A rare chance to read aloud, and be read to, will be offered next Wednesday during the third annual African-American Read-In at Mount Airy Museum of Regional History.

The read-in — scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. in the museum's second-floor conference room — will celebrate authors representing that group and their work, in conjunction with Black History Month.

"I think the event is important because it helps to make the celebration of African-American literacy a traditional part of the Black History Month activities," said Emma Jean Tucker of The Plaid Cloth Literary Society, which hosts the annual read-ins. Tucker describes it as "a diverse group of ladies."

To participate, one needs only to select works written by an African-American and be prepared to read a poem or an excerpt from a book or play, according to museum Executive Director Matt Edwards.

Read more: Mount Airy News - African American Read In planned at museum