Freedom Writers Diary* Erin Gruell

**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.