



# War Memorial Center

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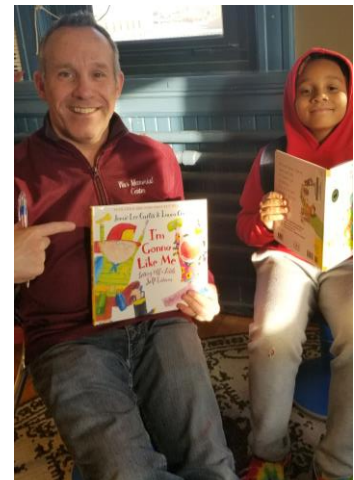
## ANSWERING THE CALL, again

The War Memorial Center has created a volunteer reading program to assist schools who have seen a significant drop in reading scores over the last couple years due to the shutdowns of COVID19. Most students affected by this issue, 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, are slightly, or significantly, below grade level in reading with feelings of depression, isolation, and a lack of confidence.

We are looking to veterans, their friends & families, current military personnel, and the community to assist with our effort by **VOLUNTEERING** their time to read with these children.

1. Find a school and teacher to work with.
2. Obtain permission with the school by requesting a volunteer sheet. Complete this sheet and return it to the school so they can complete a background check.
3. Explain to them you would like to help by reading with a student.
4. Establish a time and date that works with the school, teacher, student, and yourself.
  - a. Ask the teacher for specific students and books you can use.
  - b. One-on-one is ideal for this reading program.
  - c. The reading session should only last approximately 10-12 minutes per student.
5. Keep track of dates and the books you read with each student.
  - a. Share this information with the teachers and the War Memorial Center. Teachers may wish to use this information for Parent/Teacher conferences.
  - b. The War Memorial Center would like to track the progress of volunteers, schools, teachers, students, and books being read.
    - **If you take any pictures while reading with the student, you must have permission from the school and the child's family before you can share on social media.**

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed for this program to work. All of us need to **“Answer The Call, again”** to help students build their confidence and ability to read. Please let me know if you have any questions about participating with this program [sclark@warmemorialcenter.org](mailto:sclark@warmemorialcenter.org)



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