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## Media Release

### **Daniel Jenkins Increasing Awareness and Skills Through Book Club**



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**North Charleston, SC** – April was National School Library Month and the Daniel Jenkins Academy (DJA) administration wanted to spotlight the school's teacher-librarian, Fatieka Stevens, and the DJA Book Club.

The DJA Book Club was initiated by Stevens (who is also the school's 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year) two years ago to foster students' love for reading and improves their communication and public speaking skills.

"This club not only encourages the act of reading and increasing reading comprehension skills, but also encourages the exploration of unfamiliar concepts and the growth of skills that are essential to each student's success," explained Stevens.

Students across various grade levels participate in the DJA Book Club. April's featured book was *This is My America* by Kim Johnson. Students strengthened their critical thinking skills by making inferences, drawing connections, and exploring real-world themes such as justice, family, and perseverance by reading the novel.

The DJA Book Club encourages students to engage deeply with the text, reflect on complex issues, and express their ideas with clarity and confidence. This experience builds strong literacy skills and inspires students to connect literature to their lives and the world around them.

"As we observed the students who participated in the program, we noted their vocabulary exploration and expansion as well as their appreciation of varied perspectives," added Principal Quintella Middleton.

The school appreciates Stevens and all DJA Book Club members for demonstrating their passion for reading and sharing their knowledge and perspectives with one another.

For more information, contact the school's publicity representative, Tarikia White, at (843) 747-6609.

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