



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

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 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

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 Ofose 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 Maldonado

Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson

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