

Literacy Promotion
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Things Chapters and Individuals Can Do To Promote Literacy

- Appoint a Literacy Promotion Committee chapter chair.
- Implement, support and promote literacy projects for both children & adults.
- Promote commemorative events related to literacy in our communities.
- Partner with DAR committees and other organizations to improve literacy.
- Request a local Literacy Promotion Proclamation for Family Literacy Day, Nov. 1st
- Present a local Literacy Champion Award

National Outstanding Service Contest

A contest to recognize outstanding service of DAR MEMBERS & CHAPTERS

Due to state chair **January 5, 2026** by email

Entry form and instructions are on WVDAR.ORG/MEMBERS UNDER SIP

3 Areas of Emphasis

- 1. Honor our Spirit of Partnership**
- 2. Focus on Future Readers**
- 3. Celebrate DAR's Commitment to Literacy Promotion**

Local Recognition

No National Approval Required

Literacy Champion Award Certificate

Recognizes DAR and non-DAR individuals





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LITERACY PROMOTION OUTSTANDING SERVICE CONTEST INFORMATION

The Literacy Promotion Committee conducts contests to recognize OUTSTANDING SERVICE of DAR MEMBERS, CHAPTERS, and STATES by encouraging all DAR members to become involved and reporting various ways literacy is promoted. Nominees must demonstrate literacy promotion activities outside of employment or normal duties by providing proof of service in any or all three areas of emphasis:

- Honor our Spirit of Partnership
 - Focus on Future Readers
- Illuminate DAR's Commitment to Literacy Promotion

Contest forms and supporting materials must be completed and sent to the State Chair by the state deadline. Winning entries must be sent by the State Chair to the National Division Vice Chair by **February 25**.

AREAS OF EMPHASIS FOR NATIONAL AWARD CONSIDERATION:

- **Literary Development in Children:**
 - ❖ Promote and support child literacy initiatives that enhance reading programs, including after-school tutoring programs, mentoring at-risk children or teens, and/or sponsoring programs that encourage parents and grandparents to read to their children; flexibility and creativity are encouraged.
 - ❖ Join with a DAR Schools chair to hold a book drive for one of the DAR-supported schools.
 - ❖ Sponsor events promoting National Family Literacy Day on November 1 of each year.
 - ❖ Work with the Chapter Community Classroom Committee to adopt a classroom or school and assist with a teacher's specific literacy needs throughout the year.
 - ❖ Develop an innovative local program to address literacy needs related to second language and/or special needs learners, or similar activities.
- **Adult Literacy:**
 - ❖ Support literacy initiatives focusing on adult learners; flexibility and creativity are encouraged.
 - ❖ Sponsor scholarships for adults studying for the GED exam.
 - ❖ Teach English as a second language; help the underemployed with job applications, etc.
 - ❖ Read to the blind or record books on tape/CD; read in a senior center and improve their library.
 - ❖ Provide books to hospitals, doctors' offices and other public areas with waiting rooms, including laundromats, and other public spaces.
 - ❖ Encourage local and state officials to issue literacy proclamations, sponsor community/state literacy programs, and participate in literacy initiatives.
 - ❖ Create innovative chapter programs to promote and publicize local literacy programs.
 - ❖ Partner with the Women's Issues Chapter Chair and support services for women and children.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE CONTEST ENTRY GUIDELINES

For Award Consideration, ALL Literacy Promotion Outstanding Service Contest Activity must be
*non-paid, *voluntary service, *not part of regular job duties

For Member, Chapter or State Nominations, use the online form at **(LP-1004)** at <https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/LP-1004.pdf>

1. Check appropriate box at top of form.
2. Fill in complete identifying information in selected category.
3. Summarize project on the bottom of the form.
4. Attach **typed** letter detailing the outstanding service and how literacy was promoted.
5. Include any supporting materials, i.e., photos [jpeg], news articles, recommendation letters, etc.
6. Electronically submit the entry form and supporting materials to the Literacy Promotion State Chair by the state designated deadline.

