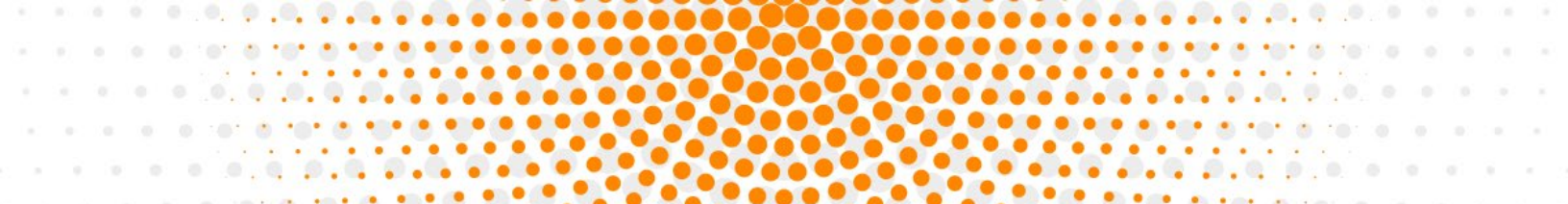


# 2024 AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN REPORT CARD





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.

# 2024 RESULTS

- 88,493 total participants attended an AARI event!
- 702 total AARI events were held, including 29 virtual events—a 24% increase in reported events compared to 2023!
- 32 states, the District of Columbia, and one international site were represented in event locations
- More than 2,400 total books were read
- 57 community events, 13 of which were hosted by libraries
- 41 higher education events
- 415 K–12 classroom events
- 59 from high school
- 74 from middle grades
- 306 from elementary grades

AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN 2024

JENNIFER FRAZIER

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**PRO-BLACK CURRICULUM IN THE ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM**

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 | 7:00 p.m. ET  
Hosted by NCTE and NCTE's Elementary Section Steering Committee

**NCTE**

JOIN US FOR A STUDENT-CENTERED EVENT!  
**THE PROBABILITY OF EVERYTHING**

SARAH EVERETT,  
AUTHOR

*Sarah Everett*  
**THE PROBABILITY OF EVERYTHING**  
*Life has an unpredictable impact.*

1:00 P.M. - 1:45 P.M.  
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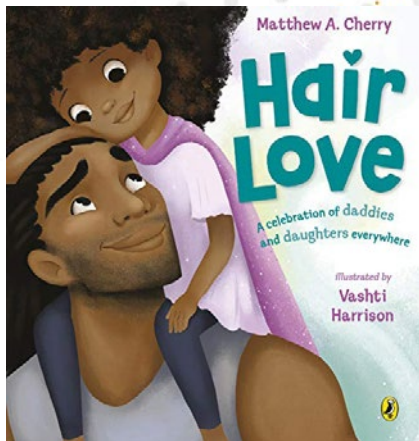
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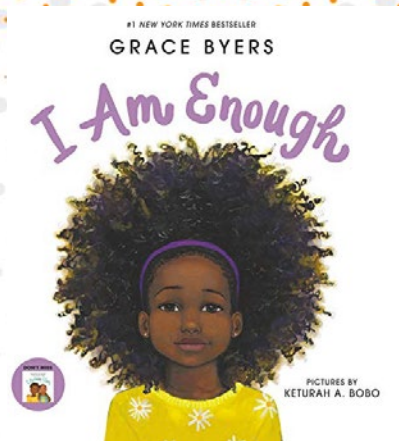
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# BOOK LIST

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



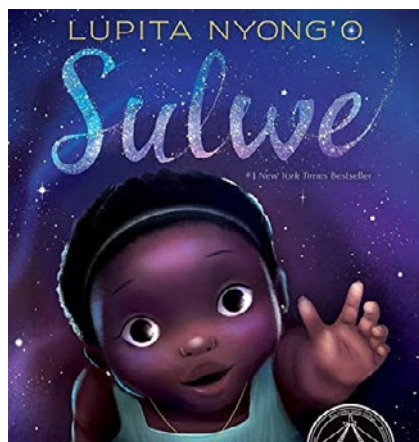
***Hair Love***, written by Matthew A. Cherry and illustrated by Vashti Harrison, mentioned 44 times



