



Department of Missouri VFW - Aux Youth Activities 2026-2027  
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### May–June 2026

**May and June** focus on three key areas: **honoring our veterans, recognizing youth involvement with certificates** when you see it, **and completing reports daily**. Every drawing, flag placement, and service hour helped *Illustrate America* through young eyes.

### MAY – MEMORIAL DAY & REMEMBRANCE

Encourage youth participation in Memorial Day activities:

- Placing flags or flowers on veterans' graves
- Creating and displaying patriotic artwork or posters
- Assisting with programs by reading poems or patriotic passages
- Making thank-you cards for Gold Star families

**Rural Missouri reminders:** Small groups or families decorating rural cemeteries, artwork in Post windows or local businesses, and participation in church or town services all count.

- Record youth numbers, hours, and locations

### JUNE – NEW YEAR STARTS

Treating June as a personal “New Year” makes it an ideal moment to launch a lending library, especially if you’re embracing themes like “Patriotism through Literacy”, community building, knowledge sharing, intentional collecting, and sustainable habits. This mindset gives you fresh momentum and a sense of renewal, making the project feel purposeful rather than overwhelming. It’s a chance to start small, stay intentional, and build something that grows with you and the people you serve.

Before gathering books, use that energy to define the purpose of your library and choose a structure that fits your space and goals. Whether it’s a community sharing shelf, a themed collection, a workplace nook, or a mobile box, clarity helps you decide what books to collect, how borrowing will work, and what systems you’ll use to track items. From there, you can build your collection, create simple catalog and borrow rules, and gradually expand into a welcoming, well-maintained space that encourages people to read, share, and return.

*In Auxiliary Service,*

**Youth Activities Chairman**

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