Next Chapter Book Club and Chapters Ahead are pleased to announce our self-advocacy and leadership initiative!

Here is how you can take part in this important initiative....

**Self Advocacy-The "How To's"**

**MEMBERS:**

- Remember every choice is an opportunity for **self-advocacy**.

- Participate in discussions regarding **self-advocacy** from the books and stories we are reading.

- Provide input and ideas regarding book completion celebrations.

- Participate in choosing the books.

- Vote on meeting frequency, time off, whether or not to see the movie, etc.
FACILITATORS:

- Learn what self-advocacy is and learn to recognize and encourage members to advocate for themselves.

- Provide opportunities for members to advocate.

- Ask questions about members preferences, thoughts, and ideas.

- Always assume ability before offering assistance.

- Look for examples of self-advocacy in the books you are reading and use this opportunity to discuss how to apply self-advocacy principals in every day life.

- During book discussion, ask members what they would have done in a similar situation to advocate for themselves. What would a better idea be? Is there another decision that could be made?

- Compare and contrast books/stories and characters for comparison of those who are self-advocating and those who are not.

- Keep an eye out for members who might be good co-facilitators and see if you can help them move into that role.