



# FREEDOM SCHOOL READ ALOUD GUEST



## You're Invited!

“Strut your stuff” this summer and encourage youth to share the joy of reading.

## BACKGROUND

The Children’s Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom Schools® Program is a national movement that provides research-based, culturally relevant summer enrichment to scholars and their families. Without summer enrichment, research shows that youth from low-income households can lose as much as one-third of their previous grade-level learning.

Building on 16+ years of operating a CDF Freedom School, Metanoia creates partnerships with families and invests in the strengths and talents of scholars through our summer enrichment program. In previous years, 98% of scholars who attended Metanoia CDF Freedom School either gained or maintained their reading levels during the critical summer months.

Freedom School begins each day with a high-energy morning meeting called *Harambee* (Kiswahili for *let’s all pull together*). This is also a special time when we invite a guest to read a book to scholars and share a little about their career, life, education, and love of reading.

## FAQs

- 1 When is Freedom School?**  
Metanoia CDF Freedom School meets Monday through Friday from June 12–July 21, 2023.
- 2 Where is Freedom School located?**  
Chicora Elementary School in North Charleston.
- 3 What book should I read?**  
You are welcome to either read a favorite children’s book of your own or Metanoia can supply you with a book the morning of your visit. We ask that readers bring books or passages from books that can be read to scholars in 10 minutes or less to maintain our morning schedule. After you read, scholars will be allowed to ask you two-to-three questions.
- 4 What else happens during *Harambee*?**  
*Harambee* is highly collaborative and interactive, filled with Freedom School songs and movement. You are encouraged to join the scholars during *Harambee* and may be asked to “strut your stuff” through dance or movement after reading.

**I want to Read Aloud!** >>> [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#) <<<

Choose an available date and provide a brief bio so we can introduce you to scholars. If you need help, email [freedomschool@metanoiasc.org](mailto:freedomschool@metanoiasc.org).

## LOGISTICS

- 8:15 AM** Arrive at Chicora Elementary School  
3100 Carner Ave.  
North Charleston, SC 29405
- 8:30 AM** *Harambee* opening assembly begins
- 8:30-8:50 AM** Read Aloud Guest shares a book with 50 scholars and answers a few questions

