



**General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts**  
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**GFWC Community Service Program: Education and Libraries ~ 2020-2022**

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The purpose of education is to support children in developing the skills and the knowledge that allows them to be responsible, contributing members of their community: how to be a good friend, to be able to work and to contribute to the well-being of the community.

Libraries are an important cornerstone of a healthy community. Libraries give people the opportunity to find jobs, explore medical research, experience new ideas, get lost in wonderful stories, while at the same time providing a sense of place for gathering.

**Project Ideas: Education**

- Establish a scholarship for a local student
- Advocate for and assist children and adults with special needs
- Support schools, educators, and students with donations
- Partner with the local PTA/PTO on an important issue, such as raising awareness about internet safety
- Work with school counselors to support an anti-bullying campaign

**check out:**

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/>

Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Childcare:

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/department-of-early-education-and-care>

National PTA: <https://www.pta.org/home/family-resources/coronavirus-information>

**Project Ideas: Libraries**

- Join or start a children's reading group at local libraries
- Donate books, books on tape, movies, and other resources
- Sponsor programs and materials for the underserved, disabled and/or non-native speakers
- Funding online education classes
- Sorting book donations

**check out:**

Massachusetts Libraries: <https://libraries.state.ma.us/>

Massachusetts Library System: <https://www.masslibsystem.org/>

Massachusetts Public Libraries: <https://publiclibraries.com/state/massachusetts/>

**ESO**

Epsilon Sigma Omicron is an honorary educational society open to all GFWC members. ESO provides clubwomen with a structural reading program that is both educational and stimulates a desire for self-improvement. ESO materials are available on the GFWC websites.

For many more ideas check out the *2020-2022 GFWC Club Manual* on the [GFWC Massachusetts](#) website by going to the **ABOUT** tab click on **What Do We Do?**