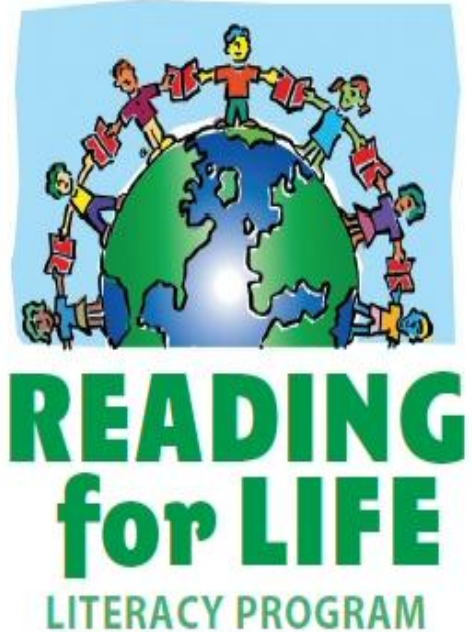


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**Saturday, February 27 and/or
Sunday, February 28, 2010**

National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc. “African-American Author “Read-In”

NHBW, Inc. Local Chapters, as chapters or individual members everywhere, are asked to read and organize others (friends and family) to read on a college campus, in other organizations, at their place of worship or anywhere in their community. Authors can be invited to bring the work that they are currently promoting to read aloud portions for all to enjoy. Programs can be formal or informal. Include readers of diverse backgrounds, ages, and philosophies. Readers may introduce their readings or tell what the writings mean to them. Group discussion is encouraged. You may encourage invited guests to obtain and read the works beforehand. If appropriate, serve light refreshments. Create a welcoming atmosphere of warmth and sharing, teaching and learning—but most of all promote reading and literacy! Need ideas? Reading lists? Check out the website's reading lists or contact a local library. <http://www.ncte.org/action/aari>



Schools, churches, libraries, bookstores, community and professional organizations, and interested citizens are urged to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month by hosting and coordinating Read-Ins in their communities. Hosting a Read-In can be as simple as bringing together friends to read and share a book in your living room or as elaborate as arranging public readings and media presentations that feature professional African American writers. To be counted as participants, we must simply:

- Select books authored by African Americans; read at an event, a church, or simply in your home on Saturday, February 27th and/or Sunday, February 28th...
- Report your results by submitting your numbers and ideas to the NHBW, Inc. National Office by Saturday, March 6th.
- The NHBW, Inc. National Office will complete the 2010 African American Read-In Report Card.

*The Read-In has been endorsed by the International Reading Association. Over a million readers of all ethnic groups from 49 states, the West Indies, and African countries have participated. **The goal is to make the celebration of African American literacy a traditional part of Black History Month activities.** The partnership is in line with our Reading for Life Initiative and our promotion of literacy.*