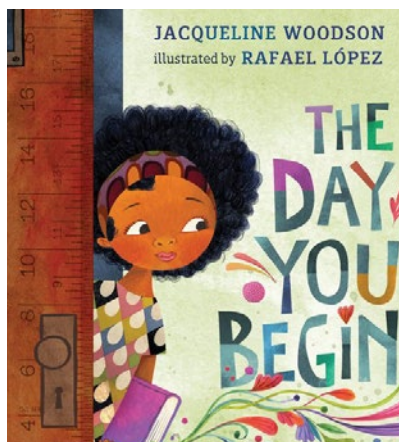
***I Am Enough***, written by Grace Byers and illustrated by Keturah A. Bobo, mentioned 36 times



***Little Black Boy: Oh, the Things You Will Do!***, written by Kirby Howell-Baptiste and Larry C. Fields III and illustrated by Paul Davey, mentioned 20 times



***Sulwe***, written by Lupita Nyong'o and illustrated by Vashti Harrison, mentioned 20 times



***The Day You Begin***, written by Jacqueline Woodson and illustrated by Rafael López, mentioned 20 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
- ***Change Sings: A Children's Anthem***, written by Amanda Gorman and illustrated by Loren Long
- ***Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream***, written by Deloris Jordan and Roslyn M. Jordan and illustrated by Kadir Nelson
- ***Little Black Girl: Oh, the Things You Can Do!***, written by Kirby Howell-Baptiste and illustrated by Paul Davey
- ***I Love My Hair!***, written by Natasha Anastasia Tarpley and illustrated by E. B. Lewis

You can purchase these books and many more through the NCTE Bookshop page:  
<https://bookshop.org/lists/african-american-read-in-2024>

