


2023 AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN REPORT CARD



AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN

HOSTING ORGANIZATION
#AARI23

NCTE



For more than 30 years, the National African American Read-In (AARI) has been a groundbreaking effort that encourages communities to read together, centering African American books and authors.

Established in 1990 by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), AARI was intended to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month. Since then, the initiative has reached more than 6 million participants worldwide.

2023 RESULTS

From book discussions to author interviews, this year's AARI saw great diversity in activity.

JOIN US FOR A STUDENT-CENTERED EVENT!



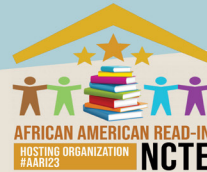
Nana Ekua Brew-Hammond
Author

Blue: A History of the Color as Deep as the Sea and as Wide as the Sky



Ayanna F. Brown
Moderator

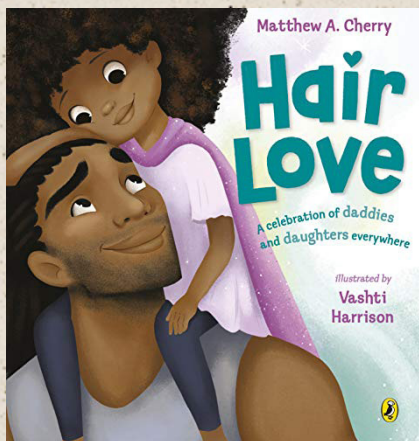
Tuesday, February 28, 1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m. ET



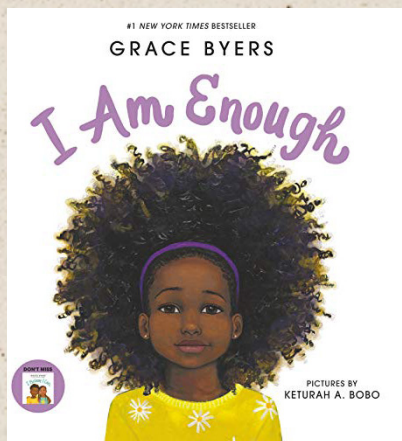
- 295,521 total participants attended an AARI event—the highest number of participants in the past 10 years!
- 537 total AARI events were held, including 25 virtual events
- 37 states represented holding events
- 1,185 different book titles
- 95 community events
21 of which came from libraries
- 44 higher education events
- 522 K-12 classroom events
- 62 from high school
- 93 from middle grades
- 411 from elementary grades

BOOK LIST

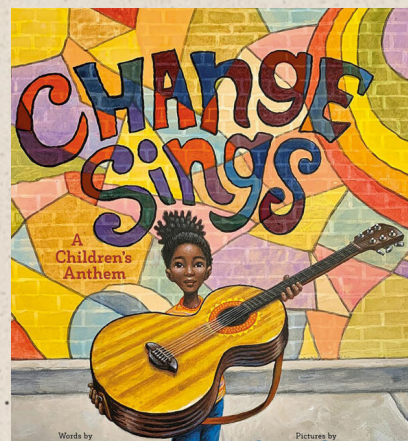
Of the books read this year, these were the top 5 beloved titles:



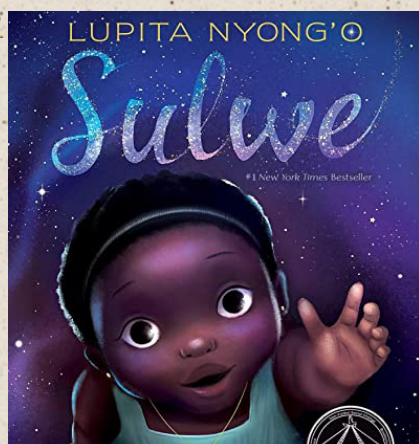
Hair Love, written by Matthew A. Cherry and illustrated by Vashti Harrison, mentioned 35 times



