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Reading Saves the Day

*The 11th Annual
Community Reading Challenge*



Spring 2014!



Dear Families,

Welcome to my Eleventh Annual Community Reading Challenge. For this year's Challenge, the theme is "Reading Saves the Day." Young readers love nothing more than a good story about heroes and heroines. These characters (mythical or real, contemporary or

historical) stay with a child well into adulthood. My own childhood hero, Senator Robert F. Kennedy, displayed an incredible passion for national and global issues, inspiring me to become a politician. I hope that in these books, young readers can find their own heroes and realize their individual potential to effect positive change in their communities and the world.

In this booklet, you will find a book list, a reading log, suggested activities and events, and tips for parents and guardians to encourage reading at home. The book list includes recommendations for Pre-K through eighth grade levels, and a list of suggested authors for advanced readers. Participants are always encouraged to check out any book that looks intriguing, regardless of reading level. Book festivals will mark the end of the Community Reading Challenge, and give you and your children an opportunity to celebrate their involvement—information about the parties can be found at the bottom of this page. The Festivals will feature guest author readings, activities, free books, prizes, and certificates for readers from the New York State Assembly.

I am kicking off my Community Reading Challenge on April 14th and the Book Festivals will run from May 8th through 14th. If you have any questions about this year's Challenge, please don't hesitate to visit any of the participating libraries or call my Community Office at (212) 866-3970.

Very truly yours,

Daniel O'Donnell
Assembly Member

Let's Get Started!

Queridas familias:

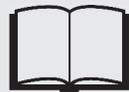
Bienvenidas a mi Undécimo Reto Anual de Lecturas de la Comunidad. El tema del reto de este año es "Leer salva el día". Para los lectores jóvenes no hay nada que les guste más que una buena historia sobre héroes y heroínas. Estos personajes (míticos o reales, contemporáneos o históricos) se quedan con un niño hasta la edad adulta. Mi propio héroe de la infancia, el senador Robert F. Kennedy, demostró una pasión increíble por los temas nacionales y globales, inspirándome a ser un político. Espero que en estos libros, los jóvenes lectores puedan encontrar sus propios héroes y darse cuenta de su potencial individual para lograr un cambio positivo en sus comunidades y el mundo.

En este folleto encontrarán una lista de libros, una página para anotar los libros leídos, actividades y eventos sugeridos, y consejos para padres y guardianes para estimular la lectura en el hogar. La lista de libros incluye recomendaciones para grados desde pre-k hasta octavo grado, y una lista de autores sugeridos para los lectores más avanzados. A los participantes se les recomienda ojear cualquier libro que les parezca interesante, independientemente del nivel de lectura. Los Festivales de Libros marcarán el final del Reto de Lecturas de la Comunidad, y les darán a ustedes y sus hijos la oportunidad para celebrar su participación—pueden encontrar información sobre las fiestas al pie de esta página. Los Festivales de Libros contarán con cuentacuentos, actividades, premios y los estudiantes recibirán un certificado de la Asamblea del Estado de Nueva York.

Iniciaré mi Reto de Lecturas de la Comunidad el 14 de abril y los Festivales de Libros se realizarán del 8 al 14 de mayo. Si tienen preguntas sobre el Reto de este año, no dejen de visitar cualquiera de las bibliotecas participantes o comuníquense con mi Oficina de la Comunidad llamando al (212) 866-3970.

Su seguro servidor,

Daniel O'Donnell
Miembro de la Asamblea



Book Festivals

May 8th
4:00-5:00 p.m.

Morningside Heights Library
2900 Broadway
212-864-2530

May 10th
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Bloomington Library
150 West 100th Street
212-222-8030

May 14th
4:00-5:00 p.m.

Columbia Secondary School
425 West 123rd Street
212-666-1278

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*Bilingüe – Inglés y Español

Suggested Reading Lists

**Also available in Spanish

**También disponible en Español

The library has many books available written in both English and Spanish, as well as books written in both at once. Bilingual books are indicated by one star, and books also available in Spanish are indicated by two stars.

La biblioteca tiene disponible muchos libros escritos en inglés y en español, y también tiene libros escritos en ambos idiomas. Los libros bilingües se demuestran con una estrella, y los libros disponibles en español se demuestran con dos estrellas.

All New Book Ideas

J PIC P

The Adventures of Sparrowboy

by Brian Pinkney

After an encounter with a sparrow, Henry finds he is able to fly just like his favorite comic book hero HawkMan.

J PIC G

Awesome Dawson

by Chris Gall

Dawson must rescue the world from his robotic creation, the Vacu-Maniac!

J 331.89 M

Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909

by Michelle Markel

An illustrated account of immigrant Clara Lemlich's pivotal role in the influential 1909 women laborer's strike.

