

Northwest University's Student Magazine

TALON

[HOME](#)[ABOUT US](#)[THE SCREECH PODCAST](#)[CAMPUS LIFE](#)[OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE](#)[ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT](#)[OPINION](#)[AUDIO/VISUAL](#)

by northwest7

on February 28, 2018

under Arts & Entertainment,

Campus Life, Home

Permalink

AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN EXPANDS PERSPECTIVES



Photo by Dr. Will Mari

By Deja Andrades

Every year the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) encourages schools, libraries, churches, etc. to celebrate Black History Month by hosting an African American Read-In.

The English Department hosted its third annual African American Read-In lead on Tuesday, Feb. 20. The event, emceed by Dr. Clint Bryan, provided an opportunity for students and faculty to expand their perspectives of the black community and their daily life experiences in light of Black History Month.

The event allowed for students and faculty to choose any passage or poem from an African American writer of their choosing, which created a diverse display of topics and emotions.

Of the many, a few notable excerpts and their respective authors were read as followed:

"Poetry Should Ride the Bus" by Ruth Foreman

"The Hate You Give" by Angie Thomas

"The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison

"Island" by Langston Hughes

"Receiving the Stigmata" by Rita Dove

"Beloved" by Toni Morrison

"A Song in the Front Yard" by Gwnedyolyn Brooks

"Call Me Africa" by Julie Wangombe

Some students in attendance said the event helped them understand the African American community better.

"I'm not super well-read in African American literature, so being here always expands my perspective, especially when people read with passion," Sophomore Abby Henderson said.



Photo by Deja Andrades