

Youth Activities



What is a R.A.P. card?

Simply put, a R.A.P. card (Random Acts of Patriotism card) is an award we can give to our youth for a job well done!

Have you observed youth showing patriotism, thanking a veteran, or showing respect to our American Flag? These are considered all Random Acts of Patriotism!

If you do, give them a R.A.P. card!

You can go to [MALTA Member Resources, Youth Activities](#), to locate a template to print out. It's easy, it's fun, and a great way to engage our youth and encourage their patriotism!



Patriotism through Literacy

Promote and support reading among youth with this simple, fun and potentially free (use your local library) initiative. Introduce youth to historical figures and teach them about events in our nation's history while fostering a love of reading that can lead to a lifetime of learning.



Benefits of Patriotism through Literacy:

- Teach kids about various times in American history. Promote empathy and expose students to experiences unlike their own.**
- Foster a love of books that leads to a lifetime of learning.**
- Spend time with kids in the community in new, creative ways.**
- Help youth gain better understanding of American history through non-fiction.**



How can I participate in Patriotism through Literacy?

- Volunteer to read a historical fiction or creative non-fiction picture book to kids at your local library.**
- Donate historical books or creative non-fiction books to local schools, shelters or libraries.**
- Host a read-a-thon and award small prizes (stickers, pins, etc.) for the number of books or hours read.**
- Invite an author of historical fiction or creative non-fiction to do a book talk/signing in your area.**



Popular Social Media Networks

Get online and see what's new!

Visit MALTA Member Resources for publicity tips, social media guidelines and other helpful information.



Remember the year goes quickly, so start now by contacting your libraries and schools to get your books into the library and your program into the schools!

Examples of books for youth:

America the Beautiful by Cholena Rose Dare (ages 3-6)

The Night Before the Fourth of July by Natasha Wing (ages 3-5)

Fourth of July (Holidays in Rhythm and Rhyme) by Emma Carlson Berne (ages 5-7)

Fourth of July Story by Alice Dalgleish (ages 4-8)

Fireworks, Picnics, and Flags by James Cross Giblin (ages 10-12)

What Does It Mean to be American? By Rana DiOrio (ages 4-8)

Our White House: Looking In, Looking Out created by the National Children's Book and Literacy Alliance with 110 renowned authors and illustrators

A Patriot's Handbook, Songs, Poems, Stories, and Speeches Celebrating the Land We Love, illustrated and introduced by Caroline Kennedy



Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue!

As I mentioned last month your applicants can start creating their YouTube videos singing “The Star-Spangled Banner” as of July 1, 2023. All entries must be received by March 31, 2024, to their respective auxiliary. Remember this musical contest is open to grades K-12. Please see entry form in MALTA Member Resources under Youth Activities for eligibility requirements and contest rules.



So, you can see we have lots to do. This is a group effort by your whole auxiliary!

Loyally,

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