The MBK program was launched by President Barack Obama in February 2014 to improve the lifelong outcomes of boys and young men of color. Since then, 250 communities across the nation have accepted this challenge. Mayor Thomas Roach and the White Plains School District accepted the My Brother's Keeper initiative on August 10, 2016 to address persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color and to ensure that all young people can reach their full potential.

**My Brother’s Keeper 2019 Summer Reading List**

**Grade 7 - 12**

Books may be found in the Edge at the White Plains Public Library. Many titles may also be available as e-books, audiobooks, or e-audiobooks.

**Grade 7 - 8**

Iron River by Daniel Acosta  
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander  
The Improbable Rise of Paco Jones by Dominic Carrillo  
The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya  
Marcus Vega Doesn’t Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya  
Jazz Owls: A Novel of the Zoot Suit Riots by Margarita Engle  
American Road Trip by Patrick Flores-Scott  
Fake ID by Lamar Giles  
The Field Guide to the North American Teenager by Ben Philippe  
Ghost by Jason Reynolds  
Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes  
Hoodoo by Ronald L. Smith  

**The Opposite of Always** by Justin Reynolds  
The Afterlife by Gary Soto  
Dear Martin by Nic Stone  
Marcelo in the Real World by Francisco X. Stork  
Black Enough: Stories of Being Young and Black in America edited by Ibi Zoboi

**Grade 9 - 12**

The Closest I’ve Come by Fred Aceves  
What If It’s Us by Becky Albertalli and Adam Silvera  
I Am Alfonso Jones by Tony Medina  
Anger is a Gift by Mark Oshiro  
Prettyboy Must Die by Kimberly Reid  
When I Was the Greatest by Jason Reynolds  
Miles Morales: Spider-Man by Jason Reynolds  
The Beautiful Struggle: A Memoir by Ta-Nehisi Coates  
Spare Parts: Four Undocumented Teenagers, One Ugly Robot and the Battle for the American Dream by Joshua Davis  
The Resolutions by Mia Garcia  
Dream Country by Shannon Gibney  
The Motorcycle Diaries by Ernesto Che Guevara  
March, Books 1-3 by John Lewis  
Barely Missing Everything by Matt Mendez  
Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah  
Beasts Made of Night by Tochi Onyebuchi  
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sáenz  
More Happy Than Not by Adam Silvera