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Alderwoman Coggs to host virtual Black History Month Read-In

February is Black History Month, and Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs invites parents and children to attend the virtual **Black History Month Read-In Zoom Webinar** on **Saturday, February 27th at 12:00 p.m. (CST)**.

The event will feature short, heartfelt stories about African American culture and history. The stories that will be featured will be from guest authors **Deanna Singh, Ajamou Butler, Rayna Andrews, Nia Obotette, Ebony Lewis** and Drs. **Malena Banks** and **Maryam Jernigan-Noesi**. There will also be other readings from guest readers **Jadah Webb, Priscilla Coggs-Jones, and Alderwoman Coggs**. The stories will cover multiple topics, including growing up in Black communities, pride, determination, health, empathy and other aspects of African-American culture. Alderwoman Coggs is sponsoring the Read-In in recognition of the 31st National African-American Read-In, a program that promotes diversity in literature in partnership with the Milwaukee Public Library.

“Hosting this Black History Month Read-In each year is a great opportunity for so many to join in and learn about the trials and triumphant stories for young people in the Black community,” said Alderwoman Coggs. “Although we will not be joining physically, this virtual event will expand the range of people who are able to attend the event and will further educate people on the importance of Black History Month. A special treat for all the children and families who join us this year is that many of the participants are authors of the book they will be reading.”

The Black History Month Read-In is **free and open to everyone**. Participants are asked to sign up for the virtual event using the link [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#).

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