HAPPY NATIONAL LETTER WRITING MONTH!

April is National Letter Writing Month! To celebrate, I am participating in #write_on, a challenge to write a letter every day of the month (www.writeoncampaign.com). I did this last year and had such a great time connecting with loved ones through the art of letter writing! I hope you will join me this year!

Below is a list of 30 snail mail ideas that I hope will inspire your letter writing journey. Follow them as is or put your own spin on them! I’d love to see your interpretation of these ideas—be sure to share and tag me on Instagram @atiliay #atiliay #write_on. Enjoy and have fun!

30 IDEAS FOR 30 DAYS OF LETTER WRITING

1 - Mail a box of cookies (biscottis hold their shape very well) or sweet treats to someone! Extra points for baking them yourself :)

2 - Send spring themed mail to someone—get inspired by flowers and nature, activities to do during this season, springtime colors, floral postage stamps, etc.

3 - Send a thank you card.

4 - Have family members or friends write to their future selves and give the letters to you. Mail it to them a few years from now—or more if you are patient!

5 - Get to know your social media friends better—send them questionnaires to fill out and send back! Include a stamp to make it even easier for them to write back.

6 - Send someone your favorite book. Include a bookmark and let your recipient know you left it at your favorite part.

7 - Send a list of the songs that have shaped your life to a fellow music lover in your life. Ask them to do the same and send their list to you.

8 - Mail an invitation to make plans for something you’d ordinarily do over text like grab dinner, go shopping, or a casual get together.

9 - Write to an organization whose cause you believe in and tell them why you support their work.

10 - Inspire someone else to send snail mail by sending them a package of your favorite stationery, pens, cards, stickers, envelopes, etc. so they can get started!

11 - Write yourself a letter and put it in a sealed envelope. Open up and read it this time next year.

12 - Send someone a gift card.

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13 - Write to your mailman.

14 - Plan a movie date--include tickets, a list of movies in theaters or coming out soon, and a list of locations to choose from.

15 - Pick up some local postcards and send them to friends living out of the state or country.

16 - Get creative with the outside of your mail and decorate envelope! Use fun lettering, pretty stamps, stickers, etc.

17 - Send game themed mail -- include crossword puzzles, brain teasers, or turn your letter into a puzzle by cutting them up in to different pieces for your recipient to put together!

18 - Write your favorite quote on a post-it note and leave it somewhere in public for a stranger to find.

19 - Send mail to someone who lives in another country (don’t forget to make sure you have enough postage).

20 - Write to someone under the age of 10--include a stamp and ask them to write back! (This is one of my favorites!)

21 - What’s the last thing that made you laugh out loud? Share that with someone via snail mail!

22 - Practice your cursive, lettering, and/or calligraphy by writing your recipient’s name in one of those ways on the envelope.

23 - Go to your local stationery store or browse on Etsy for “Just Because” cards--find the perfect one for someone in your life and send it to them!

24 - Make lists of why you love the people in your life-- mail it to them.

25 - Send happy mail to a children’s hospital or to deployed soldiers.

26 - Print out the latest group photos you have on your phone--mail them to everyone in the pic!

27 - Send some fan mail! A favorite author, activist, artist, musician, actress, etc.

28 - Send someone your favorite poem or book passage. Ask them to return the favor.

29 - Write to your local government officials--voice your opinion!

30 - Write to someone from your childhood--a teacher, baby sitter, coach. Let them know how they have impacted your life and what you are up to now.