YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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BOOKS BUILD BRIGHTER FUTURES

Stock Our Lending Libraries • Inspire Young Readers • Strengthen Our Communities

WHY IT MATTERS

Access to books supports reading success. Middle-income neighborhoods average about **13 books per child**, while lower-income neighborhoods may have only **one book for every 300 children**.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Collection boxes or bins
- Posters and decorating supplies
- Phone and printer
- Patriotism Through Literacy book list

PLAN & PROMOTE

- Choose a partner site: a library, shelter, clinic, hospital, school, or youth organization.
- Set a two-week to one-month timeline.
- Create posters with dates, drop-off locations, accepted book types, condition guidelines, and approved contact information.
- Promote through school, community locations, local media, and social media.

Decorate sturdy collection boxes and place them in approved locations

COLLECT & CONNECT

- Place boxes in visible entryways or lobbies.
- Empty boxes regularly so there is always room for more.
- Share updates, photos, and success stories to build momentum.
- Send a concise press release to local media and follow up.

SORT, DELIVER & CELEBRATE

- Sort books by age group and format; pack them by destination of your Lending Libraries.
- If applicable, deliver books to the different locations.
- Remove posters and collection materials when the drive ends.
- Stock your Lending Library!
- Share final totals, photos, and highlights with the community.

MAKE IT A COMMUNITY EFFORT

Invite local youth groups, schools, libraries, families, and neighbors to help.

REPORT REPORT REPORT YOUR RESULTS

Don't forget to email pictures to Department Youth Chairman

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Growing stronger for our Veterans!

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