

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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I'd like to give you a head start on this year's **Youth Activities National Program Awards**, which focus on our Patriotism Through Literacy Program by helping to forge a bond between two of our greatest loves – our veterans and our youth!

Awards go to the **most outstanding activity and/or event of youth reading to veterans and/or veterans reading to youth**. Entry forms are available on our Wisconsin Auxiliary website (vfwauxwi.org) or on MALTA Member Resources under Youth Activities. Your Auxiliary must send the completed entry form to me by March 31, 2025 for judging. A citation and \$25 will go to one Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions. How can your Auxiliary participate?

Host a day of reading – Veterans can come in and read to children or the kids can read to the veterans. Choose a book from the Patriotism Through Literacy Suggested Reading List if you wish. You could meet at your local library, school, VFW Post, VA hospital or Veterans Home. Make it a fun time for both the veterans and the kids!

Your day of reading can take place anytime, but there are many special reading days throughout the year. Here are just a few of the many “book” holidays:

- **August 9 – National Book Lovers Day**
- **September 6 – National Read a Book Day**
- **October – National Book Month**
- **November 11-15 – National Young Readers Week**
- **December – Read A New Book Month**
- **February 5 – World Read Aloud Day**
- **February 14 – Library Lover's Day**
- **March 2 – Read Across America Day (Dr. Seuss Day)**

Let's bring our veterans and youth together through the magic of books!

