

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Official booklist for Young Readers Choice, 2008

Intermediate Division: GRADES 7-9

Listed below are the summaries for the Young Readers Choice titles. For additional information on Young Readers Choice visit the webpage at :

<http://www.pnla.org/yrca/>

Alice Macleod, reAliSt at LAst

by Susan Juby

Summary: Sixteen-year-old Alice uses her screen-writing aspirations to help her get through a challenging period in her life after her boyfriend goes to Scotland, her mother is jailed for environmental activism, and her depressed father cannot get a job.

Code Orange

By Caroline B. Cooney

Summary: While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs and fears that he has infected himself and all of New York City.

Criss Cross

By Rae Perkins

Summary: Teenagers in a small town in the 1960s experience new thoughts and feelings, question their identities, connect, and disconnect as they search for the meaning of life and love.

Eldest

By Christopher Paolini

Summary: After successfully evading an Urgals ambush, Eragon is adopted into the Ingeitum clan and sent to finish his training so he can further help the Varden in their struggle against the Empire.

Flush

By Carl Hiaasen

Summary: With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

By J. K. Rowling

Summary: Harry Potter enters his sixth year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry as Lord Voldemort becomes ever more powerful with his followers increasing day by day. Harry searches for the full and complex story of the boy who became Lord Voldemort, and thereby finds what may be his only vulnerability

The Lightning Thief

by Rick Riordan

Summary: After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

Uglies

By Scott Westerfeld

Summary: Tally is about to turn sixteen, and she can't wait. Not for her license -- for turning pretty. In Tally's world, your sixteenth birthday brings an operation that turns you from a repellent ugly into a stunningly attractive pretty and catapults you into a high-tech paradise where your only job is to have a really great time. But Tally's new friend Shay isn't sure she wants to be pretty. She'd rather risk life on the outside. When Shay runs away, Tally learns about a whole new side of the pretty world. The authorities offer Tally the worst choice she can imagine: find her friend and turn her in, or never turn pretty at all. The choice Tally makes changes her world forever.