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/](http://www.doe.mass.edu/)
- National PTA: [https://www.pta.org/home/family-resources/coronavirus-information](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/](https://libraries.state.ma.us/)
- Massachusetts Library System: [https://www.masslibsystem.org/](https://www.masslibsystem.org/)

**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?