# AARI SPOTLIGHT |

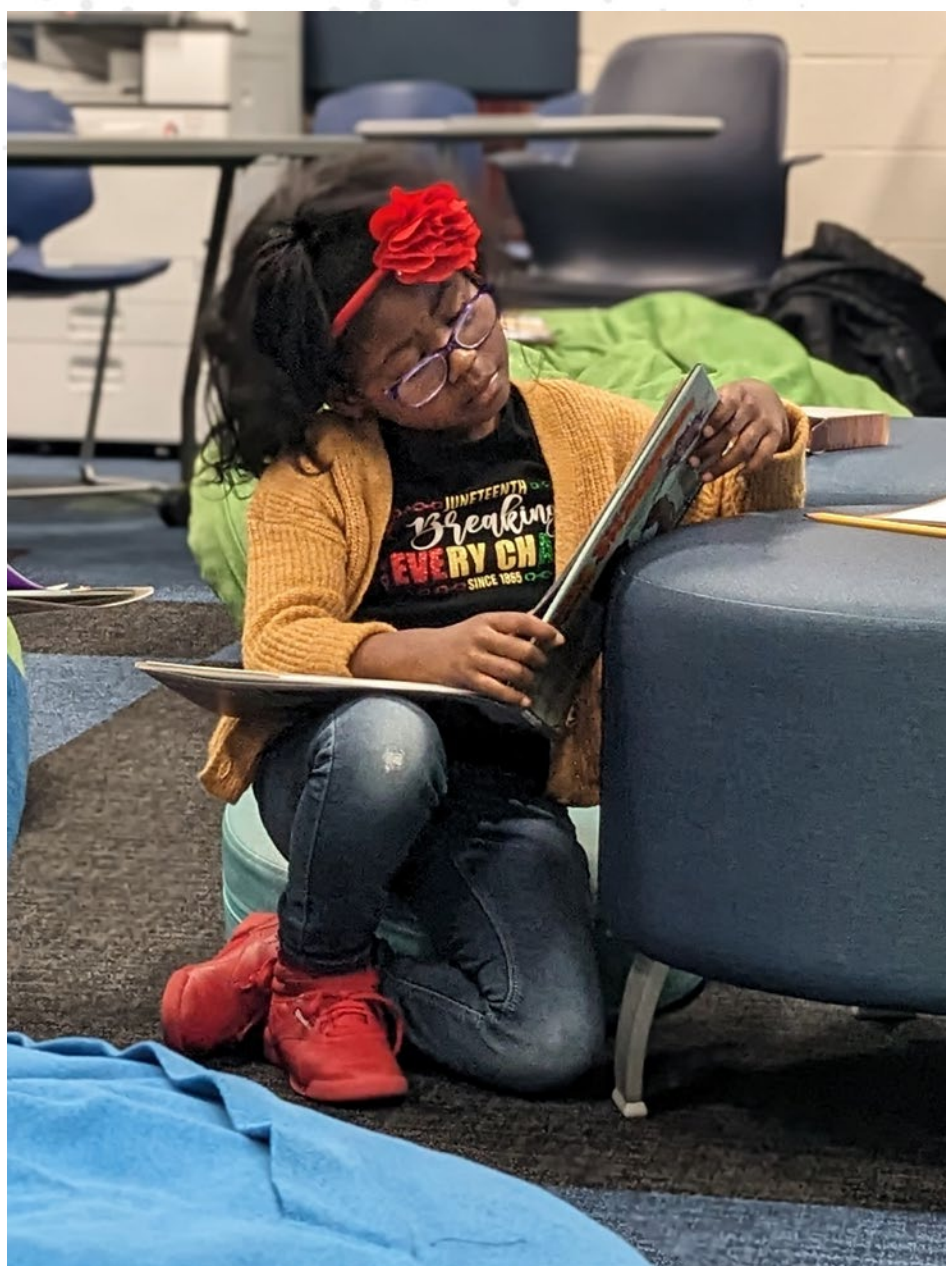
February 29, 2024



## Oakland Schools African American Read-In with Don Tate—Oakland Schools, MI Shared by NCTE member Ashelin Currie

Oakland Schools was proud to host author and illustrator Don Tate for their 2024 African American Read-In with the theme “Genius in OUR Stories.” The award-winning author shared his journey with the audience (PreK and beyond). Don Tate engaged students in an art activity and read a portion of his new book *Jerry Changed the Game*. During the evening, several watch sites engaged students in STEM activities and/or a STEMi truck experience. Families had a wonderful time!

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. 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/>



# AARI SPOTLIGHT |

February 29, 2024



## Isaac E. Young Middle School African American Read-In—New Rochelle, NY Shared by NCTE member Beatrice Lopez

The 2024 IEYMS Humanities Department Annual African American Read-In (AARI) took place on February 29th, 2024. In celebration of Black History Month, Isaac E. Young Middle School students and teachers gathered in the auditorium to commemorate the annual African American Read-In.

As a significant component of Black History Month, students and teachers read and shared their favorite excerpts from novels, poetry, short stories, and other texts written by African American writers.

With an examination and exploration of truthful narratives of joy, struggle, resistance, pride, and resilience, Black/African American authors and stories were celebrated, centered, and elevated.



# AARI SPOTLIGHT |

February 23, 2024



## Purdue Black Cultural Center African American Read-In— West Lafayette, IN Shared by NCTE member Breanya Hogue



The inaugural Literacy Reflections on Black History Elementary Contest Celebration Reception, organized by Dr. Breanya Hogue was hosted on Friday, February 23, 2024, at the Purdue Black Cultural Center. Over 50

local K-5 students, families, Purdue students, faculty, and community members gathered in celebration of Black History Month and to celebrate the student participants that submitted essays, art, and performance entries to this

year's competition. Students performed songs, dances, and read essays to the guests. Thirteen students were presented with certificates and awards!

