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Reading and Remembrance: a provincial project Nov. 9 at 2:09 p.m.

The Durham West Arts Centre, Ontario Power Generation and the Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Branch, partner to honour veterans and war workers with the third Reading and Remembrance project: Women and War.

Pickering – Allied women were war artists, decoders, pilots, spies, ambulance drivers, munitions and postal workers in World War I and II. Over 500,000 Canadian women played significant roles in Canada's war effort; female participation among the Allies reached into the millions. The Durham West Arts Centre's Reading and Remembrance 2007, with Ontario Power Generation as its chief sponsor, features the roles played by women in defence of their countries.

"The stories of these female heroes add inspiring highlights to the significant roles played by veterans, male and female," says Angie Littlefield, key researcher for the teacher resources found at www.dwac.ca "When young people read about the Wrens who stood to sing "Land of Hope and Glory" at a remote Canadian base upon hearing of the Allied victory or about the female African-American soldiers who, against all odds, got the mail moving in Europe, they will be impressed."

Teachers who register and participate with their students receive a specially created poster featuring the roles of [women in war](#). The 2005 materials on ["In Flanders Fields"](#) and the 2006 materials on [Holocaust and Anti-Racism](#) education are available to use as well. Teachers may use any of the three years' materials to take part and may vary the time of the project. "The idea is that we wish to promote the literary arts, support veterans and preserve Canadian heritage. We're very flexible about how teachers use our materials to do that," says Gary Faulkner, the project's manager.

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