

**Port Angeles School District
Summer Reading Lists
Titles for Middle School Students
2009**

Double Indemnity by Margaret Haddix is a suspense novel about thirteen-year-old Bethany, whose parents have always been overprotective and suddenly drop out of sight with no explanation, leaving her with an aunt she never knew existed, Bethany uncovers shocking secrets that make her question everything she thought she knew about herself and her family.

Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick is a realistic novel about a thirteen-year-old tries to deal with his complicated emotions, his school life, and his desire to support his family when his younger brother is diagnosed with leukemia.

Eragon by Christopher Paolini is a fantasy novel about a boy who believes that he is merely a poor farm boy--until his destiny as a Dragon Rider is revealed. Gifted with only an ancient sword, a loyal dragon, and sage advice from an old storyteller, Eragon is soon swept into a dangerous tapestry of magic, glory, and power. Other Paolini books that may be of interest include ***Eldest*** and ***Brisingr***.

Flush by Carl Hiaasen is a mystery novel about Noah Underwood and his younger sister Abbey and their attempts to help their father clear himself of charges resulting from sinking a floating casino.

The Giver by Lois Lowry is a novel about a twelve-year-old boy chosen to be his community's Receiver of Memories and the disturbing truth he learns about the "perfect" world he lives in.

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen is a novel about thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the Canadian wilderness after a plane crash , learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

Holes by Louis Sachar is a novel about Stanley Yelnats, a middle school boy sent to a camp for juvenile delinquents in a dry Texas desert where they have to dig holes as a way to pass time.

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen is a novel about a middle school boy with no real friends and no one to share lunch with at school who finds himself caught up in a mystery involving endangered miniature owls.

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins is a science fiction novel set in the not-too-distant future where two children each year must compete in a televised fight to the death.

The ***Maximum Ride*** Series by James Patterson (including ***Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment, School's Out—Forever*** and ***The Final Warning***) is a group of science fiction novels featuring fourteen-year-old Max and her friends as they face adventures with genetically enhanced talents, such as flying.

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The *Pendragon* (*The Merchant of Death, The Lost City of Faar, The Never War, The Reality Bug, Black Water*) Series by D. J. MacHale features Bobby Pendragon, a seemingly normal and somewhat reluctant 14- year-old boy who is swept into an amazing five-year quest.

Stop Pretending: What Happened When My Big Sister Went Crazy by Sonya Sonos is a collection of short, intense poems based on the author's own experiences a thirteen-year-old girl who suffers through her own shifting feelings about her sister's mental illness.

* The *Uglies* Series (*Uglies, Pretties, Specials, Extras*) by Scott Westerfeld and Rodrigo Corral is a group of science fiction novels that follow the high-tech adventures of Tally Youngblood who works to take down a society created to function with perfect-looking people who never had a chance to think for themselves.

The *Warrior* Series by Erin Hunt is a collection of several fantasy novels (*Firestar's Quest, Dawn, Sunrise, Long Shadows* to name some) featuring cats as characters.

The *Wild at Heart* Series by Laurie Halse Anderson has many titles with teenagers as characters involved in various issues around animal care. (NOLS)