



## Literacy

In contemporary thinking, literacy is described as the basic ability to read and write. Many formal definitions exist including the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's definition as the "ability to identify, understand, interpret, create, communicate, compute and use printed and written materials associated with varying contexts." Continental Societies, Inc. supports this definition, and believes that in addition to reading and writing, literacy affords young people the ability to solve problems at levels of proficiency necessary for them to function successfully on the job, in the family and in society. In this regard, chapters design programs such as book drives, read-ins, spelling bees, poetry contests, etc. to enhance the literacy skills of our children and youth.