NYPL After School

Activity Guide

Kindergarten–3rd Grade

**ACT BOLDLY**

In this packet you’ll find tips, books we love, and activities all about acting boldly. Acting boldly means taking action to do something that will make a difference, help you confront a fear, or showcase your talents. Explore more at [nypl.org/afterschool](http://nypl.org/afterschool).

**BOOKS WE LOVE**

These books are some of our favorite titles that give us examples of acting boldly. To check them out, place a hold online at [nypl.org](http://nypl.org) or call Ask NYPL (917-275-6975). If you are at a branch, ask a librarian how to place a hold. Books marked with a 📚 are available as e-books.

- **Say Something!**
  - by Peter H. Reynolds

- **Drum Dream Girl**
  - by Margarita Engle, illus. by Rafael López

- **I Am Every Good Thing**
  - by Derrick Barnes, illus. by Gordon C. James

- **Meet Yasmin!**
  - by Saadia Faruqi, illus. by Hatem Aly

- **Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag**
  - by Rob Sanders, illus. by Steven Salerno

- **After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again**
  - by Dan Santat

- **At the Mountain’s Base**
  - by Traci Sorell, illus. by Weshoyot Alvitre

- **Shark Lady**
  - by Jess Keating, illus. by Marta Álvarez Miguéns

- **Separate Is Never Equal**
  - by Duncan Tonatiuh

- **Sofia Valdez, Future Prez**
  - by Andrea Beaty, illus. by David Roberts

- **The Youngest Marcher**
  - by Cynthia Levinson, illus. by Vanessa Brantley-Newton

- **It Began with a Page**
  - by Kyo Maclear, illus. by Julie Morstad
ACT BOLDLY BY PLANNING AN ADVENTURE!

Take an adventure by planning a trip in your neighborhood, around New York City, or at home!

_____________’s Adventure List

I will learn ______________________________.
(Add a new skill, e.g. how to ride a bike.)

I will visit _________________________________.
(Add a beach, park, or neighborhood.)

I will travel by _________________________________.
(Add a subway, bus, or ferry line.)

I will try _________________________________.
(A new veggie, fruit, or dish!)

Add a few more ideas to your adventure list below!
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Need ideas? Here are some places and activities you can add to your list.

- Take a photo with Patience and Fortitude on the steps of The New York Public Library at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street.

- Take a ride on the Staten Island Ferry – it’s free!

- Visit Van Cortlandt Park for a picnic.
When you want to make a difference, it’s important to convince others to help you make a difference too. There is power in numbers!

One way to do this is by making signs about something you care about that you think other people should care about too. You can post these signs in places where other people can see them or take them to a special event. Below is a sign that you can color and decorate, but we’ve also given you instructions and space on the next page to come up with a sign of your own.

**ACT BOLDLY AND CREATE SIGNS FOR CHANGE!**

What is something you care about? The environment? Animal rights? Bullying? Racial justice? Once you’ve decided what you care about, come up with a simple message that will convince other people that this should be important to them too.

**Step #1: Come Up With a Message**

Write your message in large letters on your sign and decorate with colorful symbols that support your message.

**Step #2: Make Your Sign**

Where will you post or take the signs? Show the world what you care about!

**Step #3: Take Action**
Create your own sign for change here. To make it sturdier, cut it out and glue it onto the back of a cereal box.