J PIC F

The Day Louis Got Eaten

by John Fardell

When a Gulper eats Sarah's brother, Louis, she follows the trail as the Gulper is eaten by a series of other creatures until finally she has her chance to rescue Louis from them all.

J PIC C

Eliot Jones, Midnight Superhero

by Anne Cottringer

Eliot is a quiet boy by day, but that's because when it's midnight he becomes a superhero with a lot of work to do.

J-Spa PIC S

Irene, la valiente

por William Steig

Irene, la hija de una modista, desafía una tormenta de nieve para entregar un vestido nuevo a la duquesa justo a tiempo para su baile.

JB King M/J-S B King M

Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King/ Feliz cumpleaños, Martin Luther King

by Jean Marzollo**

Celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. with this fact-filled account in an easy-to-read format.

King & King

by Linda de Haan and Stern Nijland
A nontraditional fairytale about a prince in search of his one true love. The prince does fall in love at first sight—not with the princess, but with her brother, Prince Lee.

J PIC W

The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything/La viejecita que no le tenía miedo a nada

by Linda Williams**

A little old lady who is not afraid of anything must deal with a pumpkin head, a tall black hat, and other spooky objects that follow her through the dark woods trying to scare her.

J PIC B

Little Polar Bear and the Brave Little Hare

by Hans de Beer

When Lars rescues Hugo, the two become fast friends. They have wonderful fun together. Before their adventures are over, Hugo gets to show his own courage by getting Lars out of trouble.

J-Spa PIC P

El lobo ha vuelto

por Geoffroy de Pennart

El Sr. Conejo tiene miedo de ir a dormir. Ha leído en el periódico una noticia horrible. ¡El lobo ha vuelto a la ciudad! Ahora, cada vez que hay un golpe en la puerta, el Sr. Conejo tiene miedo...¿será que es el lobo?

J PIC O

New York's Bravest

by Mary Pope Osborne

Tells of the heroic deeds of the legendary New York firefighter, Mose Humphreys.

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J PIC M

Niño Wrestles the World

by Yuyi Morales

Lucha Libre champion Niño has no trouble fending off monstrous opponents, but his little sisters will truly test his skills.

J PIC J

Pennies for Elephants

by Lita Judge

Children of Boston begin a city-wide campaign to raise \$6,000 to buy the first elephants for the Franklin Park Zoo.

J PIC P

Pierre in Love

by Sara Pennypacker

Feeling “bloopy and love-swoggled” in the presence of Catherine, the elegant ballet teacher, a humble fisherman tries to muster the courage to reveal his affection for her.

J PIC F

The Princess Knight

by Cornelia Funke

Princess Violetta wants to be as big and strong as her brothers. She secretly teaches herself to become the bravest and cleverest knight in the land until she must face the king’s best knights in a jousting tournament. Will she be ready?

J 323.11 K

Rosa’s Bus

by Jo Kittinger

Bus #2857 was an ordinary bus until a passenger named Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat.

J-Spa PIC M

El sastrecillo valiente

por Pepe Maestro

Un sastrecillo mata siete moscas de un solo golpe, y después de tal hazaña sale a que todo el mundo lo sepa. Tendrá que enfrentarse a una serie de retos con seres de todo tipo: gigantes, un jabalí, un unicornio. El protagonista superará esos retos con su astucia, y no con su fuerza.

J PIC T

The Seven Chinese Sisters

by Kathy Tucker

When a dragon snatches the youngest of seven talented Chinese sisters, the other six come to her rescue.

JPIC B

Superdog: The Heart of a Hero

by Caralyn Buehner

Tired of being overlooked because he is so small, Dexter, a big-hearted dog with big dreams transforms himself into a superhero.

J PIC A

Super Duck

by Jez Alborough

A duck in a superhero costume wants so much to be a hero and save the day for his friends...will he succeed?

J 398.2 S

Tasty baby belly buttons: a

Japanese folktale

by Judy Sierra

Urikohime, a girl born from a melon, battles the monstrous oni, who steal babies to eat their tasty belly buttons.

J B Pitcher R

They Called Her Molly Pitcher

by Anne Rockwell

The true story of Molly Hays, who joined her husband in General Washington’s army during the American Revolution. Molly risked her life bringing water to the soldiers and even fighting alongside them.

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J PIC B

Little devils

by Robert J. Blake

When their mother fails to return one night, three Tasmanian Devil cubs venture out of their den in search of food and manage to save their mother from a trap.

J B Lincoln R

Abe's Honest Words:

The life of Abraham Lincoln

by Doreen Rappaport

An introduction to the life and career of America's 16th president.

J B Keller H

Annie and Helen

by Deborah Hopkinson

The story of Helen Keller and the relationship between Helen and her teacher, Annie Sullivan.

