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LITERACY PROMOTION COMMITTEE

“The art of reading is in great part that of acquiring a better understanding of life from one’s encounter with it in a book.” — André Maurois

The word literacy is defined as the ability to read, write, speak and listen to others that makes it possible to communicate effectively and understand the world. Many people, from children to adults, need help with reading and struggle to work on this for various reasons. All chapters are asked to appoint a literacy promotion chair and we can raise awareness and the literacy rate in the United States of America.

This committee’s goal is to illuminate DAR’s commitment to literacy promotion. There are several contests and awards that chapters may submit for outstanding member, chapter or state service. There are also ideas for areas of emphasis that are listed below.

For Literacy Development in Children

- Promote and support child literacy initiatives that enhance different reading programs that include, after school tutoring programs, mentoring children or teens, as well as sponsoring programs that encourage parents and grandparents to read to their children.
- Join a DAR School chair to hold a book drive for a DAR-supported school
- Adopt a classroom or school with the chapter community classroom committee

For Literacy Development in Adults

- Please support literacy initiatives for adult learners along with sponsoring scholarships for adults studying for their GED.
- Teach English as a second language or help those who are unemployed with job applications or resumes.
- Read to the blind or record books on CD, or read to seniors at a senior center and improve the library at their location.

Celebrate the DAR’s commitment for Literacy Promotion by having a literacy minute every month, and asking your mayors to sign the Literacy Promotion Proclamation on National Family Literacy Day on November 1. <https://www.dar.org/members/committees/service-committees/literacy-promotion/champion-award-proclamation>
Please contact me if you need ideas or assistance.

ALL ENTRIES ARE DUE TO THIS CHAIRMAN BY: JANUARY 5, 2026

National Literacy Promotion Website:

<https://www.dar.org/members/committees/service-committees/literacy-promotion/about-literacy-promotion-committee>

Forms webpage: <https://www.dar.org/members/committees/service-committees/literacy-promotion/contest-forms>