



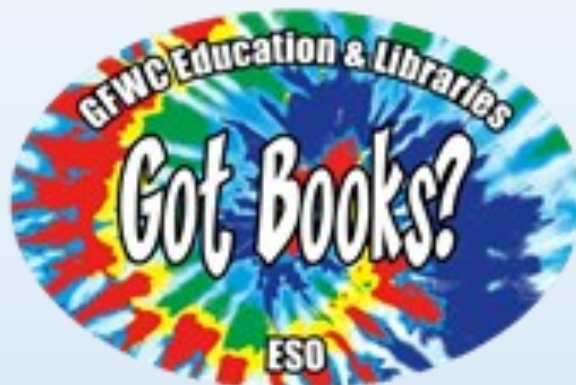
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ESO BREAKFAST - GFWC CONVENTION

Join us Sunday, June 11, 2023 to hear guest speaker Robin Yocum, GFWC Education & Libraries Honorary Chairman, the announcement of awards and share time with friends.

I look forward to meeting many of you in Louisville next week.

A Brief History of Bookmobiles - from [Bookmobile - Wikipedia](#)

During the late 1800s, Women's Clubs began advocating for Bookmobiles in the state of Texas and throughout the United States. Kate Rotan of the Women's Club in Waco, Texas was the first to advocate for bookmobiles. She was president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs (TFWC). During this time Women's Clubs were encouraged to promote bookmobiles because they embraced their ideas and missions. After receiving so much support and promotion these traveling libraries increased in numbers all around the United States. In the state of New York from 1895 to 1898 the number of bookmobiles increased to 980. The United States Women Clubs became their primary advocate.

The Women's Club movement in 1904, had the standard to be held accountable for the influx of bookmobiles in thirty out of fifty states. Because of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs (TFWC), a new legislation to develop public libraries in Texas became possible after much advocating from TFWC for bookmobiles. This new legislation brought in library improvements and expansions that included establishing a system of traveling libraries in Texas. Women's Clubs wanted state governments to step in and create commissions for these traveling libraries. They hoped the commissions would boost the managers of the bookmobile's "Library Sprit". Unfortunately, the Texas Library Association (TLA) could not provide the type of service that is already provided to state libraries to bookmobiles.

One of the earliest mobile libraries in the United States was a mule-drawn wagon carrying wooden boxes of books. It was created in 1904 by the People's Free Library of Chester County, South Carolina, and served the rural areas there.

Another early mobile library service was developed by Mary Lemist Titcomb (1857–1932). As a librarian in Washington County, Maryland, Titcomb was concerned that the library was not reaching all the people it could.

A Look at Marie Benedict, Author

Marie Benedict, a Pittsburgh native, is a lawyer with more than ten years' experience as a litigator at two of the country's premier law firms, who found her calling unearthing the hidden historical stories of women. Her mission is to excavate from the past the most important, complex and fascinating women of history and bring them into the light of present-day where we can finally perceive the breadth of their contributions as well as the insights they bring to modern day issues.

She embarked on a new, thematically connected series of historical novels with *THE OTHER EINSTEIN*, which tells the tale of Albert Einstein's first wife, a physicist herself, and the role she might have played in his theories. The next novel in this series is the USA Today bestselling *CARNEGIE'S MAID* -- which released in January of 2018 -- and the book that followed is the New York Times bestseller and Barnes & Noble Book Club Pick *THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE ROOM*, the story of the brilliant inventor Hedy Lamarr, which published in January of 2019. In January of 2020, *LADY CLEMENTINE*, the story of the incredible Clementine Churchill, was released, and became an international bestseller.

Her next novel, the Instant NYTimes and USA Today bestselling *THE MYSTERY OF MRS. CHRISTIE*, was published on December 29, 2020, and her first co-written book with the talented Victoria Christopher Murray, the instant NYTimes bestseller and Good Morning America Book Club Pick *THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN*, was released on June 29, 2021. Another novel, *HER HIDDEN GENIUS*, about the brilliant British scientist Rosalind Franklin who discovered the structure of DNA but whose research was used without her permission by Crick and Watson to win the Nobel Prize.

In January of 2023, she released *THE MITFORD AFFAIR*, which explores the role that history's most notorious sisters -- the beautiful, brilliant, eccentric Mitfords -- played in the rise of World War II, both for and against the Nazis. Writing as Heather Terrell, Marie also published the historical novels *The Chrysalis*, *The Map Thief*, and *Brigid of Kildare*. *THE FIRST LADIES* with co-author Victoria Christopher Murray will be released June 27, 2023.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation

Dollar General has more than 19,000 stores in 47 states!

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation was established in 1993 by Cal Turner and Cal Turner Jr. to honor Dollar General's co-founder, J.L. Turner, who was a farmer's son with only a third-grade education. We are proud to continue his legacy by supporting students along their educational journey. We believe that everyone deserves an equal opportunity to receive a basic education. We invest in literacy programs that are increasing access, enhancing the quality of instruction, and inspiring and advancing innovation. The following are foundation programs.

ADULT LITERACY GRANTS to organizations that provide direct services to adults in need of literacy assistance.

BEYOND WORDS is a disaster relief fund for public school libraries in Dollar General store communities. Grants are awarded to public school libraries that have incurred substantial damage or hardship due to a natural disaster, fire or an act recognized by the federal government as terrorism.

SUMMER READING These grants support the creation or expansion of summer reading programs.

For additional information, go to <https://www.dgliteracy.org/grant-programs/>



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GFWC ESO BOOK CLUB on Facebook—Welcome to all.

This group of more than 1,500 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.

Literary Calendar

June 2023

Audiobook Appreciation Month Rainbow Book Month

- 10 – Ball Point Pen Day
- 12 – Anne Frank’s birthday
- 16 – Bloomsday (celebration of Irish writer James Joyce’s life)
- 22 – Octavia Butler’s birthday
- 23 – Typewriter patent awarded
- 25 – Eric Carle’s birthday

June 2023 New Releases

- The Paris Daughter* by Kristin Harmel
- Lady Tan’s Circle of Women* by Lisa See
- The Wind Knows My Name* by Isabel Allende
- All the Sinners Bled* by S. A. Cosby
- The Five-Star Weekend* by Elin Hilderbrand
- The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

<https://www.booklistqueen.com/june-2023-book-releases/>

Do you remember bookmobiles?



How the Madison Valley Public Library was supported by the Madison Valley Woman’s Club (MVWC) – Written by Kim Montag, President MVWC. Montana

A library of sorts had been operating in Ennis since 1914 with ladies of the town (many members of the MVWC) taking turns being librarian and patrons paid \$.25 every three months to check out books. The MVWC decided supporting the library would be important to the community and took it as a cause to support. In 1940, the library was housed in the room above the Chowning Store. This store was operated by the Chowning family and Jenny Chowning was one of the early officers of the MVWC when it was formed in 1920. The library closed during WWII and it is unclear why it was not started again after the war was over.

In 1973, the MVWC petitioned the Town of Ennis to open the library again and it was opened in the Bauer apartments, below the Town Pump. In 1976 the Clancy home was converted to be the new home of the library and the MVWC helped the City of Ennis raise funds to purchase the building. The then Clancy Memorial Library was renamed the Madison Valley Public Library and the MVWC committed to donate \$300 per month to support the library going forward. The Clancy home was reconstructed into the present space for the library in 2009. The MVWC assisted the Town of Ennis in raising funds for this reconstruction as well. The Madison Valley Woman’s Club’s support for the library has continued through the years and from 2010 thru October 2022 we have donated \$72,050. Currently, we contribute \$1,300 per month as a standing commitment.

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.

