

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

*THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CHILDREN'S BOOK PROJECT PROMOTES
POSITIVE IMAGES IN CHILDREN'S LITERACY*

The 16th Annual African American Children's Book Fair will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2008, at Community College of Philadelphia, 1:00-3:00PM, Gymnasium. The free event is sponsored by The African American Children's Book Project a nonprofit organization.

The African American Children's Book Fair began on a cold frosty day at John Wanamaker Department Store in downtown Philadelphia with 250 attendees. This year over 4,500 people attended the event at Community College of Philadelphia.

The program has been tremendously successful because of the need for literature reflecting the African American experience. The book fair is also important because it provides resources to parents, educators, and children that encourage the love of reading. The event is one of the largest dedicated to literacy for African American Children preschool to young adult in the country.

HOW IT WORKS

The event is a true book fair with selection for children preschool to young adult. It is a family event that parents and educators eagerly anticipate each year. Authors/illustrators autograph and read from their books to a captive audience.

One of our most popular promotions is the *EDUCATOR BOOK DONATION* program. We provide educators with books of our guest authors/illustrator participants. These books are a welcome addition to school libraries. Not only do the educators receive a donor sponsored book, but they get to meet the person who either wrote or illustrated the book. They are able to share this experience with their student.

Your donation will help us to further our mission of making sure that our children are encourage to read by having access to books that amply reflect positive images of themselves. Studies show that children who read, make responsible lifestyle decisions.

We are also in need of volunteers for the event.

For more information on how to support this effort, **contact me at (215) 877-2012, Vanesse J. Lloyd-Sgambati**