

## **YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM**

**August Promotion - Gaylene Ramos Department Chairman**

**Youth READING to Veterans and Veterans READING to Youth**

By now most schools have started their school year. One of our Youth Program Goals is promoting the Youth READING to Veterans and Veterans READING to Youth. Now is the time to contact the teachers, present the program to them and ask them to help promote this program. Ask them if they could promote in the month of November in honor of Veterans Day. Make sure you are sharing the Patriotism Through Literacy List to use. Maybe your Auxiliary could even vote on the floor to purchase books from the list to be presented to the teacher to be read on their day of participation. Encourage them to invite a few Veterans into their classroom and recognize their service to their country. Now is the time to plan and promote.

NATIONAL READ A BOOK DAY is September 6. Talk to your local library, preschools, Head Start programs, elementary schools and community centers about assisting an event or holding your own event. Check to see if they have titles from The Patriotism Through Literacy List to use in the library.

September is also Library Card Sign Up Month. Encourage the students to sign up for a library card and check out some books from the library. Hopefully, they have some of the books from the Patriotism Through Literacy List.

The Illustrating America Art Contest has new requirements that were previously sent out earlier in the month. If you did not receive that email, the new form and information can be found on MALTA under Resources – Youth Activities. Please make sure you, the teachers, and students are reading and following the requirements.

Please Note : The “Get Excited for the Red, White, and Blue” Singing competition program has been discontinued. So if you have already started to promote it or handed out any information, please follow back up with whoever may have that information.