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

Pre-K - Grade 6

Books may be found in the Trove at the White Plains Public Library, in the Suggested Reading by Grade Level section. Some titles may also be available as e-books, audiobooks, or e-audiobooks.

Pre-K

Imagine! by Raúl Colón
Chocolate Me! by Taye Diggs
Our Celebración! by Susan Middleton Elya
Be Boy Buzz by Bell Hooks
Baby Blessings by Deloris Jordan
Niño Wrestles the World by Yuyi Morales
I am Latino: The Beauty in Me by Sandra Pinkney
Shades of Black: A Celebration of Our Children by Sandra Pinkney

Grade 1

Mo Jackson series by David A. Adler
Knock, Knock: My Dad’s Dream for Me by Daniel Beaty
Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de La Peña
Papá and Me by Arthur Dorros
Dear Dragon by Josh Funk
Pedro series by Fran Manushkin
La Frontera: El viaje con papá / The Border: My Journey with Papa by Deborah Mills
My Brother Charlie by Holly & Ryan Peete

Kindergarten

Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut by Derrick Barnes
Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall
Windows by Julia Denos
Daddy Calls Me Man by Angela Johnson
Whistle for Willie by Ezra Jack Keats
Chato series by Gary Soto
Dear Primo: a Letter to My Cousin by Duncan Tonatiuh
Best Friends in the Universe by Stephanie Watson

Grade 2

Imagine by Juan Felipe Herrera
Zapato Power series by Jacqueline Jules
Tomás and the Library Lady by Pat Mora
Max Found Two Sticks by Brian Pinkney
The Word Collector by Peter H. Reynolds
Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat by Javaka Steptoe
Emmanuel’s Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah by Laurie A. Thompson
Hey, Wall: A Story of Art and Community by Susan Verde
**Grade 3**

*The Zero Degree Zombie Zone* by Patrik Henry Bass

*Julian’s World series* by Ann Cameron

*Lucha Libre: The Man in the Silver Mask* by Xavier Garza

*Carlos Santana: Sound of the Heart, Song of the World* by Gary Golio

*Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream* by Deloris Jordan

*From North to South / Del Norte al Sur* by René Laínez

*Miami Jackson series* by Patricia McKissack

*Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras* by Duncan Tonatiuh

**Grade 4**

*Ambassador series* by William Alexander

*Lowriders in Space series* by Cathy Camper

*Clubhouse Mysteries series* by Sharon Draper

*Dragons in a Bag* by Zetta Elliott

*Carver Chronicles series* by Karen English

*The Parker Inheritance* by Varian Johnson

*Baseball in April and Other Stories* by Gary Soto

*The Midnight War of Mateo Martinez* by Robin Yardi

**Grade 5**

*Zombie Baseball Beatdown* by Paolo Bacigalupi

*Charlie Hernández and the League of Shadows* by Ryan Calejo

*Finding Langston* by Lesa Cline-Ransome

*The Last Last-Day-of-Summer* by Lamar Giles

*Sal and Gabi Break the Universe* by Carlos Hernandez

*Sci-Fu* by Yehudi Mercado

*The Stars Beneath Our Feet* by David B. Moore

*The Dreamer* by Pam Muñoz Ryan

**Grade 6**

*They Call Me Güero: A Border Kid’s Poems* by David Bowles

*The Storm Runner* by J.C. Cervantes

*New Kid* by Jerry Craft

*The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis

*The Only Road & The Crossroads* by Alexandra Diaz

*The Season of Styx Malone* by Kekla Magoon

*Tight* by Torrey Maldanado

*Harbor Me* by Jacqueline Woodson