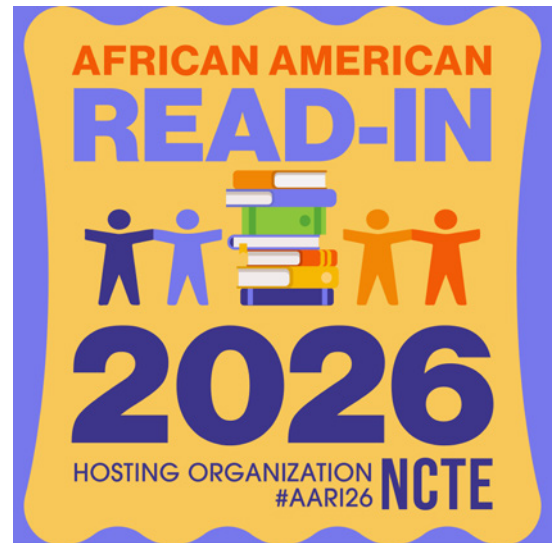


# HOST AN AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN FEBRUARY 2026



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.

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