# READ-IN PARTICIPANTS 88,493



## CITY

## EVENT LOCATION

### ALABAMA

Birmingham  
Jacksonville  
Montgomery

Metro Birmingham  
Jacksonville State University  
TEA Academy; Juliette Hampton Morgan Library;  
The Boys and Girls Club; Carver Elementary;  
Continental Societies, Inc. - Montgomery, AL Chapter;  
Opelika Lee County Literacy Coalition; Tuskegee George  
Washington Carver, AL; York West End - York, AL;  
Continental Societies, Inc. Tuskegee, AL Chapter

### ARIZONA

Avondale  
Tucson

West Point High School Innovation Center Library  
Tucson Unified School District

### ARKANSAS

Pine Bluff

University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

### COLORADO

Aurora  
Lakewood

Regis Jesuit High School Library  
Bear Creek High School

### CONNECTICUT

Bristol  
Hartford  
Simsbury  
Windsor

Greene-Hills School  
Watkinson School  
Horizons Program  
CREC Academy of Aerospace and Engineering

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington

Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ

### FLORIDA

Chattahoochee  
  
Daytona Beach  
Fernandina Beach  
Fort Lauderdale  
Greensboro  
  
Melbourne  
Melbourne  
North campus  
Quincy

National Hook-Up of Black Women Inc.-  
Gadsden Chapter, FL / Chattahoochee Elementary School  
NHBW Inc. Volusia County Chapter  
Fernandina Beach Branch Library  
Pine Crest School  
National Hook-Up of Black Women Inc.- Gadsden Chapter, FL /  
Greensboro Elementary School  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy  
Suntree Elementary School  
Miami Dade College  
National Hook-Up of Black Women Inc.- Gadsden Chapter, FL /  
Gadsden Elementary Magnet School



**CITY****EVENT LOCATION****FLORIDA** (continued)

Quincy	National Hook-Up of Black Women Inc.- Gadsden Chapter, FL / George W. Munroe Elementary School
Quincy	National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc. - Gadsden, at George W. Munroe Elementary School
Saint Petersburg	Shorecrest Preparatory School
Sanford	Seminole County Public Library - Sanford North Branch
Tallahassee	LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library
Tallahassee	National Hookup of Black Women Inc Tallahassee Chapter
Tallahassee	National Hook-Up of Black Women Inc.- Gadsden Chapter, FL / Sealey Elementary School
Tallahassee	National Hook-Up of Black Women Inc.- Gadsden Chapter, FL / Tallahassee Collegiate Academy
Tampa	West Tampa Elementary
Temple	Terrace Riverhills Elementary Magnet IB World School/ Hillsborough County Public Schools
Yulee	Yulee Branch Library
	National Hook-Up of Black Women Inc.- Gadsden Chapter, FL / Five Gadsden County Elementary Schools

**GEORGIA**

Athens	Building Blocks Early Childhood Center
Athens	Greater Bethel A.M.E Church
Atlanta	National Hook-Up of Black Women/NHBW Atlanta Metro Chapter
Avondale	Estates National Hook-Up of Black Women Peachtree Academy Day Care Center
Decatur	National Hook-Up of Black Women/ Chapel Hill Elementary School
Decatur	National Hook-Up of Black Women/ Dunaire Elementary School
Decatur	National Hook-Up of Black Women/ Mary McLoed Bethune Middle School
Decatur	National Hook-Up of Black Women/ Rainbow Elementary School
Decatur	National Hook-Up of Black Women/ Elementary School of the Arts
Dekalb	National Hook-Up of Black Women/ Rowland Elementary School
Decatur	Peachcrest Elementary Dekalb County School District
Lithonia	National Hook-Up of Black Women/ Princeton Elementary School
Marietta	Lockheed Elementary School
Stone Mountain	National Hook-Up of Black Women Woodridge Elementary School
Stone Mountain	National Hook-Up of Black Women/ Elizabeth Andrews High School
Stonecrest	National Hook-Up of Black Women/ Chapel Hill Elementary School
Stonecrest	National Hook-Up of Black Women/ Browns Mill Elementary School

