

HOST YOUR OWN

# BLACK FUTURES

COMMUNITY BOOK PARTY

**SET THE STAGE:**

Set the tone for the event by reading this excerpt from the Introduction to *Black Futures*:

Blackness is infinite—a single book cannot attempt to contain the multitudes and multiverse. This is just one manifestation of a project that spans millennia. We are in a continuum of those who came before and those who will come after and make a dent in the archival project that is required of us as humans on this planet.

Our intention is to encourage readers to follow their interests into a deep warren of rabbit holes and discoveries. This is not an art book. This is not a scholarly journal. This book is a series of guideposts for current and future generations who may be curious about what our generation has been creating during a time defined by social, cultural, economic, and ecological revolution.

**Kimberly + Jenna**

## DISCUSS:

Here are some questions to help guide your conversations. But by all means, don't let these prompts limit where the conversation can go.

1. What does it mean to be Black and alive right now?
2. What particular pieces stood out to you and why? Did you look up further information about any of the contributors?
3. How does the mixed media (images, photos, essays, memes, dialogues, recipes, poetry, etc.) help to create and enrich each section?
4. How was your experience reading the collection? Did you read chronologically, or did you use the related reading suggestions at the end of each piece?
5. Discuss *Black Futures* in the context of your local community. What artists, creators, or organizations would you highlight?

## LISTEN:

**It's not a party without a killer soundtrack. Set the mood with this playlist.**

Sonia Sanchez, "Black Magic"

Kelela, "Frontline"

Tirzah, "Gladly"

Nao, "Blue Wine"

R+R=NOW, "Been On My Mind  
(feat. Amber Navran)"

Travis Scott, "STOP TRYING TO BE GOD"

Tyler, The Creator, "Find Your Wings"

Rihanna, "Consideration (feat. SZA)"

Frank Ocean, "Pink + White"

AOE, "I'm Right This Time"

Peter Gabriel, "The Veil"

Sudan Archives, "Beautiful Mistake"

Dedekind Cut, "Tahoe"

Ursula Rucker, "THINKIN 'BOUT U  
(feat. Tomasia)"

Swizz Beatz feat. Nas, "Echo"

Jorja Smith, "Blue Lights"

Marc Mac, "Soul Transformation"

Rickie Byars, "Teleprompter  
(feat. Georgia Anne Muldrow)"

Somi, "Black Enough"

Shabazz Palaces, "100 Sph"

**For more, visit: [bit.ly/blackfuturesmix](https://bit.ly/blackfuturesmix)**

## EAT:

Nourish your body along with your soul.

Auntie Yvonne's Coconut Sweetbread (recipe on page 454)

## GET INVOLVED:

Support one of the organizations highlighted in *Black Futures*:

- **Girl Trek:** [girltrek.org](https://girltrek.org)
- **National Bail Out:** [nationalbailout.org](https://nationalbailout.org)
- **Soul Fire Farm:** [soulfirefarm.org](https://soulfirefarm.org)
- **For the Gworls:** [forthegworls.party](https://forthegworls.party)