



Josephine School Community Museum
CLARKE COUNTY AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

18th Annual Black History Dramatic Reading Contest

**Saturday, February 17, 2024
1:30 PM**

*Inclement Weather Date: February 24, 2024

**Josephine School Community Museum
Clarke County African-American Cultural Center
303 Josephine Street
Berryville, Virginia 22611**

Come experience the oral interpretation of stories, poems, folktales, or essays written by or about African Americans.

Students in the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth grades
are eligible to participate.

Deadline for entry form is Saturday, February 10, 2024

Visit www.jschoolmuseum.org and click on **Students for
Contest Guidelines and Contest Entry Form**

For more information contact the Josephine School Community Museum
at 540-955-5512 or 540-722-0719 or email jschool515@verizon.net



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18th ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY DRAMATIC READING CONTEST

CONTEST GUIDELINES

Black History Dramatic Reading Contest

A Celebration of Black History Month

**Sponsored by the Josephine School Community Museum –
Clarke County African-American Cultural Center**

- Contest is open to students in grades 2, 3, 4 and 5
- Reading selections must be taken from a published work of fiction, poetry, folklore, history or biography written by or about African Americans. Excerpts may be used.

Reading selections should be timed as follows:

- Grade 2 Not less than 1 minute nor more than 3 minutes
- Grade 3 Not less than 1 minute nor more than 3 minutes
- Grades 4&5 Not less than 2 minutes nor more than 4 minutes

Readers will introduce themselves to the audience:

Give name, school and grade

Give title of reading selection

Readers will be judged on the following criteria:

3. Choice of selection (20 points)
 - Selection is age appropriate
 - Meets criteria mentioned above
 - Meets time requirements
2. Interpretation (60 points)
 - Enunciates and pronounce words clearly
 - Reads with expression
 - Reads from the text (not memorized)
 - Helps audience enjoy and understand literary work
3. General stage presence (20 points)
 - Neat appearance
 - Stands with good posture
 - Makes eye contact with audience

Judges will be community members with an interest in education, leadership and literature.

Prizes will be awarded for the best readers in each grade level. Every participant will receive a certificate.

For more information call: (540) 955-5512 or (540) 722-0719 or email jschool515@verizon.net

We are an incorporated 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organization. Our building is on the National Register of Historic Places.

www.jschoolmuseum.org

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- Certificates and prizes awarded to contestants.

I would like to participate in the Black History Dramatic Reading Contest:

Name _____ Grade _____ Age _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ School _____

I plan to read the following selection based on the guidelines provided:

Selection _____

Title of Book _____

Publisher, if known _____

My child _____ has my permission to participate in the Black History Dramatic Reading Contest.

Parent's signature _____

Please return this form (via Mail or Email) by Saturday, February 10, 2024, to:
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