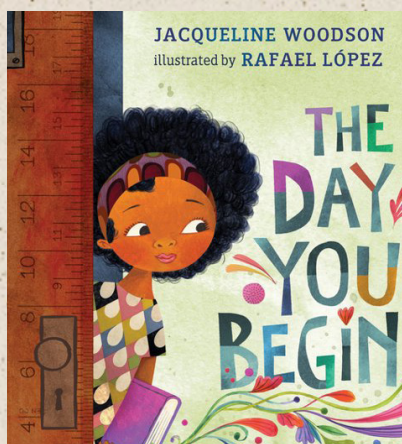
I Am Enough, written by Grace Byers and illustrated by Keturah A. Bobo, mentioned 32 times



Change Sings: A Children's Anthem, written by Amanda Gorman and illustrated by Loren Long, mentioned 31 times



Sulwe, written by Lupita Nyong'o and illustrated by Vashti Harrison, mentioned 25 times



The Day You Begin, written by Jacqueline Woodson and illustrated by Rafael López, mentioned 22 times

OTHER POPULAR TITLES INCLUDED:

- *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race*, written by Margot Lee Shetterly
- *Stacey's Extraordinary Words*, written by Stacey Abrams and illustrated by Kitt Thomas
- *I Promise*, written by LeBron James and illustrated by Niña Mata
- *I Am Every Good Thing*, written by Derrick Barnes and illustrated by Gordon C. James
- *The Year We Learned to Fly*, written by Jacqueline Woodson and illustrated by Rafael López

You can purchase these books and many more through the NCTE Bookshop page:
<https://bookshop.org/lists/african-american-read-in-2023>

CALABOOSE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MUSEUM EVENT—SAN MARCOS, TX

Elementary teacher and NCTE member **Diana Garcia** hosted one of her two AARI events at the Calaboose African American History Museum, where a San Marcos Baha'i Children's Class joined as part of their values class on Saturday mornings.

“When they showed up ready to read, my heart filled with joy,” shared Garcia. “We will definitely host another event next year and hope to bring in even more.”

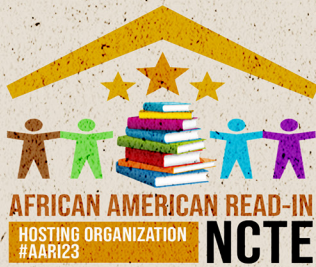


UPPER MORELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL AARI EVENT —HATBORO, PA

Upper Moreland School District hosted its first National African American Read-In, led by grade 6 ELA teacher and NCTE member Sarah Levy. The event featured two local authors, Karema Farmer and Lance Steven. Attendees participated in a variety of activities, entered book raffles, ate delicious refreshments, Zoomed with author Chris Singleton, and enjoyed the musical talents of some middle school band members.



While AARI is focused on the month of February, NCTE is committed to the awareness and support of African American authors and books throughout the entire year—not just one month. As you seek to expand AARI opportunities beyond February, please leverage the aforementioned book list and all resources NCTE has to offer on our website: <https://ncte.org/get-involved/african-american-read-in-toolkit/>



READ-IN PARTICIPANTS 295,521

CITY	EVENT LOCATION
ALABAMA	
Auburn	Auburn, AL, Residence
Birmingham	National Hook-up of Black Women, Inc. - Birmingham Chapter
Jacksonville	Jacksonville State University
Montgomery	Continental Societies, Inc. Montgomery, AL Chapter
Tuscaloosa	Murphy Collins House
ARIZONA	
Mesa	Mountain View High School
ARKANSAS	
Conway	University of Central Arkansas
Little Rock	Christ Temple Cathedral COCHUSA
Little Rock	Continental Societies, Inc. Little Rock, AK Chapter
Little Rock	Dunbar Magnet Middle School -
	P.R.I.D.E. Overtime Afterschool 21st CCLC
Little Rock	Little Rock Southwest Magnet High School Media Center
North Little Rock	North Little Rock High School
CALIFORNIA	
Davis	Patwin Elementary School
Hayward	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School, Hayward Unified School District
Oakland	Claremont Middle School
San Jose	San Jose Public Library, Willow Glen Branch
Stockton	Humphreys University, Department of Liberal Arts
Tracy	Central Elementary
COLORADO	
Lakewood	Bear Creek High School
CONNECTICUT	
New London	The Center: A Drop-In Community Learning and Resource Center, Inc.
North Franklin	Franklin Elementary School

