



EDUCATION and LIBRARIES, and ESO COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM



GFWC members promote education for both children and adults. We aim to help others, while we also continue to learn. Projects in the Education and Libraries Community Service Program are designed to foster schools, as well as other educational institutions and opportunities, and to promote literacy, libraries, and the love of a good book. Through these efforts, we encourage the growth of individuals and communities at home and around the world.

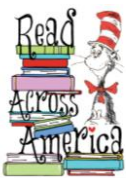
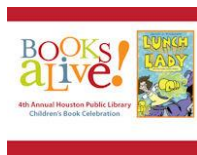


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Resource Organizations



Be Inspired and Get Creative!

- Advocate for reading opportunities for children and adults with special needs.
- Adopt a special needs teacher for the school year, providing class incentives, teaching or craft materials, and other needed support.
- Establish a scholarship for a local student.
- Organize a Read Across America event in March during National Reading Month.
- Support schools, educators, and students with donations of school supplies, playground equipment, or fund field trips for under-served students.
- Replace or add to playground equipment, including a buddy bench.
- Become a partner in education with a Title 1 school by volunteering one-on-one time with students or providing take-home snacks for weekends.
- Organize book-themed events, such as a book walk, book fair, book bingo, book drive/swap, book reading challenge, or book club of "reading buddies".
- Plan or sponsor a "Books Alive" program for your community, bringing a favorite children's book to life as a play or puppet show.
- Support your local public library by sponsoring materials and programs for the under-served, disabled, and/or non-native speakers.
- Donate large size print books to your local senior center or adult basic literacy classes.
- Create sharing boxes in your community for book exchange.
- Establish a Little Free Library in your community, choosing an area where books are scarce.
- Work with the library to establish a teen advisory board to establish a teen book review, develop teen services, and recommend additional library resources for teens.
- Celebrate National Library Week and National Library Workers Day in April by saying #ThankYouLibraries on social media with photos and stories about the library.
- Consider supporting a library in another part of the world.
- Donate books on women's history to libraries and schools.
- Establish/Support ESO in your club, district or state for book study and discussion on-line or in groups.
- Participate in the on-line GFWC ESO reading book club. The on-line reading book club has selected one book per month from various categories. Search for the Facebook page: GFWC ESO Book Club and become a member!

Sign up for the Member Portal at www.gfwc.org to access the GFWC Club Manual for additional project ideas, and more information about Resource Organizations and GFWC Affiliate Organizations.