

Youth Activities Promotion #2 October 2024

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Fall is here.

October is National Book Month! How can that be celebrated? How about hosting a read-a-book night or if you host a Halloween party, have a reading corner; see if the comrades can volunteer to read books to the children and see if any children want to read to the group. Speaking of Halloween parties, need some prize ideas? How about R.A.P Cards? As I have stated before, you can create a point system with the R.A.P Cards and hand them out to the children.

With Halloween coming up, see about hosting a trunk-or-treat for the children, get the community involved. Could have a table or make a goodie bag with the Illustrating America contest form, patriotic coloring pages and candy. Most schools do fall/harvest carnivals. Reach out and see about setting up a table with games, contest forms, book lists and R.A.P cards.

Another great time to host a reading day would be the week of Veterans Day, November 11-15 is National Young Readers Week. If there are Veterans Day open houses, maybe the children can read to the veterans. It would probably make their day and make them feel special. Get some books off the Patriotism through Literacy book list for them to read.

Veterans Day is next month. Most Departments have parades, ceremonies, open houses and visit the VA. This would be a great opportunity to get the youth involved, show them why Veterans Day is important and who our veterans are. The youth can help serve food at an open house, take cards or goodie bags to the veterans in the hospital, pass out programs and “Buddy”® Poppies for a ceremony or carry and wave a Flag in a parade.

UPDATE:

There was a change to the Illustrating American Contest. The form has been updated and placed on MALTA Member Resources, Youth Activities.

- It is REQUIRED for the student’s name and grade to be written on the back of every art entry

Please be sure the entry form is **correctly** and **completely** filled out.

Just a reminder- If the art entry is matted the matt is included in the art size.

Can’t wait to see all the entries!

SWAPs:

- In New Mexico many schools will make thank-you cards, pictures and place mats for the veterans. The Auxiliaries will take them to the Post, VA or nursing homes to be given out. These really bring smiles to the veterans faces especially those in the hospital or nursing homes.

- South Dakota shared a Patriotic Activity Book from the DAV website. It included coloring pages, word searches, crossword puzzles, sudoku, maze and did you know facts. You can always create your own activity book.
- New Hampshire mentioned Local Book Swap Boxes (Little libraries) in the neighborhoods. Don'tate a few books from the Patriotism through Literacy booklist, be sure to place National President Brenda's book donation label inside the book before placing it in the library.

A few upcoming events to keep in mind:

- October- National Book Month
- November 11-15- National Young Readers Week
- December- Read a Book Month
- February 5- World Read Aloud Day
- February 14- Library Lovers Day
- March 2- Dr. Seuss Day (Read Across America Day)
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Thank you to Department Chairman from Wisconsin for sharing these dates.

Let's continue to have a great year and keep sharing all you and your Departments are doing.