J B Reeves N

Bad News for Outlaws:

The Remarkable Life of Bass

Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshall

by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson

Formerly enslaved in the 19th century, Bass Reeves escaped Texas and lived with Indians. It was in Indian Territory that he gained the skills he most needed when he became a lawman, known for his talent and integrity.

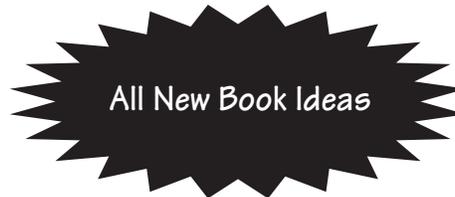
J PIC T

Captain America Joins the

Mighty Avengers

by Rich Thomas

When a particularly dangerous Great War mission goes wrong, proud fighter Captain America is frozen in ice and rediscovered



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decades later by the Mighty Avengers, who revive and invite him to join their effort to defend the planet.

J 201.3

Encyclopedia Mythologica: Gods and Heroes Pop-Up

by Matthew Reinhart and Robert Sabuda
Showcases gods and heroes from around the world, including the gods of ancient Egypt, Greek gods and mortal heroes, Norse gods and goddesses, Asian and Polynesian gods, and the "Great Spirits of the New World."

J B Cousteau Y

The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau

by Dan Yaccarino

This exciting picture book biography introduces young readers to Jacques Cousteau, the world's ambassador to the oceans.

J 201.3 R

Harley

by Star Livingstone

Harley is a loner who just can't seem to get along with the other llamas. But a shepherd who needs to protect his flock from coyotes sees something else in Harley. Harley not only befriends the sheep, he becomes a lovable animal hero in this captivating book.

J B Aaron T

Henry Aaron's Dream

by Matt Tavares

Tale of a kid from the segregated South who would become baseball's home-run king.

J B Franklin S

How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning

by Rosalyn Schanzer

Focuses on Benjamin Franklin's role as an inventor of whimsical gadgets and practical contraptions, with an emphasis on his experiment of flying a kite during a rainstorm.

J E R

Justice League:

Meet the Justice League

by Lucy Rosen

The alien conqueror Starro has returned to enslave planet Earth. Can the Justice League stop the evil starfish before it's too late?

J E C

Minnie and Moo and the Musk of Zorro

by Denys Cazet

Cows Minnie and Moo masquerade as the hero Zorro in order to protect the barnyard, but the results are not quite what they intended.

J 323.09 P

Let It Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters

by Andrea Davis Pinkney

Brief sketches of the lives of both well (e.g. Harriet Tubman) and lesser known African American women (e.g. Biddy Mason) and their impact on civil rights.



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J PIC W

***The Librarian of Basra:
A True Story from Iraq***

by Jeannette Winter

An incredibly brave and determined librarian worked quickly and creatively to protect the books in Basra's Central Library from the destruction caused by the bombing.

J 179 O

Of Thee I Sing:

A Letter to My Daughters

by Barack Obama

In this tender, beautiful letter to his daughters, President Barack Obama has written a moving tribute to thirteen ground-breaking Americans and the ideals that have shaped our nation. From the artistry of Georgia O'Keeffe, to the courage of Jackie Robinson, the President sees the traits of these heroes within his own children, and within all of America's children.

J PIC S

The Patchwork Path: A Quilt Map to Freedom

by Bettye Stroud

Now that Hannah's papa has decided to make the run for freedom, her patchwork quilt is not just a precious memento of Mama — it's a series of hidden clues that will guide them along the Underground Railroad to Canada.



All New Book Ideas

J-Spa B Maathai N

Plantando los árboles de Kenia: la historia de Wangari Maathai

por Claire Nivola

Cuando Wangari Maathai regresó a su casa en Kenia después de terminar la universidad, encontró los arroyos secos, las personas desnutridas y los árboles muertos. ¿Cómo podría ella sola traer de vuelta a los árboles, y restaurar los jardines y las personas?

J-Spa PIC F

¿Te da miedo la oscuridad?

por Jonathan Farr

Flip y Charly tienen miedo de los ruidos que se oyen en la noche. Los monstruos debajo de la cama, y dentro del armario y el fantasma en las escaleras también tienen miedo. Se unen y juntos investigan el origen de los ruidos.

J B Parks

Rosa

by Nikki Giovanni

A biography in picture book of the Alabama Black woman whose refusal to give up her seat on a bus helped establish the civil rights movement.

J PIC R

Superhero School

by Aaron Reynolds

When Leonard starts attending Superhero School he is disappointed to find that all they learn is math. But when the ice zombies strike, Leonard and his classmates put their newly acquired knowledge to good use.

J FIC M

The Truth of Me

by Patricia MacLachlan

Robbie spends the summer at his grandmother Maddy's house, where he learns the true story of his emotionally distant parents. With this knowledge, Robbie finds the courage to try to make things right.

J B Douglass C

Words Set Me Free: The Story of Young Frederick Douglass

by Lesa Cline-Ransome

The inspiring story of young Frederick Douglass' path to freedom through reading.

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J YR FIC L

Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things

by Lenore Look

A young boy in Concord, Massachusetts, who loves superheroes and comes from a long line of brave Chinese farmer-warriors, wants to make friends, but first he must overcome his fear of everything.

J B Montezuma C

A Boy Named Beckoning: The True Story of Dr. Carlos Montezuma, Native American Hero

by Gina Capaldi

The life of a Native American boy named Wassaja, who was kidnapped from his tribe and sold as a slave. Adopted and renamed Carlos Montezuma, the young boy traveled throughout the Old West, bearing witness to the poor treatment of Native Americans. Carlos eventually became a doctor and leader for his people.

J FIC B

Caddie Woodlawn

by Carol Ryrie Brink

Chronicles the adventures of eleven-year-old Caddie growing up with her six brothers and sisters on the Wisconsin frontier in the mid-nineteenth century.

J-Spa FIC S

Érase una vez Don Quijote

por Agustín Sánchez Aguilar

Don Quijote y Sancho Panza salen en busca de aventuras.

398.0899 B

The Girl Who Helped Thunder and Other Native American Folktales

by James Bruchac and Joseph Bruchac

Engaging, inspirational, and entertaining



legends from Native American peoples across the U.S. Stories range from creation myths to animal fables to stirring accounts of bravery and sacrifice.

J YR FIC M

How Oliver Olson Changed the World

by Claudia Mills

Afraid he will always be an outsider like ex-planet Pluto, nine-year-old Oliver finally shows his extremely overprotective parents that he is capable of doing great things without their help while his class is studying the solar system.

J 636.73 M

The Incredible Life of Balto

by Meghan McCarthy

A dog saves the people of Nome, Alaska in 1925 when a sled team was the only way to fetch essential diphtheria serum during a blizzard.

J YR FIC S

It's All Greek to Me

by Jon Scieszka

In this installment of friends known as the Time Warp Trio, Joe, Fred, and Sam meet key figures from ancient Greek mythology when they're transported back to Mount Olympus. It all started during a school play about ancient Greece...

J YR FIC R

Iva Honeysuckle Discovers the World

by Candice Ransom

Eight-year-old Iva is determined to make her first great discovery this summer—the treasure buried in her small town of Uncertain, Virginia, which her great-grandfather sought for years—if only she can keep her pesky cousin Heaven from interfering.

J YR FIC C

Julian, Secret Agent

by Ann Cameron

When Julian, his little brother Huey, and their friend Gloria decide to be “crime busters,” they find themselves in one adventure after another.

J GRAPHIC GN FIC K

Lunch Lady and the Mutant Mathletes

by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

For having skipped the school field trip, Dee, Hector, and Terrence must join the mathletes team but as they are poised to beat the undefeated champions, secret crime fighter Lunch Lady discovers something strange about the opposing team.

J GRAPHIC GN FIC M

Magic Pickle (series)

by Scott Morse

Read about the adventures of a cryogenic pickle that emerges with superhero skills through the bedroom floor of Jo Jo Wigman.

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J FIC P

Meet the Marvel Super Heroes

by Scott Peterson

Background on the famous male and female superheroes of Marvel Comics.

J YR FIC T

Melvin Beederman Superhero (series)

by Greg Trine

Meet Melvin Beederman. He's a pretty good superhero, even though it always takes him five or six tries to get launched and flying. His weakness (every superhero has one) is bologna, which makes it hard to go into a deli. Still, Melvin manages to keep the city of Los Angeles free of nasty villains—once he's airborne.

J 398.2 S

The Mighty 12: Superheroes of Greek Myth

by Charles R. Smith

The stories of a dozen ancient Greek gods and goddesses that are the stuff of contemporary superheroes.

J PIC S

Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman

by Alan Schroeder

Young Harriet Tubman, whose childhood name was Minty, dreams of escaping slavery on the Brodas plantation in the late 1820s.



J 398.22 Y

Not One Damsel in Distress: World Folktales for Strong Girls

by Jane Yolen

A collection of thirteen traditional tales from various parts of the world, with the main character of each being a fearless, strong, heroic, and resourceful woman.

J FIC C

Powerless

by Matthew Cody

Soon after moving to Noble's Green, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Daniel learns that his new friends have super powers that they will lose when they turn thirteen, unless he can use his brain power to protect them.

★ *Come to the Bloomingdale Library Book Festival (05/10/14) to see Matthew Cody and receive a free copy of his book!!*

J FIC C

Super

by Matthew Cody

In the sequel to *Powerless*, Daniel is suddenly starting to display powers, while at the same time his friends are losing theirs. Is Daniel just a late-bloomer? Or is there something more sinister at work, since his power-stealing ability is uncomfortably like the Shroud's?

J FIC C

Sylvia & Aki

by Winifred Conkling

At the start of World War II, Japanese-American third-grader Aki and her family are sent to an internment camp in Poston, Arizona, while Mexican-American third-grader Sylvia's family leases their Orange County, California, farm and begins a fight to stop school segregation.

J 973.44 K

Those Rebels, John and Tom

by Barbara Kerley

A dual portrait of two American founding fathers shares introductions to the many ways they helped a young United States in spite of their disparate views, tracing how they overcame interpersonal differences at key points in the nation's early history.

J-Spa FIC D

El coraje de Sarah Noble

por Alice Dalgliesh

Una niña de ocho años encuentra el coraje para ir con su padre a construir una nueva casa en los campos de Connecticut y quedarse con los nativos americanos mientras su padre va en busca del resto de la familia.

J B Disney H

Walt Disney, Young Movie Maker (Childhood of famous Americans series)

by Marie Hammontree

A biography concentrating on the boyhood of the cartoonist and film maker who created Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck.

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J FIC F

A Girl Named Disaster

by Nancy Farmer

While fleeing from Mozambique to Zimbabwe to escape an unwanted marriage, Nhamo, an eleven-year-old Shona girl, struggles to escape drowning and starvation and in so doing comes close to the luminous world of the African spirits.

J FIC K

A Million Shades of Gray

by Cynthia Kadohata

In 1975 after American troops pull out of Vietnam, a thirteen-year-old boy and his beloved elephant escape into the jungle when the Viet Cong attack his village.

J 910.92

A Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance

by Jennifer Armstrong

Describes the events of the 1914 Shackleton Antarctic expedition when, after being trapped in a frozen sea for nine months, their ship, *Endurance*, was finally crushed, forcing Shackleton and his men to make a very long and perilous journey across ice and stormy seas to reach inhabited land.

J-S FIC S

Call It Courage/Esto es coraje

by Armstrong Sperry**

Based on a Polynesian legend, this is the story of a youth who overcomes his fear of the sea and proves his courage to himself and his tribe.



J FIC G

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library

by Chris Grabenstein

Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous game-maker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.

J FIC T

The Expeditioners

by S.S. Taylor

Computers have failed, electricity is extinct, and the race to discover new lands is underway! After brilliant explorer Alexander West mysteriously dies, it is up to his kids—Kit, M. K., and Zander, to decipher a map he has left behind.

J FIC M

Fablehaven

by Brandon Mull

When Kendra and Seth go to stay at their grandparents' estate, they discover that it is a sanctuary for magical creatures and that a battle between good and evil is looming.

J FIC V

The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making

by Catherynne M. Valente

Twelve-year-old September's ordinary life in Omaha turns to adventure when a Green

Wind takes her to Fairyland to retrieve a talisman the new and fickle Marquess wants from the enchanted woods.

J 609.22 T

Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women

by Catherine Thimmesh

The story of female inventors and how the challenges of daily life inspired their creations.

J FIC C

Gregor The Overlander!

Gregor: las tierras bajas (series)

by Suzanne Collins**

When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

J-Spa FIC R

Harry Potter y la piedra filosofal

por J.K. Rowling

Harry Potter piensa que él es un chico normal hasta que es rescatado por un búho. Al ingresar a la Escuela Hogwarts de Magia y Hechicería, aprende a jugar el Quidditch y lo hace en un duelo mortal. La razón: Harry Potter es un mago.

J FIC L

Hero

by Mike Lupica

Fourteen-year-old Zach learns he has the same special abilities as his father, who was the President's globe-trotting troubleshooter until "the Bads" killed him, and now Zach must decide whether to use his powers in the same way at the risk of his own life.

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J FIC H

The Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom

by Christopher Healy

The four princes erroneously dubbed Prince Charming and rudely marginalized in their respective fairy tales form an unlikely team when a witch threatens the whole kingdom.

J-Spa B Juana Inés L

Juana Inés

por Georgina Lázaro León

Un poema biográfico sobre la infancia de la poeta y monja, Juana Inés de la Cruz.

J FIC S

Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy

by Gary D. Schmidt

In 1911, Turner Buckminster hates his new home of Phippsburg, Maine, but things improve when he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin, a girl from a poor, nearby island community founded by former slaves that the town fathers—and Turner's—want to change into a tourist spot.

J B Tubman W

Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom

by Carole Boston Weatherford

Depicts the bravery of Harriet Tubman, who escaped slavery on a Maryland plantation only to return again and again to help other slaves escape.



J FIC G

My Mixed-Up Berry Blue Summer

by Jennifer Gennari

Twelve-year old June Farrell, who has two moms, stands up for her family when an anti-gay movement threatens her family's security and their business.

J FIC S

The Mysterious Benedict Society

by Trenton Lee Stewart

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened.

J-Spa B Neruda L

Pablo

por Georgina Lázaro León

Explora la vida del famoso poeta chileno Pablo Neruda, incluyendo su infancia en Chile, su poesía, y las causas políticas por las que luchó.

J-Spa B Brindis de R

El rey de las octavas

por Emma Romeu

Relata las experiencias de Claudio José Domingo Brindis de Salas, un prodigio del violín cubano que superó los prejuicios raciales y se convirtió en un músico reconocido mundialmente.

J FIC F

Shadow Spinner

by Susan Fletcher

When Marjan, a thirteen-year-old crippled girl, joins the Sultan's harem in ancient Persia, she gathers for Shahrazad the stories which will save the queen's life.

JB Coleman G

Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman

by Nikki Grimes

A biography of the first licensed female African American pilot.

J FIC G

Unstoppable

by Tim Green

Harrison, a foster kid, dreams of being in the NFL. On the field, he's practically unstoppable. But when a routine sports injury leads to a devastating diagnosis, it will take every ounce of Harrison's determination not to give up for good.

J FIC S

Wringer

by Jerry Spinelli

As Palmer comes of age, he must either accept the violence of being a wringer at his town's annual Pigeon Day or find the courage to oppose it.

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In keeping with our theme, some suggested books for older readers feature challenging and intense emotional content. I hope these books will prompt discussion, but if you are concerned, please discuss book choices with your family.

De acuerdo con nuestro tema, algunos de los libros sugeridos para lectores mayores presentan contenido desafiante y emotivo. Espero que estos libros promuevan conversaciones, pero si te preocupa, por favor habla de tus elecciones con tu familia.

FIC H

A Thousand Splendid Suns

by Khaled Hosseini

Two women born a generation apart witness the destruction of their home and family in war-torn Kabul, losses incurred over the course of thirty years that test the limits of their strength and courage.

FIC E

Angelfall by Susan Ee

After the angels of the apocalypse demolished the modern world and abducted a helpless little girl, her seventeen-year-old sister Penryn will do anything to get her back. Anything, including making a deal with Raffae, an injured enemy angel and journeying toward the angels' stronghold in San Francisco.

FIC M

Ashfall by Mike Mullin

After a super volcano erupts, blackening the sky, disabling the power and water lines and covering the continent in ash, Alex goes on a harrowing journey to find his family.

J FIC A/Spa FIC A

Before We Were Free/Antes de ser libres by Julia Alvarez**

In the early 1960s in the Dominican Republic, twelve-year-old Anita learns that her family is involved in the underground movement to end the bloody rule of the dictator, General Trujillo.

J B Leyson L

The Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible...on Schindler's List

by Leon Leyson

The story of Leon Leyson (born Leib Lezjon) who was able to survive the sadism of the Nazis, through the generosity and cunning of one man, Oskar Schindler.

J FIC B

The Boy Who Dared: A Novel Based on the True Story of a Hitler Youth

by Susan Campbell Bartoletti

In October, 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hübener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people.

FIC B

The Coldest Girl in Coldtown

by Holly Black

When seventeen-year-old Tana wakes up following a party in the aftermath of a violent vampire attack, she travels to Coldtown, a quarantined Massachusetts city full of vampires, with her ex-boyfriend and a mysterious vampire boy in tow.

FIC G

The Difference Between You and Me

by Madeleine George

School outsider Jesse, a lesbian, is having secret trysts with Emily, the popular student council vice president. When they find themselves on opposite sides of a major issue, they are forced to make a difficult decision.

FIC R

Divergent by Veronica Roth

In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all.

J-Spa FIC M

El domador de monstruos

por Ana María Machado

Sergio es un niño que a veces tiene miedo y otras veces es valiente. Una noche, antes de dormirse, se quedó mirando las figuras que formaban las sombras de los árboles en la pared de su cuarto. Se asustó mucho y, después de bastantes peripecias, encontró a un monstruo que en vez de miedo le causó gracia.

J FIC C/J-Spa FIC C

Elijah of Buxton/Elias de Buxton

by Christopher Paul Curtis**

When a former slave steals money from Elijah's friend, free-Black Elijah embarks on a dangerous journey to America in pursuit of the thief, and discovers firsthand the horrors of the life his parents fled—a life from which he'll always be free, if he can find the courage to get back home.

J FIC S

Enola Holmes Mysteries

by Nancy Springer

Enola Holmes is the fourteen-year-old sister of Sherlock Holmes. Follow her as she solves some mysteries of her own.

FIC H

The Foretelling by Alice Hoffman

A coming-of-age story that pierces the soul and heals the spirit, this is the tale of the future leader of the Amazon women warriors. Rain must hold fast to her inner warrior, but she is startled and mystified by the first stirrings of mercy towards the enemy.

FIC H

Girl, Stolen by April Henry

When an impulsive carjacking turns into a kidnapping, Griffin, a high school dropout, finds himself more in sympathy with his

*Bilingual – English and Spanish

*Bilingüe – Inglés y Español

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Suggested Reading Lists (continued)

wealthy, blind victim, sixteen-year-old Cheyenne, than with his greedy father.

J FIC L

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

FIC M

Hero by Perry Moore

Thom Creed, the gay son of a disowned superhero, finds that he, too, has special powers and is asked to join the very League that rejected his father, and it is there that Thom finds other misfits whom he can finally trust.

B Yousafza Y

I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban by Malala Yousafzai

When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. This is the story of Malala Yousafzai who, at sixteen, has become a global symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest nominee ever for the Nobel Peace Prize.

J B Li

Mao's Last Dancer by Li Cunxin

Chosen from millions of children to serve in Mao's Cultural Revolution by studying at the Beijing Dance Academy, Li knew ballet would be his family's best opportunity to escape the bitter poverty in his rural Chinese home.

From one hardship to another, Li persevered, never forgetting the family he left behind.

FIC D

Mare's War by Tanita S. Davis

Teens Octavia and Tali learn about strength, independence, and courage when they are forced to take a car trip with their grandmother, who tells about growing up Black in 1940s Alabama and serving in Europe during World War II as a member of the Women's Army Corps.

FIC M

Never Fall Down: A Novel

by Patricia McCormick
Cambodian child soldier Arn Chorn-Pond defied the odds and used all of his courage and wits to survive the murderous regime of the Khmer Rouge.

J FIC R

Ninth Ward by Jewell Parker Rhodes

In New Orleans' Ninth Ward, twelve-year-old Lanessa, who can see spirits, and her adopted grandmother have no choice but to stay and weather the storm as Hurricane Katrina bears down upon them.

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The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery by Steve Sheinkin

Most people know that Benedict Arnold was America's first, most notorious traitor. Few know that he was also one of its greatest war heroes. Come read about the real Arnold: reckless, heroic, and driven.

J FIC A

One-Handed Catch by MJ Auch

After losing his hand in an accident in his father's butcher shop in 1946, sixth-grader Norman uses hard work and humor to learn to live with his disability and to succeed at baseball, art, and other activities.

J FIC B

Tangerine by Edward Bloor

Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness.

FIC L

Two Boys Kissing by David Leviathan

Harry and Craig, two 17-year-olds are attempting to set a new Guinness World Record for kissing. While the two are locking lips, they become a focal point in the lives of other teen boys dealing with relationships, coming out, navigating gender identity, and falling deeper into the digital rabbit hole of gay hookup sites.

FIC M

Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your A-- by Meg Medina

One morning before school, some girl tells Piddy Sanchez that Yaqui Delgado hates her and wants to kick her a--. Piddy doesn't even know who Yaqui is, but Yaqui thinks Piddy is stuck-up, and isn't Latin enough with her white skin, good grades, and no accent. Is there any way for Piddy to survive without closing herself off or running away?

Suggested Authors for... Advanced Readers

José María Arguedas**

Coe Booth

Alfredo Bryce Echenique**

Ralph Ellison**

F. Scott Fitzgerald**

Lev Grossman**

Ernest Hemingway**

Gabriel Garcia Marquez**

Frank McCourt

Toni Morrison**

Haruki Murakami

Iris Murdoch

George Orwell**

James Rollins

J.D. Salinger**

Zadie Smith**

Amy Tan

Ned Vizzini

David Foster Wallace**



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Draw a picture, take a photo, write about your life...

Draw an idea, event, character, or action from a book you read.

Take a photo or draw a picture of yourself in a setting from your favorite book or depicting experiences you had similar to those of your favorite character.

Write about your favorite book, scene, or character, or tell us about an experience you had that relates to the Challenge theme of "Reading Saves the Day."



Talk to your friends and family...

Have a conversation about a character, idea, or setting from a book you read.

Many of the suggested books discuss a problem or hardship the characters faced. How would you behave in their place?

Write down ideas you have or decisions you make based on your conversations.



Take action...

Sign up to do volunteer projects with your family at www.newyorkcares.org.

Find resources to be involved in/lead your own local, national or global service program at <http://www.generationon.org/kids>.

After completing your project, turn it in at your local library or at Assembly Member O'Donnell's Community Office (245 W. 104th Street). With your permission, we'll post it on the web!

What book will you read next?

Haz un dibujo, toma una foto, escribe sobre tu vida...

Dibuja una idea, evento, personaje o acción de uno de los libros que hayas leído.

Toma una foto o haz un dibujo de ti mismo(a) en un escenario de tu libro favorito, o crea una representación de experiencias que hayas tenido similares a las de tu personaje favorito.

