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October 2023—addendum



Dear ESO readers--

This is just an addendum to the monthly newsletter. I just received the October edition of the GFWC Newsletter, and it had so many interesting things I wanted to share with you. I hope you enjoy it. Notice she used an entirely different calendar than I did, and it is very interesting. I found this list of "Banned Books" on Pinterest. What is your score? I also thought there were some good project suggestions.

Reggie

HOW MANY OF THESE
BANNED BOOKS
HAVE YOU READ?

- A Wrinkle in Time
- The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
- The Handmaid's Tale
- The Catcher in the Rye
- Of Mice and Men
- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
- Forever
- The Kite Runner
- To Kill a Mockingbird
- The Giver
- The Outsiders
- Thirteen Reasons Why
- Harry Potter series
- George
- The Hate U Give
- The Grapes of Wrath
- The Color Purple
- The Lord of the Flies
- 1984
- Song of Solomon
- The Call of the Wild
- The Lord of the Rings
- Bridge to Terabithia
- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

My Banned Books Score is: _____ of 25.



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October—National Book Month Also, National Cookbook Month

5—World Teacher's Day

9—Canadian Thanksgiving (How is this different than in the United States?)

10—Nora Robert's Birthday (Queen of Romance Novels)

16—Oscar Wilde's Birthday (English Poet)

31—Halloween (Learn about its origin)

REPORTING REMINDERS

As we start our club year be thinking of ESO projects. Outstanding projects have been featured in the past newsletters. What can you do to help children improve their reading skills? Read to them is one way and listen to them read.

Tips on report writing will be in the upcoming newsletters, but for now remember to keep your hours. Just as in any of the CF programs there is no double reporting. You can only report projects in one area. Reading hours only count when you are reading and REPORTING for your ESO reading levels. You can still read for ESO if your club does not have a book club, those hours are reported on the Statistical Report. Just remember you need to send your completed Level reports to your District ESO Chairman or the Education and Library Chairman who will send it to CFWC ESO Chairman.



9 Ways to Celebrate National Book Month

1. Read a new book
2. Reread a favorite book
3. Visit your local library
4. Support an independent bookstore
5. Try audio books
6. Follow an author on social media
7. Put up a Little Free Library
8. Give a book as a gift
9. Write your own book



Reading is an adventure that never ends.



LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY review written by Kay Masonbrink, ESO Chairman Hemet Woman's Club, is a perfect book to read during National Cookbook Month—

Kay says, "If you are looking for a good book to read you might like *Lessons In Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus (Doubleday, 2022). This well written debut novel about a chemist who is a smart, ambitious woman, but in the 1960's culture war, is frustrated by limited options. The protagonist, Elizabeth Zott, is a woman born ahead of her time and discovers she doesn't have to be oppressed. This book is funny, observant, and inspiring."



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Newsletter

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Dear Readers, there was no September newsletter as I was recuperating from emergency heart surgery. I am now on the mend and will continue monthly newsletters.

The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled

The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS), Library of Congress, administers a free national library program that provides braille and recorded materials to people who cannot see regular print or handle print materials. Established by an Act of Congress in 1931 to serve blind adults, the program was expanded in 1952 to include children, in 1962 to provide music materials, in 1966 to include individuals with other physical disabilities that prevent reading regular print, and in 2016 to permit NLS to provide refreshable braille displays. The NLS program is funded annually by Congress, and books and materials are mailed as “Free Matter for the Blind or Handicapped” through a separate appropriation to the United States Postal Service. Cooperating network libraries are funded through a combination of state, local, and/or federal sources.

- * Beginning with 19 libraries in 1931, the network has expanded to 55 regional libraries, 26 subregional libraries, and 13 advisory and outreach centers serving all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and Guam.
- * The NLS collection contains more than 328,000 items. There are more than 34,000 books available in hard-copy braille.
- * The NLS music collection (braille, audio, large print) is the largest of its kind in the world, with approximately 25,000 titles.

Some public libraries offer low vision aids and devices. Hand-held magnifiers, electronic magnifying systems (CCTVs) and magnifying screen overlays may be available at the library to assist with reading print material. If you have low vision, ask about these devices at the circulation desk.

Recently, three Lions Clubs in the Harrisburg, PA area joined forces to raise \$3,700 to purchase new high tech reading equipment including a computer and software with the latest magnifying and text-to-speech capabilities for the East Shore Area Library. With the new equipment, residents can have printed materials magnified or voiced, access websites and scan important materials.

Are services available at your local library for the vision impaired?



Education & Libraries - Top Projects 2022

"Adopt a Pet"

The **Junior Woman's Club of Bellville (NJ)** continued its "Adopt a Pet" reading initiative reaching 142 early readers. Each child was able to pick a stuffed animal to adopt as well as their own book to take home. They were asked to sign a "certificate of promise" where they agreed to read to their newly adopted pet for at least 20 minutes a day. The program extended to our local library where the children were encouraged to bring their pets in to participate in picking new books or participation library activities.

