



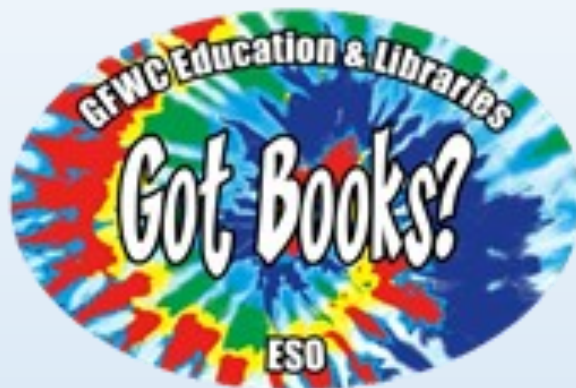
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Newsletter

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Welcome to the GFWC Education and Libraries Newsletter for 2022-2024.

The community Connection Initiative is *'Bring the Sparkle to Public Libraries'*. We challenge you to establish a working relationship with your librarian to plan programs to bring people together in your community.

Other areas to be highlighted are ESO and STEM. Connect with the affiliate organizations to find numerous opportunities to promote education and libraries.

Detailed information is in the 2022-2024 GFWC Club Manual at gfwc.org.

Over the next two years this newsletter will address various projects, ideas, and happenings as we look into how our clubs can best connect with our communities.

Where to start?

'Bring the Sparkle to Public Libraries'

Identify library needs.

Promote the library's history, events, and services on social media or through alternate means to connect with the community.

Plan an 'sparkling' event - a book fair, library card sign up, story hour, computer class, book signing, etc.

Volunteer! There are endless opportunities to assist in the day-to-day operation.

Was your local library started by your GFWC club?
Tell us about its history and we may print it in an upcoming newsletter and/or feature in *News & Notes*.
Send to sandygfwc@outlook.com



Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)

Are you an ESO member? Considering joining other clubwomen for enjoyment, education, and stimulate a desire for self-improvement.

Submit the completed Pledge Application to your State ESO chairman.

ESO Handbook, Pledge Application, and Suggested Reading Lists can be found on the GFWC website, Member Portal.

If you have not signed up for the Member Portal, contact GFWC for help.

THE MOTTO

The motto of Epsilon Sigma Omicron is “Enlighten Your Own Pathway,” which was chosen by Mrs. Quincey A. Myers and translated from Greek at the Indiana University. ESO are the initial letters for the Greek phrase, “Epsilon ten sautou hoden” which translates literally into “Enlighten the pathway of yourself.”

GFWC ESO BOOK CLUB on Facebook

This group of more than 1,200 members belongs to this online book club and features Education and Libraries project ideas.

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

STEM

STEM is an acronym for the fields of **science, technology, engineering, and math**. It is an interdisciplinary approach that helps students succeed in college and in their future careers. The focus of a STEM education is hands-on, problem-based learning.

What can clubs do to support STEM?

Advocate for and support STEM in local schools.

Support and volunteer with STEM Scouts.

Donate Stem books to the library and schools.



Literary Calendar

August

Romance Awareness Month

2 National Coloring Book Day
9 Book Lover's Day
18 Bad Poetry Day
21 Poet's Day
31 We Love Memoirs Day

September

Library Card Sign Up Month
Be Kind to Editors and
Writers Month
National Literacy Month
Read a New Book Month

4 Newspaper Carrier Day
8 International Literacy Day
18 Read an E-book
18-24 National Adult Education
& Family Literacy Week
22 Dear Diary Day
24 National Punctuation Day
25 National Comic Book Day

Tell me about your Book Club
and it may be printed in an
upcoming newsletter.

Book of the Month

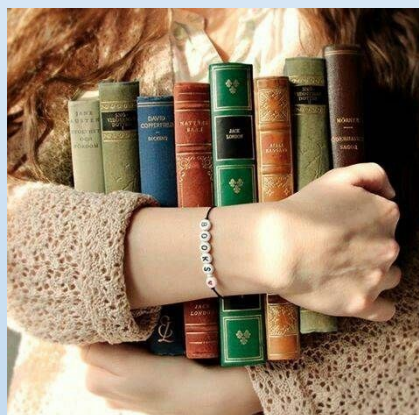
August 2022 Predictions

Check out the following websites for new
reading selections.

<https://readwithhallison.com/book-of-the-month-august-2022-predictions/>

<https://readbetweenthespines.com/2022/07/21/august-2022-book-of-the-month-predictions/>

<https://www.booklistqueen.com/august-2022-book-releases/>



Affiliate Highlight - HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

- Encourage the educational resources that Heifer offers to schools at the elementary and secondary levels (www.heifer.org/what-you-can-do/get-involved/schools/home-school-activities.html).
- Publicize the books and reading resources as well as the virtual field trips for children who are homeschooled (www.heifer.org/what-you-can-do/get-involved/schools/home-school-activities.html).

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 and count toward your Annual Giving Plan.

Are you a published author?

We are compiling a list of club-women authors to add to the ESO reading list. Please send your name, contact information, and book titles to sandygfwc@outlook.com.

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