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 2020 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. Click on the title for OverDrive. Click on the author for Hoopla.

**Pre-K**
- *Imagine!* by Raúl Colón
- *Draw!* 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
- *Puppy Truck* by Brian Pinkney
- *I am Latino: The Beauty in Me* by Taye Diggs
- *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
- *I Am René the Boy/Soy René, el niño* by René Colato Lainez
- *On the Ball* by Brian Pinkney
- *Baseball on Mars/Béisbol en Marte* by R. Rivera Jr.
- *Chato Series* by Gary Soto
- *Pop Pop and Me and a Recipe* by Irene Smalls
- *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 Beatty
- *My Name is Gabito* by Monica Brown
- *Seeing into Tomorrow: Haiku by Richard Wright* by Nina Crews
- *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 Ofosu Yeboah* by Laurie A. Thompson
- *Hey, Wall: A Story of Art and Community* by Susan Verde

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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
Laughing Out Loud, I Fly: Poems in English and Spanish by Juan Felipe Herrera
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 Gets it Straight 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 series 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
Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia
Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson