

# Merryhill Midtown Summer Reading Challenge 2018



*"Leaders are Readers!"*

## **Step 1: Read**

Recommended book lists are provided for each grade level.

## **Step 2: Reflect**

After reading, think about the characters from each book. Which characters are leaders and why?

## **Step 3: Write**

Answer your grade level question task focused on the theme of leadership.

## **Step 4: Reward**

Turn in your summer reading packet including a list of books read and completed writing tasks to the library during the first week of school and get a summer reading reward!

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## K-2 Challenge

**Choose 5 of the books below to read to yourself or with a parent and record the title of each book read. After reading, think about the characters from each book. Which characters are good leaders and why? Choose 3 characters and write at least 3 sentences about each describing how the character is a leader.**

**Ava the Monster Slayer**  
**by Lisa Maggiore**

ISBN: 1634509129

And when her beloved Piggy is left in the dryer in the basement, Ava knows she'll have to face the ferocious monsters lurking in the dark if she wants to rescue her favorite stuffed animal.

**The Inventor's Secret: What Thomas Edison Told Henry Ford**  
**by Suzanne Slade**

ISBN: 1580896677

What was Thomas's secret? Henry Ford traveled to find out.

**Thunder Boy Jr.**  
**by Sherman Alexie**

ISBN: 0316013722

Thunder Boy Jr. wants a normal name...one that's all his own. Dad is known as Big Thunder, but Little Thunder doesn't want to share a name.

**My Life in Pictures**  
**by Deborah Zemke**

ISBN 0147513120

Bea Garcia draws everything all the time - she's an artist! But then her first and only best friend, Yvonne, moves to Australia.

**Paperboy**  
**by Dav Pilkey**

ISBN: 545871860

The brightly colored picture book describes the routine of a paperboy.

**Tar Beach: 25th Anniversary Edition**

**by Faith Ringgold**

ISBN: 517580301

Cassie flies above her apartment building looking down at 1939 Harlem

**Where are You Going, Baby Lincoln?**

**by Kate DiCamillo,**

ISBN: 763673116

A small-town baby takes a train trip by herself.

**Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea**  
**by Ben Clanton**

ISBN: 1101918265

Narwhal is a happy-go-lucky narwhal. Jelly is a no-nonsense jellyfish.

**March of the Mini Beasts**  
**by Ada Hopper**

ISBN: 1481457284

Gabe, Laura, and Cesar live on a quiet cul-de-sac. They are the whiz kids of Newtonburg Elementary and each specializes in their own subject.

**There's a Bear on my Chair**  
**by Ross Collins**

ISBN: 0857633941

Poor Mouse! A bear has settled in his favorite chair, and that chair just isn't big enough for two. Mouse tries all kinds of tactics to move pesky Bear, but nothing works.

**The Rooster Who Would not be Quiet**  
**by Carmen Deedy**

ISBN: 0545722888

A night at the Big Fair is all fun and games until Phillip gets sleepy, heads home, and forgets Brock!

**Woodpecker Wants a Waffle**  
**by Steve Breen**

ISBN: 0062342576

One-day Benny the woodpecker awakens to the best tummy-rumbling smell ever and discovers it's something called waffles.

**Hank's Big Day: The Story of a Bug**  
**By Evan Kuhlman**

ISBN: 0553511505

Hank's going on a playdate with his best friend: a human girl named Amelia!

**Little Elliot, Big Fun**  
**by Mike Curato**

ISBN: 0805098273

A big amusement park brings more fear than fun until a mouse friend helps Little Elliot find the rides that are just for him.

**What Do You Do with a Problem?**

**by Kobi Yamada**

ISBN: 1943200009

A child experiences an unexpected problem, worrying and wrestling it through until he realizes it's not really a problem.

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**(K-2 book list continued)**

**Duck, Duck, Dinosaur**

**by Kallie George**

ISBN: 0062353085

Just when the game was getting to be fun, in came trouble—in this twist on the child's game.

**Surf's Up**

**by Kwame Alexander**

ISBN:0735842205

Frog friends Bro and Dude hilariously debate whether surfing or reading is a better way to spend time at the beach.

**Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's  
Courage Changed Music**

**by Margarita Engle**

ISBN: 0544102293

Based on the childhood of Millo Castro Zaldarriaga, one of Cuba's first female drummers, this picture-book biography inspires us all to follow our dreams.

