The National African American Read-in is a groundbreaking effort to encourage communities to read together, centering African American books and authors. It was established in 1990 by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month.

**FOLLOW THESE 3 STEPS TO HOST YOUR OWN READ-IN:**

1. **SELECT READINGS**
   The African American Read-In was started specifically to create a bigger audience for African American authors, so make sure your selected books, speeches, or poems are authored by African Americans.

2. **PLAN AND HOST YOUR EVENT**
   Read-Ins can happen just about anywhere, from homes to libraries to schools to community centers and beyond, and can be as simple as bringing together friends to share a book or as elaborate as arranging public readings and media presentations.

3. **SUBMIT YOUR HOST REPORT CARD**
   Host Report Cards are used to compute the total number of readers, nationwide, each year. This information is then compiled in an annual report card. Submit your report card online at [http://bit.ly/aari-toolkit](http://bit.ly/aari-toolkit) by March 15.