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# ONE Community Conference 2022

## Event 2: African American Read In and Author Panel

January 26, 2022

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Join us for the next event in our ONE Community Conference series! During the month of February, Olentangy's Equity and Inclusion Team, in conjunction with the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), will host an African American Read In. This initiative was established by NCTE in 1990 as a way to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month. We are excited to join over 6 million participants around the world in this initiative.

Elementary students can explore the reading calendar with 19 different picture book read alouds and activities. Middle school students and families will read the book "Simone Breaks All the Rules" by Debbie Rigaud. High school students and families will read "The Other Wes Moore" by Wes Moore. Access the reading calendars with discussion and activity guides here:

[Preschool and Elementary Reading and Activity Calendar](#)

[Middle School Book Discussion and Activity Guide](#)

[High School Book Discussion and Activity Guide](#)

The middle and high school books are available for purchase on Amazon for under \$12. There are also digital and physical copies of the books available through the Delaware County and Columbus Metropolitan Libraries.

There will be a culminating author panel presentation on Monday, February 28 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. This event is virtual and features local African American authors. They will discuss their journey to becoming an author, the craft of writing, and any upcoming projects. We invite all students, staff, and their families to attend.



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### AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN

During Black History Month, Olentangy's Equity and Inclusion Team is hosting an "African American Read In" for the entire district, in conjunction with the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). They have chosen a total of 21 different titles to cultivate a love of reading while celebrating the literary contributions of African Americans right here in Ohio.

[Preschool and Elementary Reading & Activity Calendar](#)  
[Middle School Discussion & Activity Guide](#)  
[High School Discussion & Activity Guide](#)

### AUTHOR PANEL EVENT

DATE: Monday, February 28, 2022

TIME: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

PLACE: Microsoft Teams (RSVP to receive the link)

[Click here to RSVP](#)

The Olentangy community is invited to join a virtual panel event to hear from local African American authors on their journey in becoming an author, the craft of writing, and upcoming projects.

Please [RSVP](#) to register for the event. A confirmation email with the Microsoft Teams join link will be sent to you by a member of the Olentangy Schools Equity and Inclusion Team.