



"SERVICE-MINDED" IN ACTION

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This month, we celebrate the character trait of being Service-Minded—a commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of others. Whether through small acts of kindness or meaningful contributions to the community, a service-minded approach reflects empathy, generosity, and purpose. Through this month's films, books, and TED Talks, we'll be inspired by individuals who lead with heart and demonstrate the power of serving others.

Please note: Hyperlinks are included, where applicable, for easy searching.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FILMS

The Ultimate Gift (2006)
The Lorax (2012)
The Revolutionary Optimists (2013)

BOOKS

"Child of Civil Rights Movement" By Paula Y. Shelton
"Brave Irene" by William Steig
"The Paperboy" by Dav Pilkey

MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

FILMS

Whale Rider (2003)
Spy Kids (2001)

BOOKS

"The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes" by Suzanne Collins
"The Benefits of Being an Octopus" by Ann Braden
"Enchantress from the Stars" by Sylvia Engahl

TEDTalks

["Everyday Leadership" by Drew Dudley](#)

HIGH SCHOOL & ADULTS

FILMS

Braveheart (1995)
If you Build it (2013)
Arrival (2016)

BOOKS

"The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson
"Half the Sky" by Nicholas Kristof & Sheryl WuDunn

TEDTalks

["The Way We Think About Charity is Dead Wrong" by Dan Pallotta](#)