CITY	EVENT LOCATION
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	
Washington	Continental Societies, Inc. Metropolitan Capital City, DC Chapter
Washington	DC International Public Charter School
DELAWARE	
Wilmington	Continental Societies, Inc. Delaware Area, DE Chapter
FLORIDA	
Bradenton	Palmetto, South Manatee and Braden River Libraries
Chattahoochee	Chattahoochee Elementary School
Chattahoochee	Chattahoochee, FL, Residence
Daytona Beach and DeLand	Volusia County Schools and The Boys and Girls Club of Volusia/Flagler
Fernandina Beach	Nassau County Public Library
Gadsden	National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc. - Gadsden Chapter
Greensboro	Greensboro Elementary School
Havana	Annette Village Learning Center
Havana	Havana Magnet School
Melbourne	Suntree Elementary School
Miami	Continental Societies, Inc. Greater Miami, FL, Chapter
Miramar	Continental Societies, Inc. North Dade-Broward County, FL Chapter
Quincy	Crossroads Academy Charter School
Quincy	Gadsden Elementary Magnet School
Quincy	George W. Munroe Elementary School
Quincy	National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc. - Gadsden Chapter
Quincy	Quashier Strouble Residence
Quincy	Quincy Public Library
Quincy	Quincy, FL, Residence
Quincy	Stewart Street Elementary School
Rockledge	Ronald McNair Magnet Middle School
Saint Petersburg	Shorecrest Preparatory School
Tallahassee	LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library
Tampa	Progress Village Middle Magnet School
GEORGIA	
Athens	Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church
Atlanta	Continental Societies, Inc. Atlanta, GA Chapter
Atlanta	Georgia State University, Urban Literacy Collaborative & Clinic
Atlanta	National Hook-Up of Black Women, Finch Elementary School
Avondale Estates	National Hook-Up Black Women, Peachtree Academy Daycare Center
College Park	Continental Societies, Inc. College Park East Point, GA Chapter
Columbus	Continental Societies, Inc. Columbus, GA Chapter
Decatur	National Hook-Up Black Women, Wadsworth Magnet School for High Achievers
Decatur	Peachcrest Elementary Media Center and Teacher's Classrooms
Douglasville	New Manchester High School

CITY	EVENT LOCATION
LaGrange	Continental Societies, Inc. LaGrange, GA Chapter
Lithonia	National Hook-Up Black Women, Browns Mill Elementary School
Lithonia	National Hook-Up Black Women, Rock Chapel Elementary School
Newnan	Continental Societies, Inc. Newnan, GA Chapter
ILLINOIS	
Richton Park	Neil Armstrong Elementary School
Champaign	National Council of Teachers of English
Chicago	Continental Societies, Inc. Chicago, IL Chapter
Glen Ellyn	Glenbard West High School
Joliet	NHBW Headquarters, Central High School, School Districts 70C, 86 and 204, Brown Chapel AME Church
Life Center Church Of God In Christ and Prodigy Child Learning Center	NHBW Inc, Chicago Chapter
Naperville	North Central College, Black Student Association
University Park	Governors State University
INDIANA	
Bloomington	Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center, I ndiana University Bloomington
Evansville	Ivy Tech Community College, Evansville Campus
Gary	National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc. Northwest Indiana
Indianapolis	College Park Elementary School
Indianapolis	Spring Mill Elementary School
Indianapolis	Ujamaa Community Bookstore
Muncie	Northside Middle School
IOWA	
Pleasant Hill	Southeast Polk Junior High
KANSAS	
Wichita	Continental Societies, Inc. Wichita Area, KS Chapter
Wichita	The Kansas African American Museum
KENTUCKY	
Bowling Green	Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College
Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown Community and Technical College Library
MARYLAND	
Accokeek	Accokeek Academy
Adelphi	Adelphi Elementary School
Adelphi	Cool Spring Elementary School
Anne Arundel	Continental Societies, Inc. Anne Arundel County, MD Chapter
Baltimore City	Continental Societies, Inc. Baltimore County, MD Chapter
Beltsville	Beltsville Academy

