



African American Book Challenge Official Rules

After having read the Challenge rules and guidelines, sign and return this sheet to your nearest AACPL branch when you check out your book. For any questions or concerns contact Curator of Education, Trenda Byrd, via email at trenda.byrd@maryland.gov or phone at 410-216-6189.

1. Open to Anne Arundel County students, grades 3-12.
2. Registration is counted once an essay is emailed to Curator of Education, Trenda Byrd at trenda.byrd@maryland.gov with *African American Book Challenge* in the Subject line. Along with the essay please include the following criteria:
 - Name
 - Male or Female
 - School
 - Grade
 - Address
 - Phone number
 - Closest library branch
3. Essays must be submitted by May 31, 2015 by **5pm** to be considered for the prize.
4. Essays must be no longer than **500 words**.
5. **ALL** required information must be included when essays are sent in order to qualify for the prize.
6. Prize distribution— prize winners will be contacted when to pick up prize. If prizes are not picked up within a week, unless BDM Curator of Education, Trenda Byrd, is notified. Prizes not picked up will be given to the runner up.
7. There will be a \$10 I-Tunes gift card given out as a prize for each group category: 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, and 9th-12th
8. Disputes concerning judging of essays will be taken up with the BDM Curator of Education, who will have the final say (disputes in writing only).
9. Participants can only read the books specified on the flyer.
10. Participants are encouraged – **but not required** – to visit their local AACPL branch to check out books selected for the contest.
11. Participants **cannot** read Sparknotes, Cliffnotes, Enotes, or any other form of book summaries.
12. General communication conducted by email/phone only.
13. Family and close friends of the Banneker-Douglass Museum staff and Anne Arundel County Public Library staff are not allowed to participate in the contest.

By entering the African American Book Challenge (hereafter, referred to as the “Challenge”) each contestant releases the Banneker- Douglass Museum, the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives, the State of Maryland, and the Anne Arundel County Public Library as well as promotional sponsors, and each of their respective affiliated companies, directors, officers, employees, representatives and agents from any liability whatsoever for any claims, costs, injuries, losses, or damages of any kind arising out of or in connection with the Challenge or with the acceptance, possession, or use of any prize (including, without limitation, claims, costs, injuries, losses and damages related to personal injuries, death, damage to, loss or destruction of property, rights of publicity or privacy, defamation, or portrayal in a false light).

****I have read and agree to the official rules****

Name of child (Print): _____ Signature: _____

Parent Signature (if child is under 18): _____

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