



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, or to see Library holdings. 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 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

[When 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 Beaty

[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/ Imagina](#) by Juan Felipe Herrera

[Zapato Power series 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

[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

[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 series](#) 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 series](#) by J. C. Cervantes

[New Kid series](#) 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 series](#) by Kwame Mbalia

[Harbor Me](#) by Jacqueline Woodson

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Grade 5

[Zombie Baseball Beatdown](#) by Paolo Bacigalupi

