

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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VFW AUXILIARY LENDING LIBRARY



***“Take a Book.
Share a Book.”***

Did you realize that approximately 61% of low-income families do not have children’s books in their homes? In addition, not all communities have a local library to make books available for boys and girls. Debbie Little, our new YA National Ambassador, urges us to start a **VFW Auxiliary Lending Library**. These little “Take a Book – Share a Book” libraries can be stocked with books from our Patriotism Through Literacy reading list as well as other titles that will appeal to kids of all ages and reading levels. Outdoor boxes are easy to assemble and can be found on Amazon and other retailers. Perhaps you could build one yourself, get a youth group involved or ask a high school woodshop teacher to make it a class project. Paint it in patriotic colors and make it clear that it is sponsored by your VFW Auxiliary. Lending libraries can be placed outside your VFW Post or anywhere (with prior approval). Go one step further and organize a reading event at your Post. Use #auxlendinglibrary to promote your project. By setting up a VFW Auxiliary Lending Library with an emphasis on youth books, your Auxiliary can make a difference. You can help children do better in school, as well as expand their imagination and open up their world through reading!

The **NATIONAL YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES** this year go to the **most creative and/or unique VFW Auxiliary Lending Library**. Give it a try! A citation and \$25 goes to one Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions. Your Auxiliary must send your entry form to me by March 31, 2027. Forms can be found on our Wisconsin Auxiliary website or MALTA Member Resources under Youth Activities. If you start your own Lending Library, don’t miss out on this opportunity!

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