The Charleston African-American Book Festival is the first and only annual celebration of African-American literature in the Charleston area. Now in its fourth year, Black Ink serves as a platform to support local Black writers, creating a space for them to share their work, discuss their craft, and expose readers of all ages to the great variety of African-American authors in the area. With the support of community-conscious sponsors Black Ink: A Charleston African-American Book Festival will impact the lives of hundreds of readers, both young and old.

Black Ink is a project of the Charleston Friends of the Library in partnership with the City of Charleston’s MOJA Arts Festival and the College of Charleston’s Race and Social Justice Initiative. The festival is free to the public and will include hundreds of books for sale, vendor exhibits, a keynote address, and more!
Nikki Giovanni, the world-renowned poet, writer, commentator, activist, and educator, will be featured as the keynote speaker at this fall’s Black Ink, Charleston’s African American book festival. One of the most widely read American poets, Giovanni has written more than two dozen books, including volumes of poetry, illustrated children’s books, and three collections of essays. The Academy of American Poets voted Giovanni #1 poet for the spring of 2007. She has received 21 honorary doctorates and a host of other awards, including Woman of the Year titles from three different magazines and the Governors’ Awards in the Arts from both Tennessee and Virginia.

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