Escribe sobre tu libro, escena o personaje favorito, o cuéntanos de alguna experiencia que hayas tenido relacionada al tema del Reto de este año "Leer salva el día".

Habla con tus amigos y familiares...

Conversen sobre un personaje, idea o escenario de alguno de los libros que hayas leído.

Muchos de los libros sugeridos discuten algún problema o dificultad enfrentada por los personajes. ¿Cómo te hubieses comportado si estuvieses en su lugar?

Escribe ideas que tengas o decisiones que tomas basado en tus conversaciones.

Toma acción...

Inscríbete para realizar trabajo voluntario con tu familia en www.newyorkcares.org.

Encuentra recursos en los que te puedas involucrar/ lidera tu propio programa de servicio local, nacional o global en <http://www.generationon.org/kids>.

Después de completar tu proyecto, entrégalo en tu biblioteca local o llévalo personalmente a la oficina de la comunidad del asambleísta O'Donnell (localizada en el 245 W. 104th Street). ¡Con tu autorización, publicaremos tu proyecto en nuestra página Web!

¿Cuál será tu próximo libro?

Tips for helping children develop a life-long love of reading:

Excerpted from various lists on the Reading Is Fundamental website.

- 1) Begin reading to your children as soon as they can sit up in your lap and continue reading to and with them even after they enter school;
- 2) Books with bright, attractive pictures with only a few words as well as nursery rhyme and song books are most appropriate for babies and toddlers;
- 3) Board books, which are made for little hands to hold and are almost indestructible, are suitable for babies and toddlers. The New York Public Library has a collection of board books to read with your child;
- 4) Attend toddler and preschool programs at your local branch library that include reading and singing;
- 5) Set aside a regular time for reading with your children every day. Twenty minutes before bed time is a good practice but the important thing is that reading becomes a daily, joyful experience;
- 6) Give your children books as gifts;
- 7) Have your children choose their own books as soon as they start to show an interest in one type of book or author;
- 8) Encourage your children to get their own library cards;
- 9) Try a book swap. Ask friends, family, and teachers what books their children have enjoyed;
- 10) Encourage your child to create bookmarks to include with a gift book or to mark the place in your own book where you leave off during read-aloud time;
- 11) Incorporate reading with your children into daily activities such as reading recipes while you cook/bake or reading instructions together;
- 12) See a play, a movie or visit a location based on a book that your child has read;
- 13) Model good reading behavior and let your child see you reading for pleasure;
- 14) Have fun! Show your children the joy of reading and how it can open up a brand new world!

Consejos para ayudar a los niños a desarrollar amor por la lectura:

Extractos literarios sacados de varias listas encontradas en el sitio Web Reading Is Fundamental.

- 1) Empezar a leerles a sus hijos tan pronto se puedan sentar en sus faldas y continúen leyendo con ellos después de que empiecen la escuela;
- 2) Los libros con dibujos llamativos con pocas palabras y los libros de canciones infantiles son los más apropiados para los bebés y los niños más pequeños;
- 3) Los libros para niños, contruidos de material de cartón, que están hechos para manos pequeñas, son prácticamente indestructibles, y son apropiados para bebés y niños pequeños. La Biblioteca Pública de Nueva York cuenta con una colección de estos libros infantiles que ustedes pueden leer con sus hijos;
- 4) Asistan a programas para niños pequeños y de edad preescolar en su biblioteca local que incluyan actividades para leer y cantar;
- 5) Destinen una hora del día para leer con sus hijos. Veinte minutos antes de dormir es una buena práctica pero lo más importante es que la lectura se convierta en una experiencia diaria y divertida;
- 6) Obséquienles libros a sus hijos como regalos;
- 7) Permitan que sus hijos escojan sus propios libros tan pronto empiecen a demostrar un interés en algún tipo de libro o autor;
- 8) Animen a sus hijos a que obtengan sus propias tarjetas de la biblioteca;
- 9) Traten de hacer un intercambio de libros. Pregúntenles a sus amigos, familiares y maestros cuáles libros han disfrutado;
- 10) Estimulen a sus hijos a crear marcadores de páginas para obsequiarlos junto con algún libro o para marcar el lugar por donde van leyendo en sus propios libros;
- 11) Incorporen la lectura en actividades diarias con sus hijos, como leer las recetas de cocina mientras preparan la cena u hornean, o al leer instrucciones juntos;
- 12) Vean una obra de teatro, una película o visiten algún lugar mencionado en uno de los libros que sus hijos hayan leído;
- 13) Sean un buen ejemplo para sus hijos demostrándoles que ustedes leen porque disfrutan de la lectura;
- 14) ¡Diviértanse! Demuéstrenles a sus hijos lo entretenido que es la lectura y cómo puede abrirles las puertas a un mundo nuevo.



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