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### ***August House Releases African-American History Month Reading List***

African-American History Month offers more opportunities for incorporating diverse supplemental reading into lesson plans.

*Atlanta, Georgia– January 12, 2016*, As we quickly approach African-American History Month, August House is pleased to release a comprehensive list featuring all of the publisher’s children’s books written and illustrated by African-Americans. The list includes works by award winning storytellers such as Rob Cleveland (*Clever Monkey, Clever Monkey Rides Again*) and Bobby Norfolk (*Anansi and the Pot of Beans, Anansi Goes to Lunch*), as well as many titles featuring folktales from African-American culture. By releasing this African-American History Month reading list, August House hopes to help teachers supplement their curriculum for February, making it easier for educators to incorporate African-American and diversity titles into their reading assignments.

August House President, Steve Floyd pointed out that, “As we enter an extended season of standardized test preparation, August House is trying to make it easier for classroom teachers to select supplemental reading material that will help students improve their reading comprehension.” Anyone interested in August House’s African-American History Month reading list can download the new list at: <http://bit.ly/1W4WUqe>.

Supplemental reading can be defined as any reading that isn’t assigned as part of the regular curriculum. In other words, supplemental reading is additive or builds on top of the required reading assignments. To optimize the benefits of supplemental reading for kids, a program needs to be “child centric” so that children are free to choose a book because it is interesting or enjoyable to them, not because it is required reading for school. Floyd added that, “For supplemental reading to significantly improve reading comprehension skills in the classroom or at home, books need to appeal to children’s interests so that they are more likely to stay engaged and focused on a topic. African-American History Month supplies this needed focal point to help teachers integrate culturally diverse titles, such as *The First Music* and *The Hidden Feast*, into students’ studies.

August House is a highly acclaimed and award-winning multimedia publisher of children's stories, folktale anthologies, and resource books. Located in Atlanta, GA, August House has developed one of the most highly respected collections of folktales from the world's great oral traditions.

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