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Summer reading programs

The following are the 2008 summer reading choices for selected college programs: The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill: *Covering: The Hidden Assault on Our Civil Rights*, by Kenji Yoshino; Texas Tech: *The Devil's Highway: A True Story*, by Luis Alberto Urrea; University of Alabama-Birmingham: *Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature, and Climate Change*, by Elizabeth Kolbert; Niagara University: *The Things They Carried*, by Tim O'Brien; Louisiana State University: *The Complete Persepolis*, by Marjane Satrapi; Clemson University: *One Foot in Eden*, by Ron Rash; Meredith College: *An Inconvenient Truth*, by Al Gore; University of Texas-San Antonio: *A Hope in the Unseen*, by Ron Suskind; Carleton College: *Travels of a T-Shirt in a Global Economy*, by Pietra Rivoli; Utah State University: *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*, by Ismael Beah; Saint Louis University: *Three Cups of Tea*, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin; University of Vermont: *The Age of Missing Information*, by Bill McKibben.

Source: Individual institution's Web sites.



Teens, tech, and writing

About two-thirds of teens report that they incorporate informal styles from their text-based Internet communications into their writing at school. Fifty percent of teens say they sometimes use informal writing styles instead of proper capitalization and punctuation in their school assignments. Thirty-eight percent say they have used text shortcuts in school work, such as "OMG" and "LOL."

Amanda Lenhart, Sousan Arafeh, Aaron Smith, Alexandra Rankin Macgill, *Writing, Technology and Teens*, Pew Internet & American Life Project, April 24, 2008. www.pewinternet.org/pdfs/PIP_Writing_Report_FINAL3.pdf.



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E-mail and Internet privacy

Forty-one percent of large U.S. corporations (those with 20,000 or more employees) reported that they employ staff to read or otherwise analyze the contents of outbound e-mail. Eleven percent of U.S. companies surveyed disciplined employees for improper use of blogs or message boards in the past 12 months.

Proofpoint, Inc., *Outbound Email and Data Loss Prevention in Today's Enterprise*, 2008, May 20, 2008. www.proofpoint.com/downloads/Proofpoint-Outbound-Email-and-Data-Loss-Prevention-in-Today's-Enterprise-2008.pdf. Accessed June 6, 2008.

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