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MEMO TO: GLP Partners and Supporters

SUBJECT: 18th Annual African American Read-In Chain

In the spirit of celebration of February 2007 as Black History Month, the Global Literacy Project has endorsed the Eighteenth National African American Read-In Chain, sponsored by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English. This endorsement asks that school libraries, community centers and other partners of GLP consider serving as hosts to create a chain of readers on Sunday, February 4, 2007, or Monday, February 5, 2007. The chain involves reading works authored by African American writers at community sites on Sunday and in school buildings on Monday.

Anyone interested in participating is 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 share a book, or as elaborate as arranging public readings and media presentations that feature professional African American writers.

To be counted as participants, simply:

- Select books authored by African Americans;
- Conduct your Read-In(s) on the days designated; and
- Report your results by submitting the 2007 African American Read-In Report Card.

Materials are enclosed with details outlining the project. The guidelines are very broad and are only limited by your creativity. Please join me in supporting this project and in promoting literacy.

Return the REPORT CARD by February 28, 2007, so that our numbers will be included in the final count.

Enclosures

PRESS RELEASE
THE EIGHTEENTH NATIONAL
AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN CHAIN

Join over a million readers in the
Eighteenth National African American Read-In Chain
Sunday, February 4, 2007, 4:00 p.m. EST
Monday, February 5, 2007, for Schools

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 family and friends to share a book, or as elaborate as arranging public readings and media presentations that feature professional African American writers.

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In 1990, the first African American Read-In Chain was sponsored by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English. In 1991, the National Council of Teachers of English joined in the sponsorship. The Read-In has been endorsed by the Global Literacy Project, Inc. Readers of all ethnic groups, from 49 states, the West Indies, and African countries have joined together towards our goal of making the celebration of African American literacy a traditional part of Black History Month activities.

To receive an African American Read-In Chain Packet, contact:

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***THE EIGHTEENTH NATIONAL
AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN CHAIN***

Sunday, February 4, 2007, 4:00 p.m. EST

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HOST INVITATION

You are invited to celebrate Black History Month by joining and hosting a Read-In as part of the Eighteenth National African American Read-In Chain. Originally sponsored by the NCTE Black Caucus and the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), it also has been endorsed by the International Reading Association and the Global Literacy Project, Inc.

WILL YOU CONSENT TO SERVE AS A READ-IN CHAIN HOST?

Read-In hosts are selected for their interest, experience, and knowledge in organizing groups, selecting appropriate reading materials, and promoting literacy. The main responsibility of hosts is to plan a Read-In, including selecting a site and inviting participants. Hosting a Read-In can be as simple as gathering with family and friends to share books, or as elaborate as arranging large audiences to hear professional writers read their work. Many hosts have found it useful to rearrange the meeting time of an organized group to coincide with the date and time of the African American Read-In Chain. Others have solicited funds to purchase books and refreshments. Read-Ins are varied, so do what you do best.

We ask only that reading materials be selected from the works authored by African Americans, professional or novice writers, and that each host return the Read-In Report Card by February 28th. Only those who return the Report Card are considered to be formal participants. To invite other hosts, simply copy this invitation and the host report card and send them forward. Thanks!

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