"Worcester the City That Reads"

There is a retired school principal in Worcester, Massachusetts who is concerned about the number of students who leave school in June having no books at home to read and no access to the public library. He has made it his mission to make sure that these students (pre-school through Middle School) get at least one book to take home for summer reading. The past year, he also branched out to the homeless shelters to provide them with books for the young residents. Each year he contacts the **GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club (MA)** to help with this mission. One club member took over the responsibility of collecting and delivering NJWC's books. She placed a bin outside of her home for collection, visited area library book sales, picked up books from members who could not get to her house, and she delivered all of the books to Worcester. This year a whopping 874 books were collected!

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) - Top Projects 2022

"Books for MOM"

Members of the **GFWC Woman's Club of Cypress (CA)** reading club feel that giving books to children is their number one priority when it comes to sharing their love of books. This year the 14 ESO members voted to collect donations of children's books to donate to MOMS Orange County, a nonprofit organization committed to helping women have a healthy pregnancy, to encourage baby's development, and build parent's confidence. Needless to say, this organization has many needs, so the members decided to ask the rest of the club to join in and donate items in the MOMS' wish list. In the six months that we collected, we received new baby/toddler clothing diapers, baby wipes, and of course many children's books. The items were delivered in time for the Christmas.

"Immersive Book Club"

GFWC Clarksville Women's Club (TN), hosts an Immersive Book Club where members enjoy bringing characters to life by experiencing some of the food items and activities the characters partake in. One member baked a Scripture Cake for the review of *The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek* and shared the recipe. One member brought Chamomile tea and served high tea while reviewing *The Indigo Girl*. A Quilt Square Memory Game was created and brought to the review of *The Forgotten Seamstress*. One member brought pizza as they discussed *Crossed Sisters of Tuscany*.

"Cajun Night Before Christmas"

At the December meeting of the GFWC-MFWC Juniorette Diamonds, an advisor dressed in Cajun attire and read in a heavy Cajun accent, "Cajun Night Before Christmas" from the Mississippi ESO reading list. Papa Noel, a character from the book, surprised everyone and handed out treats.

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.

Literary Calendar

October 2023

National Book Month National Reading Group Month

1-7 – Banned Books Week
1 – International Coffee Day
6 – Mad Hatter Day
11 – Myth and Legends Day
15-21 – National Friends of Libraries Week
16 – Dictionary Day
20 – National Day on Writing

October 2023 New Releases

The Leftover Woman by JEAN KWOK

Going Infinite by MICHAEL LEWIS

Let Us Descend by JESMYN WARD

The Exchange by JOHN GRISHAM

Judgment Prey by JOHN SANDFORD

[https://www.booklistqueen.com/
october-2023-book-releases/](https://www.booklistqueen.com/october-2023-book-releases/)

Books by State (G - L)

Georgia - Gone With the Wind Margaret Mitchell, The Color Purple Alice Walker, Savannah Blues Mary Kay Andrews

Hawaii - Moloka'i and Daughter of Moloka'i Alan Brennert, Honolulu Alan Brennert, The Descendants Kai Hart Hemmings

Idaho - A Novel Emily Rushkovich, Housekeeping: A Novel Marilynne Robinson, Indian Creek Chronicles: A Winter Alone in the Wilderness Pete Fromm

Illinois - The Time Traveler's Wife Audrey Niffenegger, The House on Mango Sandra Cisneros, Native Son Richard Wright

Indiana - The Fault in Our Stars John Green, The Wide Game Michael West, Indy Writes Books: A Book Lover's Anthology M. Travis DiNicola

Iowa - The Bridges of Madison County Robert James Waller, A Thousand Acres Jane Smiley, Shoeless Joe W.P. Kinsella

Kansas - In Cold Blood Truman Capote, Little House on the Prairie Laura Ingalls Wilder, Mr. Bridge & Mrs. Bridge Evan S. Connell

Kentucky - The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek Kim Michele Richardson, Icy Sparks Gwyn Hyman Rubio, The Sugar Maple Grove John E. Espy

Louisiana - Cane River Lakita Tademy, Interview with a Vampire Anne Rice, A Streetcar named Desire Tennessee Williams

Member Author - Sherry Baldwin; North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club (North Carolina)

Sherry Baldwin has had a love for children and reading as far back as early childhood. She spent several years teaching elementary school, where she enjoyed helping children bring their stories to fruition through the writing process. Sherry hopes that Beecher Bear will inspire your children to be creative in play! Published books - Santa's Tatty Old Boots, There's a Lobster in my Lunchbox, and Beecher Bear Plays Here and There.



The Chester Imagination Library Project

The Junior Federated Woman's Club of Chester (Virginia) is excited to announce its partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Since conception in 1995, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has gifted over 190 Million books to children aged 0-5. Each child enrolled in the program will receive one new, age appropriate book a month until his/her 5th birthday. Books are hand selected each year by a committee of early childhood education experts, ensuring each book will continue to enhance the child's education/experience and represents one of the many predetermined themes. This allows families to build an age-appropriate home library at no cost to them.

The JFWCC opened enrollment for the 23234 zip code of Chesterfield county, in early January of 2023. With 25 registered students within the first month, they anticipate reaching their goal to enroll at least 300 students before years end. The club is actively partnering with specific schools in the area, marketing to future students most in need. They are excited to see the impact this program will make in their community, as they join the other 45+ Virginia Counties offering this program. Here's a link about their plans - <https://jfwcc.org/imagination-library>.

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