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ESO MEMBER CONTEST

Will your state be the one that increases ESO membership the most?
The state with largest percentage increase between July 1, 2022 and May 1, 2023
will be recognized at the 2023 GFWC Annual Convention ESO Breakfast.

Send me how many members in your state as of July 1, 2022.

On or before May 1, 2023 send me how many new members joined ESO.

ESO BREAKFAST - GFWC CONVENTION

Join us Sunday, June 11, 2023 to hear guest speaker Robin Yocum, GFWC Education & Libraries
Honorary Chairman, the announcement of awards and share time with friends.

“MY NAME IN PRINT”

GFWC will host a “My Name in Print” Fundraiser throughout the Convention program dates.
All proceeds to the GFWC Access to Education Fund Scholarship for low-income and at-risk students
who have demonstrated a determination to succeed in their educational goals.

One lucky member will get her name in a book written by Robin Yocum,
the Edgar-nominated author known for his fiction set in the Ohio River Valley.

You may purchase tickets with your convention registration and at the convention in Louisville.

You may also purchase tickets by calling Nishu at GFWC Headquarters at 202-347-3168.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Celebrate National Library Week and National Library Workers Day in April by saying
#ThankYouLibraries on social media with photos and stories about the library.

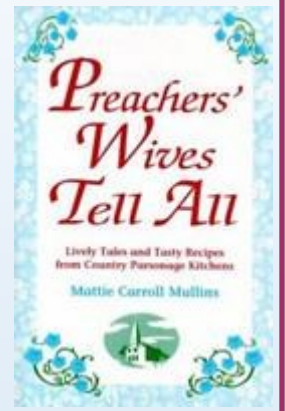
Or, organize a special event for library patrons and staff, such as a book reading by an author.

Member Author Featured

Mattie Carrol Mullens is a member of The Monday Club of Johnson City, GFWC Tennessee.

Her books include *Preachers' Wives Tell All: Lively Tales & Tasty Treats*; *Judy: The Murder of My Daughter*; *The Healing of My Family*.

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ESO Reader Highlight Margie Rohwer

Margie Rohwer is a 95-year-old GFWC member who joined the Thompson Falls Woman's Club, GFWC Montana, when she was 21 years of age. She has been a member in the Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) reading program since 1996 and earned her first ESO Century Award in 2004. Margie keeps a "Reading Diary" of all the books she has read since she began ESO, and it lists more than 900 books. She averages between 30 to 40 books a year (not quite one book a week) and the categories range from nonfiction biographies to historical fiction with a few self-help and romance novels thrown in too. In 2022, she read 27 books in 312 1/2 total hours. The ESO program is designed to provide a planned reading program for self-enrichment and personal growth. Margie believes participating in ESO has served her well through the years to become well-informed and better equipped to make sound decisions during her life.

Education & Libraries - Special Needs Students

Advocate for and assist children and adults with special needs by:

- * Researching learning disabilities on the website of the Learning Disabilities Association of America (<https://ldaamerica.org/>) and subscribe to their newsletter, or follow them on Twitter, for news on advocacy efforts and how you can help.
- * Volunteering in the Special Education Department of a local school.
- * Sponsoring events for children with special needs such as holiday parties, proms, or athletic events.
- * Adopting a special needs teacher for the school year, providing class incentives, teaching or craft materials, and other needed support.
- * Initiating a reading program or book club for children and adults with special needs, and/or donating books to special needs groups.

GFWC ESO BOOK CLUB on Facebook—Welcome to all.

This group of more than 1,500 members belong to this online book club and features

Education and Libraries project ideas and ESO.

It is a private group and you must ask to join. See GFWC ESO BOOK CLUB on Facebook.

Literary Calendar

**D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read)
Month
National Poetry Month
School Library Month**

4 – National School Librarian Day
4 – Maya Angelou’s birthday
12 – Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) Day
16 – National Librarian Day
23 – Shakespeare’s birthday
23-29 – National Library Week
25 – National Library Workers Day
27 – National Tell A Story Day
28 – Great Poetry Reading Day

April 2023 New Releases

Homecoming - KATE MORTON

Happy Place - EMILY HENRY

The Soulmate - SALLY HEPWORTH

The House is on Fire - RACHEL BEANLAND

Simply Lies - DAVID BALDACCI

Coronation Year - JENNIFER ROBSON

<https://www.booklistqueen.com/april-2023-book-releases/>

From Donna Shibley

GFWC Writing Contest Chairman

“I know nothing in the world that has as much power as a word. Sometimes I write one, and I look at it, until it begins to shine.” Emily Dickinson

We know that words were precious to Ms. Dickinson because upon her death, forty handbound volumes of nearly 1,800 poems were discovered by her family.

Words can take on a whole new meaning in a poem and reading well written poetry can help you in your own writing journey.

Many experts believe reading poetry with children teaches them how to express their emotions and feelings. Learning new vocabulary and rhythms, using varied language and poetic devices, poetry readers and writers can improve their creative thinking and interpretation skills.

Do you remember when the young heroine, Anne Shirley recited a poem at the hotel concert in the film adaptation of *Anne of Green Gables*? I will forever be enamored with *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes, even sharing my own recitation of the poem with my seventh-grade classes. Learning to recite poetry is a great way to improve children’s memory and help them remember new words and phrases.

Whether you enjoy the classics or modern-day offerings, read a poem, write a poem, share poetry with family and friends.

Ben Franklin - A Librarian Who Changed History

Ben Franklin didn’t sit behind a circulation desk and help college kids find research materials, but he is still a legitimate librarian. In 1731, Franklin and his philosophy group Junto organized the “Articles of Agreement,” which set up the nation’s first library. Their library, called The Library Company, was first meant to benefit only the members of Junto, so that they could share books on the issues they discussed during meetings. It was organized as a subscription library, and members of Junto paid a small fee to retrieve books.

Franklin was actually the second librarian, and the Company grew to include more books than most university libraries at the time, plus artifacts like coins and fossils. Over time, The Library Company granted access to members of the Second Continental Congress, the Constitutional Convention and others.

GFWC LIBRARY REPLENISHMENT FUND

In order to assist GFWC communities affected by man-made and natural disasters, GFWC established the GFWC Library Replenishment Fund. GFWC clubs have a long history of founding, maintaining, and promoting libraries. Grants will be provided to GFWC clubs to help replenish affected libraries in their communities.



Check out the 2022-2024 Club Manual in the “C” Resources folder of the [Member Portal Digital Library](#) for many *sparkling* ideas.