

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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National Read  
a Book Day is  
September 6th!

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When my youngest son was in third grade, he struggled with reading. Math, science – no problem! But reading was a real stickler. We read together every day. He would read a page, then I would read a page. Today, he absolutely loves to read and continues to add books to his home library. In fact, one Christmas we even surprised each other with the same book!



### “READING BUDDIES”

Shannon Stanley, our new National Ambassador, is encouraging all of us to be a “Reading Buddy”. We sometime forget that many children are falling behind in school due to reading issues. Shannon says, “If just one person in each Auxiliary could reach out and help a child become a better reader through reading one-on-one or electronically, imagine what an impact we could make in their daily lives and self-confidence.” Once you have found a “Reading Buddy”, you could choose books from the Patriotism Through Literacy reading list. You can also talk with the child’s parent or teacher to find out what their interests are, as well as their current reading level.

#### *How can we become a “Reading Buddy”?*

- Call your local Family Readiness Groups, Scouts, schools, after-school programs or libraries to see if they need volunteers to read with kids.
- Hold a fun Reading Buddy day at your VFW Post.
- Be a Ready Buddy by using Zoom or the telephone.
- Use #auxreadingbuddy to promote what you and your Auxiliary are doing in our Reading Buddy Program.
- Get proper permission from schools and parents and require that parents/guardians also attend Reading Buddy Post events.

*Let’s all make a difference in the life of a child!*



*“Books are keys that open many doors.” ~ James Rollins*