

PRESS RELEASE

THE TWENTY-THIRD NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN



***Join over a million readers in the
Twenty-Third National African American Read-In***

***In February 2012, you may hold an African American
Read-In event any day of the month***

Wednesday, February 1-Wednesday, February 29

Schools, churches, libraries, bookstores, community and professional organizations, and interested citizens are urged to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month by hosting and coordinating Read-Ins in their communities. Hosting a Read-In can be as simple as bringing together family and friends to share a book, or as elaborate as arranging public readings and media presentations that feature professional African American writers.

To be counted as participants, simply:

- Select books authored by African Americans;
- Hold your event during the month of February; and
- Report your results by submitting the 2012 African American Read-In Host Report Card.
- You must submit a separate Host Report Card for each Read-In held.

In 1990, the first African American Read-In was sponsored by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English. In 1991, the National Council of Teachers of English joined in the sponsorship. The Read-In has been endorsed by the International Reading Association. Over a million readers of all ethnic groups, from 50 states, the District of Columbia, the West Indies, and African countries have participated. The goal is to make the celebration of African American literacy a traditional part of Black History Month activities.