**Waiting for High Tide**

**by Nikki McClure**

ISBN: 1419716560

While the tide is out, a young boy and his family find treasures of all kinds in the muddy shoreline; stunning cut-paper illustrations make this a visual treat.

**Get a Hit, Mo!**

**by David A. Adler**

ISBN: 0670016327

Mo is used to striking out, but when the bases are loaded, he may just finally hit a home run.

**Lemonade for Sale**

**by Staurt Murphy**

ISBN: 0064467155

Four kids and their sidekick, Petey the Parrot, run a lemonade stand whose patrons include all kinds of wacky neighbors—even a juggler.

**We Are Growing!**

**by Mo Willems and Laurie Keller**

ISBN: 1484726358

Walt and his friends are growing up fast! Everyone is the something-est. Walt is not the tallest, or the curliest, or the silliest. As a BIG surprise inches closer, Walt discovers something special of his own!

**Missing: One Stuffed Rabbit**

**by Maryann Cocca-Leffler**

ISBN:0807551619

Janine is the lucky winner in the drawing in Mrs. Robin's second grade class and gets to take Coco, a stuffed toy rabbit, home with her for the weekend.

**I Want My Hat Back**

**by John Klaassen**

ISBN 1406336832

Mr. Bear wants his hat back. Will he find it?

**Man on the Moon**

**by Anastasia Suen**

ISBN: 0140565981

It was 1969 and no one had ever set foot on the moon. Some said it couldn't be done.

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## 3-5 Challenge

Read between 3-5 books from the list below or 3-5 books of your choosing and record the title of each book read. After reading, consider the characters from each book. Which characters are good leaders and why? How do the characters embody what it means to be FIERCE? Choose at least 2 characters and write a paragraph for each character answering these questions.

**Big Nate: In a Class by Himself**  
by Lincoln Peirce

ISBN: 0061944345

Nate knows he's meant for big things. REALLY big things. But things don't always go your way just because you're awesome.

**Clementine**  
by Sara Pennypacker

ISBN: 0786838833

Clementine is having not so good of a week.

**The Birchbark House**  
by Louise Erdrich

ISBN: 0786814543

The story takes place over the course of a year, as Omakayas develops a greater understanding of life, herself, and her place within her society

**Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life**

by Rachel Renee Russell

ISBN: 1442407743

Meet Nikki Maxwell! She's starting eighth grade at a new school—and her very first diary packed with hilarious stories and art

**Bud, Not Buddy**  
by Christopher Paul Curtis

ISBN: 0440413281

The story of ten year old Bud, an orphan during the Great Depression.

**The Invention of Hugo Cabret**  
by Brian Selznick

ISBN: 0439813786

Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity.

**The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy**

by Jeanne Birdsall

ISBN: 0440420477

This summer the Penderwick sisters have a wonderful surprise: a holiday on the grounds of a beautiful estate called Arundel.

**Savvy**  
by Ingrid Law

ISBN: 0142414336

Thirteen is when a Beaumont's savvy hits—and with one brother who causes hurricanes and another who creates electricity, Mibs Beaumont is eager to see what she gets.

**Sidekicks**  
by Dan Santat

ISBN: 0439298199

Captain Amazing, superhero and savior of Metro City, is getting old. He needs - a SIDEKICK!

**The Cricket in Times Square**  
by George Seldes

ISBN: 0312380038

Tucker is a streetwise city mouse. He thought he'd seen it all. But he's never met a cricket before.

**The Ear, the Eye and the Arm**  
by Nancy Farmer

ISBN 0545356619

The year is 2174. The place is Zimbabwe, Africa. Three adventurous children escape their parents' heavily guarded mansion to explore the dangerous world outside.

**James and the Giant Peach**  
by Roald Dahl

ISBN: 0140374248

How James escapes his miserable life with the horrible aunts and becomes a hero is a Dahlicious fantasy of the highest order.

**Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh**  
by Robert C. O'Brien

ISBN: 0689710682

Some extraordinary rats come to the aid of a mouse family.

**The Secret Garden**  
by Frances Burnett

ISBN: 0451528832

When orphaned Mary Lennox comes to live at her uncle's great house on the Yorkshire Moors, she finds it full of secrets.