**CITY****EVENT LOCATION****ILLINOIS**

Champaign	Champaign, IL, Residence
Chicago	National Hook Up of Black Women, Inc. Chicago Chapter
Flossmoor	Homewood Flossmoor High School
Joliet	Joliet Central High School
Lebanon	McKendree University
Orland Park	Monarch Cities Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.
Richton	Park Neil Armstrong Elementary School
Rock Island	Augustana College
University Park	Governors State University

**INDIANA**

Bloomington	Indiana University Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center
Evansville	Ivy Tech Community College
Gary & Various Areas	
Indianapolis	College Park Elementary School
Indianapolis	Spring Mill Elementary School
Indianapolis	Willow Lake Elementary School
South Bend	Jefferson Traditional Middle School
West Lafayette	Purdue Black Cultural Center

**IOWA**

Pleasant Hill	Southeast Polk Junior High
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**KENTUCKY**

Louisville	Historic Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
Louisville	Simmons College of Kentucky
Nashville	Belmont University
Shelbyville	Shelby County West Middle School

**LOUISIANA**

Lafayette	Northside High School
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**MARYLAND**

Accokeek	Accokeek Academy
Adelphi	Cool Spring Elementary School
Adelphi	Mary Harris "Mother" Jones Elementary School
Beltsville	Beltsville Academy
Beltsville	Calverton Elementary School
Beltsville	Vansville Elementary School
Bethesda	Holton-Arms School
Bladensburg	Port Towns Elementary School
Bladensburg	Bladensburg Elementary School
Bowie	High Bridge Elementary School
Bowie	Kenilworth Elementary School
Bowie	Prince George's County Public Schools
Bowie	Rockledge Elementary School
Bowie	Tulip Grove Elementary School
Bowie	Woodmore Elementary School
Bowie	Yorktown Elementary School
Brandywine	Brandywine Elementary School

**CITY****EVENT LOCATION****MARYLAND** (continued)

Camp Springs	Princeton Elementary School
Capitol Heights	Bradbury Heights Elementary School
Capitol Heights	Robert R. Gray Elementary School
Capitol Heights	Carmody Hills Elementary School
Chestertown	Kent County Public Library, Washington College CV Starr Center for the American Experience, Chesapeake Heartland Project
Cheverly	Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary School
Clinton	Clinton Grove Elementary School
Clinton	Francis T. Evans Elementary School
Clinton	James Ryder Randall Elementary School
Clinton	Waldon Woods Elementary School
College Park	Hollywood Elementary School
District Heights	Francis Scott Key Elementary School
Forestville	Samuel P. Massie Academy
Fort Washington	Avalon Elementary School
Fort Washington	EXCEL Academy PCS
Fort Washington	Fort Foote Elementary School
Fort Washington	Indian Queen Elementary School
Fort Washington	J. Frank Dent Elementary School
Fort Washington	Colin Powell Academy
Glenn Dale	Glenn Dale Elementary School
Greenbelt	Springhill Lake Elementary School
Hyattsville	Cesar Chavez Dual Immersion School
Hyattsville	Chillum Elementary School
Hyattsville	Thomas G. Pullen K-8 Creative & Performing Arts Academy
Hyattsville	William Paca Elementary School
Hyattsville	Langley Park McCormick Elementary School
Hyattsville	Rosa L. Parks Elementary School
Landover	Columbia Park Elementary School
Landover Hills	Glenridge Elementary School
Lanham	James McHenry Elementary School
Lanham	Magnolia Elementary School
Lanham	Seabrook Elementary School
Largo	SKC Early Education Centers
Laurel	Deerfield Run Elementary School
Laurel	James H. Harrison Elementary School
Laurel	Laurel Elementary School
Longfields	Longfields Elementary School
Mitchellville	Kingsford Elementary School
New Carrollton	Carrollton Elementary School
New Carrollton	Lamont Elementary School
New Carrollton	Robert Frost Elementary School
Owings Mills	New Town High School
Oxon Hill	Barnaby Manor Elementary School
Oxon Hill	John Hanson Montessori School
Oxon Hill	Forest Heights Elementary School
Riverdale	Riverdale Elementary
Riverdale	Riverdale Elementary School
Snow Hill	Snow Hill Elementary School
Springdale	Ardmore Elementary School

