



## 2022 GFWC-NC Summer Meeting: Education and Libraries Community Service Program

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### Workshop Agenda Items

- Focus of Education and Libraries
- Resources
- GFWC Community Connection Initiative
- GFWC-NC President's Special Project
- Project Ideas
- Planning Tips and Suggestions
- ESO
- Group Discussion
- Questions/Comments

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### Focus Areas of Education and Libraries

Foster schools and  
educational  
institutions

Promote literacy,  
libraries, and the  
love of a good  
book

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**Quotes Related to Education and Libraries**

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." – Nelson Mandela

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." – Dr. Seuss

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**GFWC and GFWC-NC Online Resources**

- ✓ GFWC Resolutions
- History of Education and Libraries
- Project Ideas
- Project Tools
- Resource Organizations
- Top Ten Projects
- Award Information

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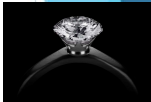
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**GFWC Community Connection Initiative:  
Bring the Sparkle to Public Libraries**



- ▶ Meet with staff to determine needs of the library
- ▶ Plan projects to improve the appearance of the library through landscaping, murals, or other enhancements
- ▶ Post library events and information on club Facebook page and share with other community groups
- ▶ Volunteer at the library
- ▶ Partner with daycares and summer camps on reading activities for children
- ▶ Establish reading programs at veteran and senior facilities
- ▶ Honor your librarians on National Library Day (April 16)

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### President's Special Project Ideas: Mountains-to-Sea Trail

- ▶ Sponsor nature enrichment programs at local park
- ▶ Donate books to educate and promote the trail
- ▶ Collaborate with MST Staff to create and distribute instructional materials about the trail to local schools
- ▶ Sign up for the MST Newsletter and share information about the trail on social media



From the Mountains to the Sea,  
We Are GFWC-NC

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### Club Project Ideas

#### National Back to School Month (August)

- ▶ Sponsor school supplies or snack drives
- ▶ Provide supplies for teachers
- ▶ Enhance playground, cafeteria, or other school area
- ▶ Adopt first year teacher



#### National Book Month (October)

- ▶ Invite local author for book discussion
- ▶ Spotlight clubwomen on social media showcasing favorite books
- ▶ Raffle book basket at General Meeting/s
- ▶ Read story/book to residents of nursing home

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### Club Project Ideas

#### American Education Week (2<sup>nd</sup> Week in November)

- ▶ Sponsor "What I Like Best about My School" Writing Contest
- ▶ Sponsor a bulletin board or classroom door decorating contest
- ▶ Make cards or provide snacks for teachers
- ▶ Recognize club members that are retired educators at club meeting



#### Library Lovers Month (February)

- ▶ Hold club meeting at local library and tour the facility
- ▶ Volunteer at local library
- ▶ Send notes of appreciation to library staff
- ▶ Donate to the library collection

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## Club Project Ideas

### Read Across America Month

(March)

- ▶ Volunteer as guest readers in local schools
- ▶ Sponsor a book cover design project based on reading theme
- ▶ Set up a StoryWalk in the community
- ▶ Host a "Green Eggs and Ham" breakfast in honor of Dr. Seuss's Birthday

### Children's Book Week

(1<sup>st</sup> Week of May)

- ▶ Sponsor a book signing event
- ▶ Create bookmarks to share with local schools or libraries
- ▶ Host stuffed animal sleepover or other event for children at local library



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## Club Project Ideas

### National Teacher Appreciation Week

(1<sup>st</sup> Week in May)

- ▶ Provide goodie basket with baked goods for teachers
- ▶ Survey teachers about their favorite book and donate copy of book to school library with nameplate
- ▶ Makeover teacher's lounge at local school



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## Planning Tips and Suggestions

- ▶ Select projects with the greatest impact based on the needs of your community
- ▶ Reach out and partner with other non-profit organizations that support similar focus areas
- ▶ Remember to plan for sustainability and budget when selecting projects
- ▶ Consider supporting non-traditional educational programs such as English as a Second Language, Adult Literacy, GED, and Adults with Disabilities
- ▶ Thrift stores and community-based collection boxes are inexpensive resources for used books
- ▶ It's been a tough three years for educators – be sure to show them some love!

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**Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)**  
**Motto: Enlighten Your Own Pathway**

- Lifelong learning through reading about diverse topics
- Reading levels and pledge application located on GFWC-NC website under Community Service (ESO)
- After receiving pledge application, member receives bylaws, book report forms, reading categories, and reading list
- Participation encouraged in Community Service Projects
- To promote participation in ESO:
  - Join GFWC ESO Book Club on Facebook
  - Host book club at members' homes with refreshments based on book theme



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**Group Discussion: Part One**

-  Get in groups of 2-3 members
-  Share a successful project conducted by your club related to **EDUCATION** (Foster schools and educational institutions)
-  After small group discussion, one person from each group will be asked to share projects with everyone

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**Group Discussion: Part Two**

-  Get in groups of 2-3 members
-  Share a successful project related to **LIBRARIES** (Promote literacy, libraries, and the love of a good book)
-  After small group discussion, one person from each group will be asked to share projects with everyone

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Questions  
and/or  
Comments?

Thanks for joining us!

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