CITY**EVENT LOCATION**

Bladensburg	Bladensburg Elementary School
Bowie	Bowie High School, Prince George's County Public Schools
Bowie	Heather Hills Elementary School
Bowie	High Bridge Elementary School
Bowie	Northview Elementary School
Bowie	Pointer Ridge Elementary School
Bowie	Rockledge Elementary School
Bowie	Star of Bethlehem COGIC, National Hook-up of Black Women
Bowie	Tulip Grove Elementary School
Bowie	Yorktown Elementary School
Brandywine	Brandywine Elementary School
Brandywine	Waldon Woods Elementary School
Camp Springs	Princeton Elementary School
Capital Heights	Doswell E. Brokks Elementary School
Capitol Heights	Bradbury Heights Elementary School
Capitol Heights	Robert R. Gray Elementary School
Chestertown	Kent County Public Library, Washington College
Cheverly	Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary School
Clinton	Clinton Grove Elementary School
Clinton	Francis T. Evans Elementary School
Clinton	James Ryder Randall Elementary School
College Park	Hollywood Elementary School
College Park	Mary Harris "Mother" Jones Elementary School
Columbia	Continental Societies, Inc. Columbia; MD Chapter
District Heights	Francis Scott Key Elementary School
Forestville	Longfields Elementary School
Fort Washington	Avalon Elementary School
Fort Washington	Fort Foote Elementary School
Fort Washington	Fort Washington Forest Elementary School
Fort Washington	Indian Queen Elementary School
Glenn Dale	Glenn Dale Elementary School
Greenbelt	Springhill Lake Elementary School
Howard	Continental Societies, Inc. Southeastern Howard Laurel, MD Chapter
Hyattsville	Cherokee Lane Elementary School
Hyattsville	Langley Park McCormick Elementary School
Landover	Highland Park Elementary School
Landover	William Paca Elementary School
Landover Hills	Cooper Lane Elementary School
Lanham	Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle School
Lanham	Catherine T. Reed Elementary School
Lanham	James McHenry Elementary School School
Lanham	Magnolia Elementary School
Laurel	Greenbelt Elementary School
Laurel	Laurel Elementary School
Laurel	Montpelier Elementary School
Mitchellville	Woodmore Elementary School
Mitchelville	Kingsford Elementary School
Montgomery	Continental Societies, Inc. Montgomery County, MD Chapter

CITY	EVENT LOCATION
Morningside	Benjamin D. Foulois Creative and Performing Arts Academy
Mt. Rainer	Mt. Rainier Elementary School
New Carrollton	Carrollton Elementary School
New Carrollton	Lamont Elementary School
Oxon Hill	Barnaby Manor Elementary School
Oxon Hill	Oxon Hill Elementary School
Oxon Hill	Valley View Elementary School
Prince Georges County	Continental Societies, Inc. Prince Georges County, MD Chapter
Riverdale	Riverdale Elementary School
Riverdale	Templeton Elementary School
Seabrook	Robert Goddard Montessori
Silver Spring	Montgomery Blair High School Media Center
Suitland	William Beanes Elementary School
Takoma Park	Carole Highlands Elementary School
Upper Marlboro	Mattaponi Elementary School
Upper Marlboro	Perrywood Elementary School
Upper Marlboro	Phyllis E. Williams Spanish Immersion
Upper Marlboro	Kettering Elementary School
Upper Marlboro	Rosaryville Elementary School
MASSACHUSETTS	
Boston	Community Academy
Weston	The Cambridge School of Weston
MICHIGAN	
East Lansing	MacDonald Middle School
Novi	Novi High School
Petoskey	North Central Michigan College
Port Huron	St. Clair County Community College Fine Arts Theatre
MISSISSIPPI	
Laurel	Continental Societies, Inc. Birmingham, AL Chapter
Meridian	Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church
MISSOURI	
Kansas City	Miller Nichols Library, University of Missouri-Kansas City
Lebanon	Trinity Episcopal Church
Saint Louis	Continental Societies, Inc. Saint Louis, MO Chapter
St. Ann	Buder Elementary
St. Louis	Maryville Library
St. Louis	St. Louis Public Library
St. Louis	Woodland Elementary School, Jennings School District
Warrensburg	University of Central Missouri
MONTANA	
Missoula	ATG-Cognizant