**CITY****EVENT LOCATION****MARYLAND** (continued)

Takoma Park  
Temple Hills  
Upper Marlboro  
Upper Marlboro  
Upper Marlboro  
Upper Marlboro  
Upper Marlboro

Carole Highlands Elementary School  
Allenwood Elementary School  
Imagine Foundations at Leeland Charter School  
Marlton Elementary School  
Phyllis E. Williams Spanish Immersion School  
Rosaryville Elementary School  
Kettering Elementary School

**MASSACHUSETTS**

Beverly  
Cambridge  
Somerset  
Westwood

Beverly Public Schools (Hannah Elementary and BMS)  
Harvard University, Graduate School of Education  
Somerset Middle School  
EW Thurston Middle School, Westwood Public Schools

**MICHIGAN**

Canton  
East Lansing  
Farmington Hills  
  
Muskegon  
Oakland  
Petoskey  
Plymouth  
Pontiac  
Saginaw  
Saline

Liberty Middle School  
MacDonald Middle School Library  
Oakland Community College Libraries -  
Orchard Ridge Campus  
Muskegon Community College  
Oakland Schools  
North Central Michigan College  
Pioneer Middle School Library  
Pontiac Middle School Library  
Merrill Park Elementary  
Saline High School

**MISSOURI**

Kansas City  
Kansas City  
St. Louis  
  
St. Louis  
St. Louis  
  
St. Louis  
Shelbyville

School Smart KC  
University Libraries, University of Missouri-Kansas City  
E. Des Lee Tutorial Initiative Literacy Clinic at the  
University Of Missouri St. Louis  
Every Child Hope (ECH)  
Maryville University Library / Maryville Office of Diversity,  
Equity, and Inclusion  
Woodland Elementary  
Shelby County West Middle School

**MULTIPLE STATES**

Boston,  
Columbus,  
Dallas,  
Grand Rapids,  
Lansing,  
West Bloomfield

U.S. WMU Bronco Family Book Club

**NEVADA**

Las Vegas

Lynn Bennett Early Childhood Education Center, UNLV

**CITY****EVENT LOCATION****NEW JERSEY**

Asbury Park	Asbury Park School District PTO
Asbury Park	Asbury Park Senior Center
Asbury Park	CheConnects LLC.
Asbury Park	Interfaith Neighbors Launch Center
Bridgeton	River's Edge Early Learning Center- Headstart
Hackensack	Fairmount Elementary School
Long Branch	Boys and Girls Clubs of Monmouth County
Neptune	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Presbyterian Church
Oakhurst	Township of Ocean Schools
Piscataway	John F. Kennedy Library
Plainfield	Maxson Middle School
Teaneck	Whittier Elementary School
Willingboro	Presbyterian Church of Willingboro

**NEW MEXICO**

Albuquerque	Tomasita Elementary School
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**NEW YORK**

New Lebanon	Darrow School
New Rochelle	Isaac E. Young Middle School
New Rochelle	New Rochelle High School
Nyack	Nyack High School
Plattsburgh	SUNY Plattsburgh – James Augustus Wilson Commons
Rochester	Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church