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**(3-5 book list continued)**

**Kampung Boy  
by Lat**

ISBN: 1596431210

Lat recounts the life of Mat, a Muslim boy growing up in rural Malaysia in the 1950s.

**The Maze of Bones (39 Clues, No. 1)  
by Rick Riordan**

ISBN: 0545060397

Now the clues race is on, and young Amy and Dan must decide what's important.

**Meanwhile: Pick Any Path. 3,856 Story Possibilities**

**by Jason Shiga**

ISBN: 0810984237

Chocolate or Vanilla? This simple choice is all it takes to get started with Meanwhile.

**The Mysterious Benedict Society  
by Trenton Lee Stewart**

ISBN: 0316003956

"Are you a gifted child looking for special opportunities?"

**No Talking  
by Andrew Clements**

ISBN: 1416909842

The fifth-grade girls and the fifth-grade boys at Laketon Elementary don't get along very well.

**The One and Only Ivan  
by Katherine A. Applegate**

ISBN: 0061992275

Inspired by a true story of the captive gorilla Ivan.

**The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by  
Tom Angleberger**

ISBN: 1419715178

Not so long ago, in a middle school not so far away, a sixth grader named Dwight folded an origami finger puppet of Yoda.

**To Dance: A Ballerina's Graphic Novel  
by Siena Cherson Siegel**

ISBN: 1416926879

Siena dreamed of performing with the New York City Ballet. Read of how her dreams came true.

**Tuesdays at the Castle  
by Jessica Day George**

ISBN: 1681192187

Tuesdays at Castle Glower are Princess Celia's favorite days. That's because on Tuesdays the castle adds a new room, a turret, or sometimes even an entire wing to itself.

**Where the Sea Turned Silver  
by Grace Lin**

ISBN: 0316125946

Pinmei's gentle, loving grandmother always has the most exciting tales for her granddaughter and the other villagers.

**Little Leaders  
by Vasti Harrison**

ISBN: 0316475114

Featuring forty trailblazing black women in American history, Little Leaders educates and inspires as it relates true stories of breaking boundaries and achieving beyond expectations.

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## 6-8 Challenge

**Read 3-5 books from the list below or 3-5 books of your choosing and record the title of each book read. After reading, consider the characters from each book. Which characters are effective leaders and why? How do the characters embody what it means to be FIERCE? Choose at least 3 characters and write a paragraph for each character answering these questions.**

**Lost in the Pacific, 1942: Not a Drop to Drink**

ISBN: 0545928117

by **Todd Olson**

World War II, October 21, 1942. A B-17 bomber drones high over the Pacific Ocean, sending a desperate SOS into the air. The crew is carrying America's greatest living war hero on a secret mission deep into the battle zone.

**The Apothecary**

by **Melie Meloy**

ISBN 0142422061

It's 1952 and the Scott family has just moved from Los Angeles to London. Here, fourteen-year-old Janie meets a mysterious apothecary and his son.

**Girl in the Blue Coat**

by **Monica Hesse**

ISBN: 0316260630

Amsterdam, 1943. Hanneke spends her days procuring and delivering sought-after black market goods to paying customers. Intrigue ensues.

**Pax**

by **Penny**

ISBN: 0062377019

Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a kit. But one day, the unimaginable happens: Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild.

**A Single Shard**

by **Linda Sue Park**

ISBN:1523683203

In this Newbery Medal-winning book set in 12th century Korea, Tree-ear, a 13-year-old orphan, lives under a bridge in Ch'ulp'o, a potters' village famed for delicate celadon ware.

**When You Reach Me**

by **Rebecca Stead**

ISBN: 0375850864

A twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space.

**Issac Newton( Gaints of Science)**

By **Kathreen Krul**

ISBN: 0142408204

Here is a man with an imagination so large that just by thinking on it, invented calculus and figured out the scientific explanation of gravity.

**Breadcrumbs**

by **Anne Ursu**

ISBN: 0062015060

Once upon a time, Hazel and Jack were best friends. But that was before he stopped talking to her and disappeared into a forest.

**Bull Run**

By **Paul Fleischman**

ISBN:0064405881

Northern and Southern, male and female, white and black. Here are voices that tell of the dreams of glory, the grim reality, the hopes, horror, and folly of a nation discovering the true nature of war.

