



**Where can I obtain  
a copy of my  
Summer Reading  
Books?**

### Public Libraries:

#### **Denville Township Public Library:**

121 Diamond Spring Rd  
Denville, NJ 07834-2749  
(973) 627-6555

<http://www.denvillelibrary.org/>

#### **Township of Rockaway Public Library:**

61 Mount Hope Road  
Rockaway, NJ 07866  
(973) 627-2344

<http://www.rtlibrary.org/>

#### **Rockaway Borough Free Public Library:**

82 East Main Street  
Rockaway, NJ 07866-3518  
(973) 627-5709

<http://www.rockboro.gti.net/>

#### **Wharton Public Library:**

15 South Main Street  
Wharton, NJ 07885  
(973) 361-1333

<http://www.whartonlibrary.org/>

### Additional Online Resources:

<http://www.betterworldbooks.com/the-last-lecture-id-1401323251.aspx>

<http://www.amazon.com/The-LAST-LECTURE-ebook/dp/B00139VU7E>

[http://search.half.ebay.com/the-Last-lecture\\_W0QQmZbooks](http://search.half.ebay.com/the-Last-lecture_W0QQmZbooks)

[http://www.alibris.com/booksearch?qwork=10433475&keyword=The+Last+Lectur e&matches=366&cm\\_sp=works\\*listing\\*buyused](http://www.alibris.com/booksearch?qwork=10433475&keyword=The+Last+Lectur e&matches=366&cm_sp=works*listing*buyused)

<http://www.thriftbooks.com/SearchResult.aspx?searchText=The+Last+Lecture&se archBy=title>

### Local Bookstores:

#### **Borders @ Rockaway Mall:**

372 Mt. Hope Avenue  
Rockaway, NJ 07866  
Phone: (973) 659-1027

Fax: (973) 659-0172

<http://www.borders.com/online/store/>

#### **Barnes & Noble, Ledgewood:**

Ledgewood Mall  
Route 10 E  
Ledgewood, NJ 07852  
(973) 252-9300

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/>

#### **Barnes & Noble, Morris Plains:**

1940 Route 10 W  
Parsippany, NJ 07054  
(973) 644-9482

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/>

**MORRIS HILLS REGIONAL DISTRICT**  
48 Knoll Drive  
Rockaway, New Jersey 07866-4088  
[www.mhrd.k12.nj.us](http://www.mhrd.k12.nj.us)

## **SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

This year, the Morris Hills Regional District is launching their first district-wide summer read, **mandatory** for all students attending Morris Hills High School and Morris Knolls High School.

All students entering grades 9-12 in September 2011 will be required to read the biography/memoir **The Last Lecture**, by Randy Pausch. Your teachers, administrators and parents have all been invited to join in and read this book as well, making this a true communal reading experience across the district. This title was chosen for its universal themes of gratitude, love, loyalty, work ethic, time, relationships and, "what matters in 'Real' life" among many more.

All students will complete an assignment to be submitted to their English teachers on the first day of class equivalent to a quiz grade. The assignment will be the springboard for discussion upon your return to school in September.

**Your teachers will discuss summer reading assignments with you prior to leaving school in June. The school websites will house all expectations, assignments, and rubrics for the district-wide read, as well as any additional English courses with summer reading assignments.**

Since you will be responsible for obtaining your own copies of the texts selected, the website will also include links for where to purchase the text(s) in stores and online to give the you every avenue to obtain a copy. **Additionally, each school website will feature a study guide and tips for parents to help you through the district read.**

**Included in this booklet are additional titles for Academy, Honors, and AP students selected by teachers of the same course.** If you are enrolled in one of these classes, you will be required to complete an assignment for this additional read as well. **These assignments will also be posted on the websites. Assignments for IB students will be listed separately.**



**Summer 2011 District Read**  
***The Last Lecture***  
**Randy Pausch**

**“Making Every Day Count”**

*The Last Lecture* is a book co-written by computer science professor Randy Pausch and *Wall Street Journal* reporter Jeffrey Zaslow . It is based on the highly acclaimed and inspirational lecture presented by Pausch at Carnegie Mellon University on September 18, 2007.

The title of the book is derived from the concept of a retiring professor’s “last lecture,” which includes the professor’s insights into life and what really matters. Pausch was forced to deliver an untimely and very literal last lecture after facing a diagnosis of terminal pancreatic cancer. His lecture, titled "Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams," was delivered in front of an audience filled with Pausch’s family, friends, students, and colleagues; it quickly received praise from the public after a copy was posted online, and Pausch even gave an abridged version of his lecture on an episode of *The Oprah Winfrey Show*.

Written with humor and wisdom, this book serves as a reflection of the main points of Pausch’s lecture. In it, Pausch discusses the importance of childhood dreams and how to go about achieving them as one grows older. The major points of his book include taking the time to dream, the importance of good parents in a child’s life, and how to put people before materials.

Randy Pausch lost his battle with pancreatic cancer on July 25, 2008, at the age of forty-seven, but not before inspiring millions of readers to never stop believing in their dreams.

**Additional Titles for Academy, Honors, IB,  
and AP Students**

<b>Morris Hills</b>		<b>Morris Knolls</b>	
<b>Course</b>	<b>Required Text(s)</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Required Text(s)</b>
English 9H	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> Harper Lee	English 9H	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> Harper Lee
English 10H Academy 10	<i>The Scarlet Letter</i> Nathaniel Hawthorne	English 10H Academy 10	<i>The Scarlet Letter</i> Nathaniel Hawthorne
English 11H	<i>1984</i> George Orwell	English 11H	<i>1984</i> George Orwell
English 12H	<i>Balzac &amp; the Little Chinese Seamstress</i> Dai Sijie	English 12H	<i>Balzac &amp; the Little Chinese Seamstress</i> Dai Sijie
AP Lit & Lang.	<i>1984</i> George Orwell <i>The Origin of Species</i> Charles Darwin <i>Candide</i> Voltaire	AP Lit. & Lang.	<i>1984</i> George Orwell <i>The Origin of Species</i> Charles Darwin <i>Candide</i> Voltaire
AP Lit & Comp.	<i>Beloved</i> Toni Morrison <i>Jane Eyre</i> Charlotte Brontë <i>A Passage to India</i> E. M. Forster	AP Lit & Comp.	<i>Beloved</i> Toni Morrison <i>Emma</i> Jane Austen <i>Portrait of an Artist as a Young Man</i> James Joyce
Academy 9	<i>The Joy Luck Club</i> Amy Tan	IB English Year 1	<i>The Handmaid's Tale</i> Margaret Atwood <i>Brave New World</i> Aldous Huxley
		IB English Year 2	<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i> (Autobiography) Maya Angelou

**Assignment:**

Students will complete a CRIS Journal for each summer reading book. **These assignments will be posted on the websites.** Local libraries and book stores will receive notification of our summer reading requirements so they may stock their shelves accordingly.