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APRIL—NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

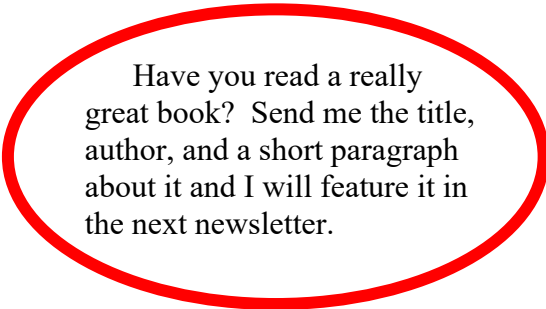
- April 7 - 13—National Library Week
- April 6ish—National Library Workers Day
- April 11—Teen Literature Day
- April 12—D.E.A.R. Drop Everything and Read Day
- April 23—World Book Day
- April 27—Independent Bookstore Day
- April 28—Great Poetry Reading Day



National Library Week is from April 7 to 13. Have your ESO members promote your local libraries and their workers. The first theme ever in 1958 was “Wake up and Read!” This year the theme is “Ready, Set, Library”. During National Library Week help celebrate all that libraries and librarians contribute to our communities and find a way to support these efforts.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- April 2 -- Hans Christian Andersen, *The Emperor's New Clothes*
- April 3 -- Washington Irving, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*
- April 4 -- Maya Angelou, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*
- April 5 -- Booker T. Washington, *Up From Slavery*
- April 12 -- Tom Clancy, *Clear and Present Danger*
- April 23 -- William Shakespeare, Playwright (*Hamlet, King Lear, Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth*)
- April 24 -- Sue Grafton, Kinsey Millhone series (*A is for Alibi, et.al.*)



Have you read a really great book? Send me the title, author, and a short paragraph about it and I will feature it in the next newsletter.

ESO Breakfast at CFWC Convention

CFWC Convention registration is coming up quickly. Please don't forget to sign up to attend the ESO Breakfast on May 17--Friday morning. Our speaker will be Amy S. Peele. As I read her book, Amy opened my eyes to what can happen in the world of transplants. She not only educated me, but she also entertained me with her book, *Cut*.

Amy was born and raised in the Chicago area, and now lives in Marin County in California. Having spent thirty-five years working in the field of organ transplantation, she brings a knowledgeable, and humorous voice into the world of mystery novels.

Peele also has a love for comedy and Improv and graduated from Second City Players Workshop in Chicago in 1985. She has been writing for over 15 years. In addition to killing people in her murder mysteries, she enjoys meditating, teaching yoga, swimming, and pursuing her spirituality.

Don't miss this humorous and very entertaining speaker! She will have books for sale after her presentation.



Amy S. Peele



GFWC MEMBERSHIP INCREASE CONTEST

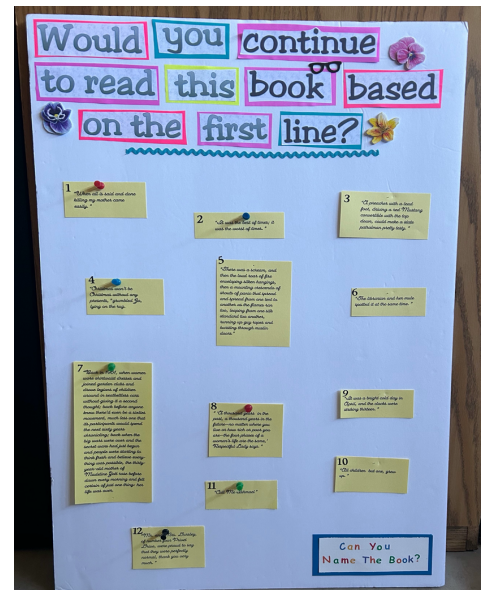
GFWC Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) is again holding the Membership Increase Contest. Please encourage all those new Pledges to get their Membership Level reports into me before April 25th. It is not too late to get more new Pledges. This contest is based on the percent of increase between May 1, 2023, and May 1, 2024. Please get all the Level reports to me by that date to count in this contest.

The state with the largest percentage increase will be recognized at the 2024 GFWC Annual Convention.

Email is the quickest way to send them, and I check my email several times a day. Be sure that the Cover Sheet is signed by the Club Chairman and the District Chairman. If you don't have one in your District, the Education and Library Chairman should sign. If you don't have that chairman, write a note to me and I will check your reports. All you gals that keep saying you are going to start that ESO Report, now is a perfect time. Call or

An Idea for Your Book Club. . .

Posted on the board to the right are several first sentences from random books. Some of the books are classics, other best sellers of this year, and some books from my library. The first sentences from each book were then put on the board to see first if the members would like to read the book based on this first sentence and then secondly if they could name the book. If you just "google" first sentences from books you will come up with a lot of ideas and you don't have to use books you are already familiar with. This is a good conversation starter also. I presented this at our District Meeting last month and the members enjoyed it. Be creative and change the game around! Have Fun!



A Little History of ESO Upsilon Chapter. 1996

There were only 16 categories in "many fields of 'American Heritage' reading" the handbook stated. If you wanted to become an **EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON HONORARY SORORITY MEMBER** you needed read from only those and the books on the recommended book list. Membership Level was 24 books and Torch 72!



GFWC ESO BOOK CLUB on Facebook—Welcome to all.

This group of more than 1,600 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.



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