

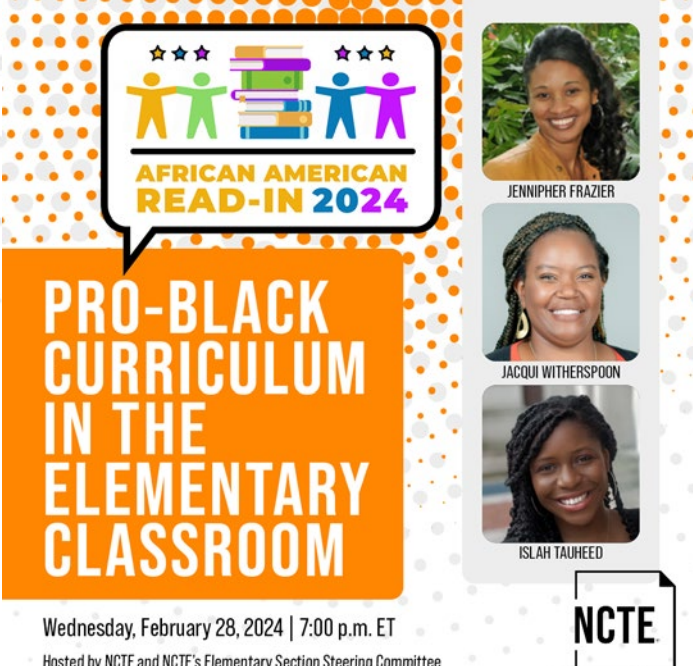
2024 AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN REPORT CARD



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



The poster for the African American Read-In 2024 features a central orange box with the text "PRO-BLACK CURRICULUM IN THE ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM". Above this box is a speech bubble containing the AARI logo and the text "AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN 2024". To the right of the central box are three portrait photos of speakers: Jennifer Frazier, Jacqui Witherspoon, and Islah Tauheed. At the bottom, the event date and time are listed: "Wednesday, February 28, 2024 | 7:00 p.m. ET", and the host is noted as "Hosted by NCTE and NCTE's Elementary Section Steering Committee". The NCTE logo is in the bottom right corner.

AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN 2024

JENNIFER FRAZIER

JACQUI WITHERSPOON

ISLAH TAUHEED

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



The poster for the event "The Probability of Everything" features a large portrait of author Sarah Everett on the left. To the right is the book cover for "THE PROBABILITY OF EVERYTHING" by Sarah Everett. The event details are listed at the bottom: "1:00 P.M. - 1:45 P.M. EASTERN". The date "WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28" is written vertically on the right side. The NCTE logo is in the bottom right corner. A photo credit "PHOTO CREDIT: CASSADRA WILLIAMS" is at the bottom left.

JOIN US FOR A STUDENT-CENTERED EVENT!

THE PROBABILITY OF EVERYTHING

SARAH EVERETT, AUTHOR

THE PROBABILITY OF EVERYTHING Sarah Everett

1:00 P.M. - 1:45 P.M. EASTERN

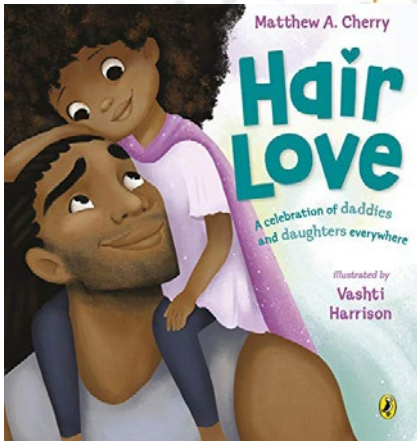
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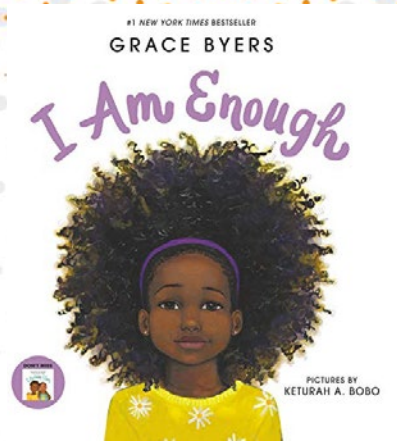
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BOOK LIST

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



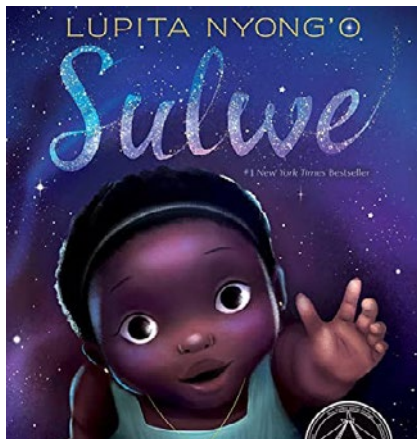
Hair Love, written by Matthew A. Cherry and illustrated by Vashti Harrison, mentioned 44 times



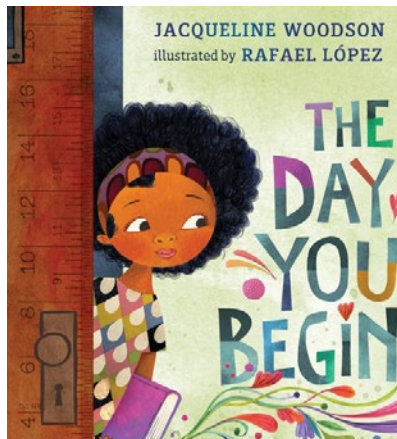
I Am Enough, written by Grace Byers and illustrated by Keturah A. Bobo, mentioned 36 times