CITY**EVENT LOCATION****NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Bow

Bow High School

NEW JERSEY

Asbury Park

Acelero Learning

Asbury Park

Asbury Park Public Library

Asbury Park

Asbury Park Senior Center

Asbury Park

Boston Way Social Room

Asbury Park

Jersey Shore Adult Day Care Center

Asbury Park

Oceans Family Success Center

Chesilhurst

Grant African Methodist Episcopal Church

Long Branch

CheConnects LLC

Long Branch

Gregory Elementary

Neptune

Asbury Park Library

Neptune

Continental Societies, Inc. North Jersey Shore, NJ Chapter

Neptune City

Encounter Christ Global Fellowship

Pleasantville

Faith Baptist Church Library

Red Bank

T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center

Short Hills

Pingry School Lower School Library

Teaneck

Bryant Elementary School

Teaneck

Hawthorne Elementary School

Teaneck

Lacey Elementary School

Teaneck

Lowell Elementary School

Teaneck

Thomas Jefferson Middle School

Teaneck

Whittier Elementary School

West Orange

West Orange High School

Willingboro

Presbyterian Church of Willingboro

NEW YORK

Amherst

The Park School of Buffalo

New Lebanon

Heyniger Memorial Library, Darrow School

New Rochelle

Isaac E. Young Middle School Humanities Department

New Rochelle

New Rochelle High School

Oneonta

SUNY Oneonta

Pelham

Pelham Public Schools

Plattsburgh

SUNY Plattsburgh

Rochester

BCC Software

ochester

Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church

NORTH CAROLINA

Bladenboro

First Missionary Baptist Church

Charlotte

Johnson C. Smith University

Durham

Continental Societies, Inc. Durham, NC Chapter

Durham

Northern High School Media Center

Elizabeth City

College of the Albemarle

Fayetteville

Fayetteville State University

Fayetteville

Fayetteville State University English Department

Goldsboro

Continental Societies, Inc. Goldsboro, NC Chapter

Greensboro

North Carolina A&T State University,

CITY	EVENT LOCATION
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Mount Airy
 New Bern
 Raleigh
 Raleigh
 Raleigh
 Salisbury
 Smithfield
 Winston-Salem
 Winton

Child Development Laboratory
 Mount Airy Museum of Regional History
 Continental Societies, Inc. New Bern, NC Chapter
 Garner Road Community Center
 Saint Mary's School
 Underwood G. T. Elementary School
 Livingstone College
 Johnston Community College Daycare Center
 Reynolda House Museum of American Art
 Hertford County Public Library

OHIO

Akron
 Akron
 Cleveland Heights
 Columbus
 Columbus
 Columbus
 Columbus
 Columbus
 Cuyahoga Falls
 Delaware
 Gahanna
 Kent
 Kent
 Litchfield
 Munroe Falls
 Stow

Litchfield CLC
 Litchfield Middle School
 Heights Libraries, Noble Neighborhood Branch
 Columbus City School
 Columbus Online Academy
 Columbus State Community College
 Marion-Franklin High School
 SproutFive
 Unified Soution Behavior Support
 RB Hayes High School
 Kent State University
 Kent State Library
 Kids Kare Kent Campus
 Litchfield Middle School
 Small Steps Big Strides
 Stow, OH, Residence

