

Let's get ready to Read!
2024-2025 National Youth Activities Ambassador Dominique Garcia

School is BACK and so is the excitement of READING!

One of the Youth Program goals this year is... Youth READING to Veterans and Veterans READING to Youth! How fun!

National Read a Book Day is September 6. Contact your local library, community center or elementary school to see if you can assist with their event OR host one of your own! Don't forget about preschools and Head Start Programs. Ask if they have titles from The Patriotism Through Literacy List to use. Bring along a few veterans and LET'S GET READING!

September is also Library Card Sign Up Month. So, encourage the children to sign up for a library card and check out a book or two off the Patriotism through Literacy list. If your local library doesn't have some of the books in stock, you can check with a librarian and see if you can donate some books. If you can donate the books, we have the National President Book donation stickers on MALTA.

R.A.P. cards are a unique way to reward children. Teach them about Random Acts of Patriotism and reward them for their actions. Reward them for reading to a veteran, reading a selection from the Patriotism Through Literacy List, or even if they sign up for a library card! We all love rewards!

The Illustrating America Art Contest has a new requirement that the student's name and grade should now be written on the back of every art entry. Also, matting requirements are less restrictive. Please note this changes the maximum dimensions of the size of the entries. We hope this will allow more students to participate. Check the updated applications.