**The Castle Behind Thorns**

By **Merrie Haskell**

ISBN: 0062008190

When blacksmith apprentice Sand wakes up in a ruined castle, he has no idea how he got there, but the thorny brambles that surround the walls prevent him from leaving.

**Summerlost**

by **Ally Condie**

ISBN:0399187219

Cedar befriends a strangely dressed boy whom she soon learns works at the town's renowned Shakespeare festival, called Summerlost.

**Gone Crazy in Alabama**

by **Rita Williams-Garcia**

ISBN:0062215892

"Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern are off to Alabama to visit their grandmother Big Ma and her mother, Ma Charles.

**Schooled**

by **Gordon Korman**

ISBN: 1423105168

Capricorn Anderson grew up on a commune outside of town, where he has been homeschooled by his grandmother for his whole life. When Cap's grandmother gets injured and must spend time in the hospital, Cap is forced to attend a regular middle school for the first time.

**The Truth About Twinkie Pie**

by **Kat Yeh**

ISBN: 0316236616

With a million dollar prize win two sisters move from their trailer park in South Carolina to the North Shore of Long Island in search of a better life.

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**(6-8 book list continued)**

**A Night Divided**  
**by Jennifer Nielson**

ISBN: 0545682444

Twelve-year old Gerta's lives in post war Berlin and finds her life turned upside down when the Berlin Wall goes up overnight. She, her mother and her brother Fritz live on the communist Eastern side and have been separated from their father and her other brother who had been searching for work on the West side and were unable to get back after the Wall.

**Drama**  
**by Raina Telgemeir**

ISBN: 0545326990

Callie loves theater. And while she would totally try out for her middle school's production of Moon over Mississippi, she can't really sing. Instead she's the set designer for the drama department's stage crew, and this year she's determined to create a set worthy of Broadway on a middle-school budget.

**Hero**  
**by Mike Lupica**

ISBN: 0142419605

Fourteen-year old Billy Harriman has always idolized his father, a man trusted by presidents and deeply involved in international intrigue. When he goes missing during a mission, Billy decides to investigate what happened. At the same time, Billy learns that he has superpowers and that maybe his father did, too.

**Last Kids on Earth**  
**by Max Brallier**

ISBN: 1405281634

There's been a monster apocalypse and thirteen-year old Jack Sullivan has been living alone in his tree house, armed to the teeth with home made catapults and various other weapons. He also has access to video games and a never ending supply of Oreos and Mountain Dew, which he looted from abandoned stores.

**Frazzled**  
**by Booki Vivat**

ISBN: 0062398796

Meet Abbie Wu. Abbie is in crisis—and not just because she's starting middle school or because she's stuck in a family that doesn't quite get her or because everyone seems to have a Thing except her. Abbie Wu is always in crisis.

**The School for Good and Evil**  
**by Soman Chainani**

ISBN: 16248113

This is a moving story of selflessness, the strength of friendship, and the way we perceive ourselves. Full of magic, mystery, and suspense, The School for Good and Evil is a story with deep insights and heart-pounding adventure.

**The Big Splash**  
**by Jack Ferraiolo**

ISBN: 0810997126

Franklin Middle School are the setting for this sharp, funny noir novel about tough guys and even tougher girls. "The Frank" is in the clutches of a crime syndicate run by seventh-grader Vinny "Mr. Biggs" Biggio, who deals in forged hall passes and blackmarket candy.

**Scrawl**  
**by Mark Shulman**

ISBN: 1250012694

Tod Munn is a bully. He's tough, but times are even tougher and detention is the worst.

**The Two Princesses of Bamarre**  
**(The Two Princesses of Bamarre #1)**

**by Gail Carson Levine**

ISBN: 19175058

Princess Addie is fearful and shy. Her deepest wish is for safety. Princess Meryl is bold and brave. Her deepest wish is to save the kingdom of Bamarre. They are sisters, and they mean the world to each other.

**Itch Series**  
**by Simon Mayo**

ISBN: 1454914270

When Itchingham Lofte stumbles across an element that's not on the periodic table, he finds himself racing to hide the new element before it starts the Third World War. Fans of adventure, explosions, and mad scientists will love this series.

**Operation Red Jericho**  
**by Joshua Mowll**

ISBN: 0763626341

A sister and brother search for their missing parents in 1920 Shanghai.