2008-2009
Oregon Battle of the Books
6–9 Division

**Alphabet of Dreams** by Susan Fletcher
Historical fiction ~ 2006
Fourteen-year-old Mitra, of royal Persian lineage, and her five-year-old brother Babak, whose dreams foretell the future, flee for their lives in the company of the magus Melchoir and two other Zoroastrian priests, traveling through Persia as they follow star signs leading to a newly-born king in Bethlehem.

**Ark Angel** by Anthony Horowitz
Adventure/Mystery – YRCA 2009 Nominee ~ 2006
After recovering from a near fatal gunshot wound, teenage spy Alex Rider embarks on a new mission to stop a group of eco-terrorists from sabotaging the launch of the first outer space hotel. Sixth in a series.

**Atherton: The House of Power**
by Patrick Carman
Science fiction ~ 2007
Edgar, an eleven-year-old orphan, finds a book that reveals significant secrets about Atherton, the strictly divided world on which he lives, even as geological changes threaten to shift the power structure that allows an elite few to live off the labor of others.

**Bat 6** by Virginia Euwer Wolff
Historical fiction/multicultural ~ 1998
In small town, post-World War Oregon, twenty-one 6th grade girls recount the story of an annual softball game, during which one girl's bigotry comes to the surface.
Call Me Hope by Gretchen Olson
Realistic/Child abuse ~ 2007
As 11-year-old Hope struggles to live under the pressures of her verbally abusive mother, she's tempted to run away but instead chooses resilience. She creates a secret safe haven and an innovative point system (giving herself points for every bad thing her mother says to her); finds comfort and inspiration from Anne Frank, The Diary of a Young Girl; and gains a support team.

Eyes of the Emperor by Graham Salisbury
Historical fiction ~ 2005
Eddy Okana lies about his age and joins the Army in his hometown of Honolulu only weeks before the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor. Suddenly Americans see him as the enemy—even the U.S. Army doubts the loyalty of Japanese American soldiers.

Fablehaven by Brandon Mull
Fantasy – YRCA 2009 Nominee
When Kendra and Seth go to stay at their grandparents' estate, they discover that it is a sanctuary for magical creatures and that a battle between good and evil is looming. First in a series.

Fire on the Wind by Linda Crew
Historical fiction ~ 1995
The summer before her fourteenth birthday, a fierce forest fire rages throughout northwestern Oregon and threatens the logging camp where Storie and her family live.
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The Pinhoe Egg by Diana Wynne Jones
Fantasy ~ 2006 ~ YRCA 2009 Nominee
Two powerful young enchanters, Cat, the future Chrestomanci, and Marianne, who is being trained to be Gammer of the Pinhoes, work together as friends to try to end an illegal witches' war and, in the process, right some old wrongs. Sixth in a series.

Sea Otter Rescue: The Aftermath of an Oil Spill by Roland Smith
Nonfiction ~ 1999
Describes the rescue of the sea otters following the 1989 oil spill in Valdez, Alaska.

Stout-hearted Seven by Neta Lohnes Frazier
Historical fiction ~ 1973
Recounts the adventures of the seven Sager children during their journey to Oregon where they were adopted by Marcus and Narcissa Whitman.

A Wizard Of Earthsea by Ursula K. Le Guin
Fantasy/Classic ~ 1968
A boy grows to manhood while attempting to subdue the evil he unleashed on the world as an apprentice to the Master Wizard.