**NORTH CAROLINA**

Ahoskie	Bearfield Primary School
Charlotte	Johnson C. Smith University
Charlotte	Winding Springs Elementary School
Davidson	Davidson College
Durham	Northern High School
Fayetteville	Fayetteville State University
Kinston	Mission Outreach of St. Augustus A.M.E. Zion Church/ Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Zeta Omicron Omega Chapter
Mount Airy	Plaid Cloth Literary Society
Raleigh	Leesville Road High School
Raleigh	Saint Mary's School
Salisbury	Livingstone College Tubman Theatre
Statesville	Crossroads Arts & Science Early College
Wilmington	D. C. Virgo Preparatory Academy
Winston-Salem	Reynolda House Museum of American Art
Winston-Salem	Steam and Read Program at Union Baptist Church

**OHIO**

Akron	Akron, OH, Residence
Columbus	Marion-Franklin High School, Columbus City Schools
Kent	Kent State University
Kent	Kent State University Center for Undergraduate Student Excellence
Kent	Kent, OH, Residence

**CITY****EVENT LOCATION****OHIO (continued)**

Kent	University Parish Newman Center
Marysville	Marysville High School
Oxford	McGuffey Montessori School
Ravenna	Ravenna, OH, Residence
Youngstown	Chaney High School

**OREGON**

Portland	The Cottonwood School of Civics and Science
Tualatin	Arbor School of Arts and Sciences

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Abington	Abington Middle School
Abington	Overlook Elementary School
Atglen	Octorara Area High School
Dallastown	Dallastown Area High School
Doylestown	Delaware Valley University
Easton	Lafayette College
Erdenheim	Springfield Township High School
Glenside	Copper Beech Elementary School
Kennett Square	Kennett Consolidated School District
Lahaska	Buckingham Friends School
Philadelphia	Unitarian Society of Germantown
Pittsburgh	Duquesne University, Gussin Spiritan Division of Academic Programs
Pottsville	Pottsville Free Public Library
Wayne	Wayne Elementary School
Wilkes-Barre	Gather Community Space & NAACP Wilkes-Barre Branch #2306
Willow Grove	Willow Hill Elementary School

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

Charleston	Meeting Street Academy School - Charleston
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**SPAIN**

Sigüeiro-Oroso-A Coruña, Galicia	CEIP Plurilingüe do Camiño Inglés Primary School
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**TENNESSEE**

Clarksville	The Middle College @ APSU
Knoxville	Hardin Valley Academy
Memphis	Harding Academy of Memphis Lower School
Nashville	National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc., Nashville Chapter at Jere Baxter Middle School

**TEXAS**

Cedar Hill	Kids Towne Home Childcare/NHBW Mid Cities
Grand	National Hook Up of Black Women, Inc Mid Cities Texas Chapter
Houston	Enrichment and Brotherhood Organization of Northwest Youth (E.B.O.N.Y.) & Harris County Barbara Bush Library
Humble	Oak Forest Elementary

**CITY****EVENT LOCATION****TEXAS** (continued)Mansfield  
PlanoInnovative Learning Academy at Elizabeth Smith Elementary  
National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc.  
North Central TX Chapter

San Marcos

Calaboose African American History Museum

San Marcos

DeZavala Elementary

San Marcos

Texas State University

Temple

Central Texas Christian School

**UTAH**

Salt Lake City

Salt Lake Community College

**VIRGINIA**

Alexandria

St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School

Chesapeake

Oscar Smith Middle School

Mathews

Mathews Elementary School

Norfolk

The Downtown Branch at Slover

Richmond

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

**WASHINGTON**

Seattle

Holy Rosary School

**WEST VIRGINIA**

Fairmont

Fairmont Senior High School

**WISCONSIN**

River Falls

University of Wisconsin River Falls

Sheboygan

Sheboygan North High School

Shorewood

Shorewood High School