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 |

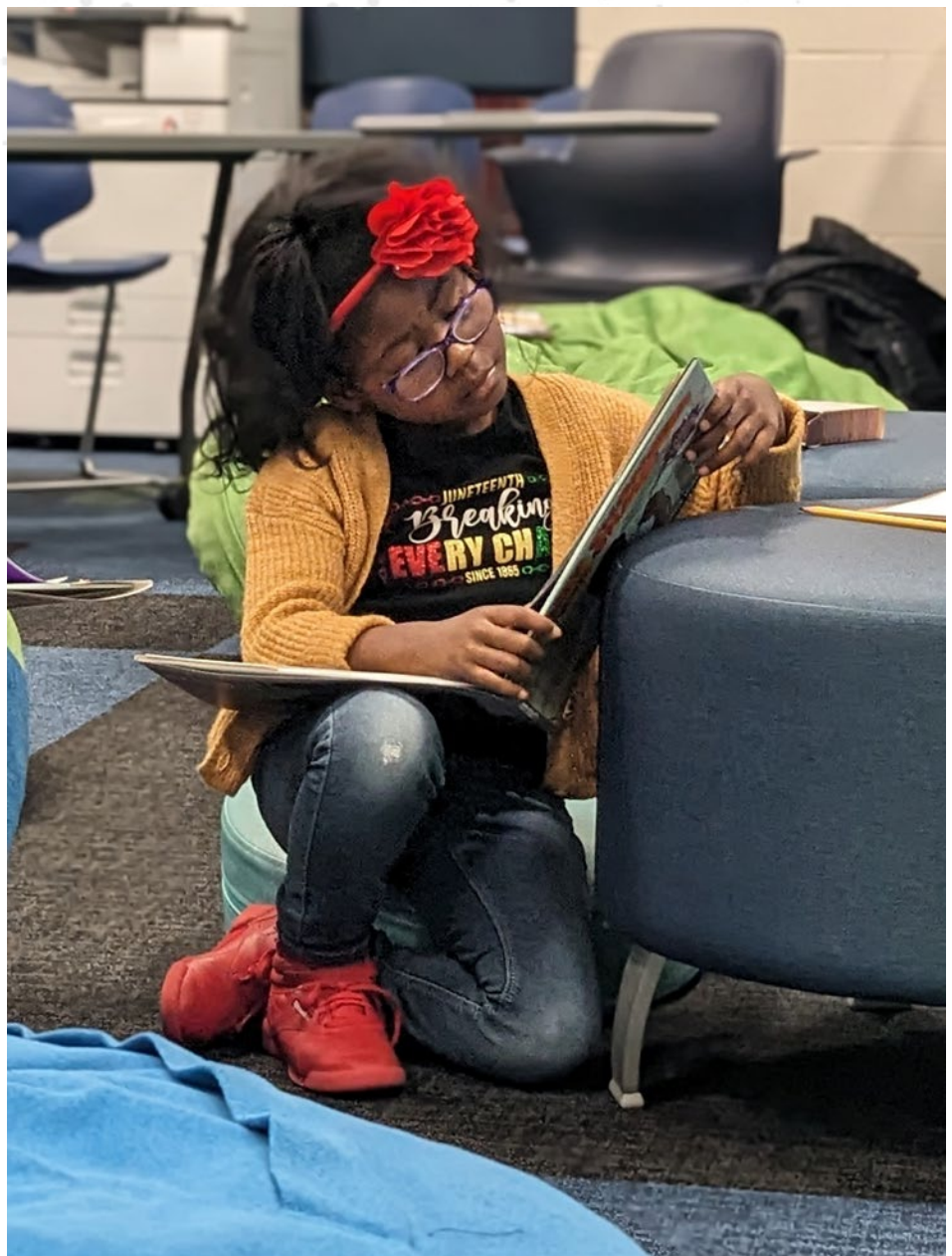
February 29, 2024



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
Marysville
Oxford
Ravenna
Youngstown

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

OREGON

Portland
Tualatin

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

PENNSYLVANIA

Abington
Abington
Atglen
Dallastown
Doylestown
Easton
Erdenheim
Glenside
Kennett Square
Lahaska
Philadelphia
Pittsburgh

Pottsville
Wayne
Wilkes-Barre

Willow Grove

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

SOUTH CAROLINA

Charleston

Meeting Street Academy School - Charleston

SPAIN

Sigüeiro-Oroso-A
Coruña, Galicia

CEIP Plurilingüe do Camiño Inglés Primary School

TENNESSEE

Clarksville
Knoxville
Memphis
Nashville

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

TEXAS

Cedar Hill
Grand

Houston

Humble

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

CITY**EVENT LOCATION****TEXAS** (continued)

Mansfield
Plano

Innovative Learning Academy at Elizabeth Smith Elementary
National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc.
North Central TX Chapter
Calaboose African American History Museum
DeZavala Elementary
Texas State University
Central Texas Christian School

UTAH

Salt Lake City

Salt Lake Community College

VIRGINIA

Alexandria
Chesapeake
Mathews
Norfolk
Richmond

St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School
Oscar Smith Middle School
Mathews Elementary School
The Downtown Branch at Slover
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

WASHINGTON

Seattle

Holy Rosary School

WEST VIRGINIA

Fairmont

Fairmont Senior High School

WISCONSIN

River Falls
Sheboygan
Shorewood

University of Wisconsin River Falls
Sheboygan North High School
Shorewood High School