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“As long as we
are not
ourselves, we
will try to be
what other
people are.”

MALIDOMA PATRICE SOME'

Of Water and Spirit



2021 National African American Read-In

All Clayton County Public Schools students, teachers and leaders are invited to participate in three exciting opportunities that recognize, honor, and emphasize the power and beauty of the African American community through literature!



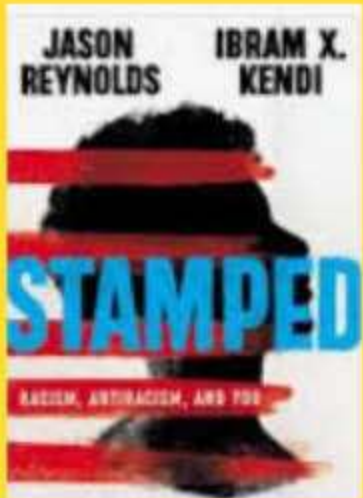
THE OFFICE OF SECONDARY ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

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AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN

BOOK TASTING

Do you have a cherished African American work of literature that honors, celebrates and acknowledges the culture and community? If so, we invite you to record a book tasting video that shares an excerpt and explanation of your favorite Black author's informational or literary text! Upload your video to our digital platform. We will share the platform widely so the Clayton County school and local community can experience the great works by and about African Americans.



**[HTTPS://PADLET.COM/ELISAR_
GRAY/AABOOKTASTING](https://padlet.com/elisar_gray/aabooktasting)**



Submit your recording by visiting the website listed or above or scanning the QR code.

AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN

BOOK DISCUSSION

Over the holiday break, several middle and high school students participated in a shared reading of Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi's novel, Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You. In honor of the National African American Read-In, we will culminate our shared reading with a book discussion! We cordially invite all who have read the book or are interested in reading the book to **join us February 19th from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** for an hour of compelling dialogue about the history and present-day impact of race in America.

Register for this event using the following form: tinyurl.com/1u88ufm

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AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN

In honor of the National African American Read-In, The Office of Secondary English Language Arts is hosting a school and community read-in! We cordially invite all CCPS staff and students, as well as Clayton County local community members, to participate! We encourage participants to read an excerpt from their favorite text written by and about African Americans. Readings should be followed by an explanation of the significance of the text. **Join us February 26th from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** for a wonderful hour of reading!

Register for this event using the following form: tinyurl.com/yja6lusp

**JOIN LINK:
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