DEADLINE: All entries must reach the State Chairs by the date designated by each state. State Chairs must send the state, member, and chapter winners to the National Division Vice Chair by **February 25**.



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LITERACY PROMOTION OUTSTANDING SERVICE CONTEST ENTRYFORM

Check one: DAR MEMBER CHAPTER STATE

The Literacy Promotion Committee Outstanding Service Contest recognizes DAR members, chapters, and states who show outstanding achievement in the promotion of literacy. Nominated members must **voluntarily** promote literacy **outside of employment or normal duties**. DAR Members in nominated chapters may work individually or together in the promotion of literacy. Chapters in nominated states may work individually or together.

This can be accomplished by providing service in any or all of the following three areas – Honor our Spirit of Partnerships, Focus on Future Readers, and Illuminate DAR’s Commitment to Literacy Promotion. Within those areas, special emphasis should be on service in Literacy Development in Children and/or Adult Literacy. See Literacy Promotion Outstanding Service Contest Information Sheet for additional details. In addition to all required identification information, include a detailed letter explaining how the nominee promoted literacy and why the service is outstanding. Include .jpg photos, if possible. Use a separate form for each nomination.

- SEND MEMBER AND CHAPTER NOMINATIONS TO THE STATE CHAIR BY THE STATE DEADLINE.
- SEND STATE NOMINATIONS TO THE LITERACY PROMOTION NATIONAL DIVISION VICE CHAIR BY **February 25**.

Nominees

FOR MEMBER: Name _____ National number: _____
Name of chapter, state: _____
Chapter Regent _____

FOR CHAPTER: Name of chapter _____ Number of members participating _____
Name of Chapter Regent _____ State _____

FOR STATE: Name of state _____ Number of chapters participating _____

FOR ALL NOMINATIONS: Contact information of member making recommendations for Member and Chapter nominations and of State Chair for State nominations. Submit forms electronically.

Name of person making recommendation _____
Address _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____
Name of State Chair (if not, also the recommender) _____

TITLE AND BRIEF OVERVIEW OF PROJECT:

REQUIRED: Attach detailed explanation of Outstanding Service.
Include news articles and .jpeg photos, if available.

Enter Chapter Name
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Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Family Literacy Day, established by the 103rd Congress in 1994, and now marking its [writable] Anniversary on November 1, [writable Year], highlights the importance of reading and learning for the entire family and emphasizes the impact that parents have on their child’s learning; and

WHEREAS, this day is celebrated across America each year, and focuses on special activities and events that showcase the importance of family literacy programs that empower families and build a nation of readers; and

WHEREAS, literacy programs across the United States will observe National Family Literacy Day by holding read-a-thons, book drives, workshops, and family activities at schools, libraries, and community centers to encourage literacy; and

WHEREAS, *as many as one in six adults struggle with reading and writing*, and by learning to read, individuals can gain self-respect and confidence and strive toward goals that otherwise would not be achievable; and

WHEREAS, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women’s service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America’s future through better education for children and adults; and

WHEREAS, education being one of the cornerstones of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, [writable insert chapter name here] is committed to increasing literacy by promoting and supporting literacy programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, [Name of Mayor Here], by virtue of the authority vested in me by

[City or Town of Mayor], do hereby proclaim November 1st as National Family Literacy Day in [City, County, State]

NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY DAY

To underscore the importance of literacy, celebrate the joy of reading, encourage residents to promote literacy by reading together as a family, and to extend deep appreciation to our local librarians, educators, and literacy service providers for their tireless efforts to strengthen the literacy of our children and our community.

Done this day on November 1, [Year], in [City, County, State]



THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE

Daughters of the American Revolution

Literacy Champion Award

presented to

by

in recognition of

Outstanding Work in Literacy Promotion

*National Chair
Literacy Promotion Committee*

Date

Chapter Regent