

Youth Activities Bulletin #3

February 2026

Here we are almost 2 weeks into February, with only a few months left in our Programs. This presents an excellent opportunity to publicize the Illustrating America Art Contest if you have not done so. The submission deadline for student entries to local Auxiliaries is March 31st. First place winners in each division must be submitted to (me)Department Chairman by April 15th. If you are mailing, please plan according. [#IllustratingAmerica](#) **Please mail them to me and the address is below my name at the closing.**



Illustrating America Art Contest

- Grades K-8
- Two dimensional
- Canvas or Paper
- Watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, crayon, marker, or other media may be used.
- Enter sizes 8x10 up to 18x24.
- Entries will be judged on Patriotic Themes & technique.
- Please have Correct Entry Forms 2025-2026
- Students name, age & grade on the back of their artwork.
- See entry form for more information.
- #Illustratingamerica

Photo Release Forms

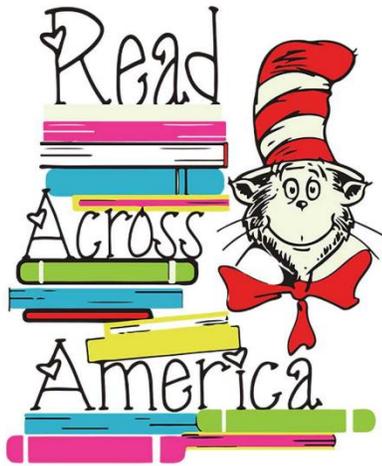
These are especially important to have on hand and to be filled out if taking any pictures of children & adults. Please remember that National Auxiliary policy dictates that we do not

share last names for students who are under eighteen. Forms can be found in Malta/Historian & Media Relations. vfwauxwa.org Publicity Tools & Press Releases

Youth Groups

Are you supporting a youth group in your community? If so, do not forget to show your appreciation for their achievements by presenting them with a Patriotic Youth Citation. There is a printable version of the award in Malta. Under Resources/Youth Activities. [#youthactivities](#) [#vfwauxyouth](#)

Reading Buddies



March 2nd is Reading Across America Day, also known as Dr. Suess Day! This would be a wonderful time to volunteer to help read at your local library, schools, or community center. You could even bring a new Dr. Suess Book to donate a from your Auxiliary.

[#Auxreadingbuddy](#)

“You are NEVER too OLD, too WACKY, to WILD, to pick up a BOOK and READ to a child.” -Dr. Suess

Awards

Most Outstanding Activity/ Event – What amazing things has your Auxiliary been doing? Please submit a completed entry form by March 31st.

Patriotic Youth Award

Do you know a young person who goes beyond to support our Veterans and military families? The Patriotic Youth Award is a terrific way to recognize their patriotism. You can find a fillable, printable version in MALTA Member Resources/Youth Activities. Due March 31st.

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