Host an African American Read-In
February 2023

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.

1. SELECT READINGS
The African American Read-In was started specially 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 compare 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 by March 15.

Learn more at bit.ly/aari-toolkit and be sure to follow along at #AARI23!