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma
 Wilburton

Continental Societies, Inc. Oklahoma City, OK Chapter
 Eastern Oklahoma State College

OREGON

Corvallis
 Portland
 Tualatin

Oregon State University, School of Writing, Literature, and Film
 The Cottonwood School of Civics and Science
 Arbor School of Arts and Sciences

PENNSYLVANIA

Abington
 Abington
 Abington
 Doylestown
 East Stroudsburg
 East Stroudsburg
 Farrell
 Farrell
 Glenside
 Harleysville
 Kennett Square

Abington Middle School
 Highland Elementary School, Abington School District
 Overlook Elementary School
 Delaware Valley University
 East Stroudsburg University
 Resica Elementary School
 Farrell High School Library
 Stey Nevant Farrell Library
 Copper Beech Elementary School
 General Nash Elementary
 Kennett High School Library

CITY	EVENT LOCATION
North Wales North Wales Philadelphia Philadelphia Pittsburgh Wayne	Montgomery Elementary North Wales Elementary School Continental Societies, Inc. Philadelphia, PA Chapter Unitarian Society of Germantown Duquesne University Wayne Elementary School
RHODE ISLAND Providence	Johnson & Wales University
SOUTH CAROLINA Charleston Greenville Ruffin Seneca Sumter	Meeting Street Academy - Charleston Christ Church Episcopal School Bells Elementary School Seneca City Museums Fayetteville State University English Department
TENNESSEE Greeneville Knoxville Knoxville Memphis Nashville Nashville Nashville Nashville Nashville Whites Creek	Tusculum University Cedar Bluff Elementary Hardin Valley Academy Germantown Middle School Belmont University, English Club Bordeaux Library Jere Baxter Middle School Mount Zion Baptist Church Nashville, TN, Residence Mt. Zion Baptist Church
TEXAS Cedar Hill Corinth Dallas Grand Prairie Grand Prairie Grand Prairie Houston Humble Lubbock Plano San Marcos San Marcos Spring	Kidz-Zone/NHBW, Inc. Mid Cities Chapter Corinth, TX, Homeschool Continental Societies, Inc. Dallas, TX Chapter International Leadership of Texas International Leadership of Texas/NHBW, MID CITIES National Hook-Up Black Women, Inc., Mid Cities Chapter Continental Societies, Inc. Houston Metropolitan Chapter Oak Forest Elementary Wayland Baptist University-Lubbock NHBW North Central TX Chapter De Zavala Elementary The Calaboose African American History Museum, The Dr. Skyller Walkes Library of African American Studies at Cephas House, The Cephas House Enrichment and Brotherhood Organization of Northwest Youth (E.B.O.N.Y.) & Harris County Barbara Bush Library
UTAH Salt Lake City	Salt Lake Community College

CITY**EVENT LOCATION****VIRGINIA**

Alexandria

Ashburn

Ashland

Bridgewater

Charlottesville

Chesapeake

Dumfries

Newport News

Norfolk

Portsmouth

Portsmouth

Richmond

Richmond

Richmond

Roanoke

Continental Societies, Inc. Northern Virginia, VA Chapter

Broad Run High School

Virginia Association of Teachers of English

Bridgewater College

Charlottesville High School Media Center

Thurgood Marshall Elementary School

Continental Societies, Inc. Aquia, VA, Chapter

Continental Societies, Inc. Newport News-

Hampton, VA, Chapter

Slover Library

I.C. Norcom High School

Manor High School

Continental Societies, Inc. Richmond, VA Chapter

St. Michael's Episcopal School

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

Continental Societies, Inc. Roanoke, VA Chapter

WASHINGTON

Kirkland

Tacoma

Vancouver

Northwest University

Pierce County Library System

Washington State University Vancouver

WISCONSIN

River Falls

University of Wisconsin-River Falls, Teacher Education