



# ESO

Epsilon Sigma Omicron  
Upsilon Chapter

November 2023



NOVEMBER—National Family Literacy Month

Nov. 1—National Author's Day

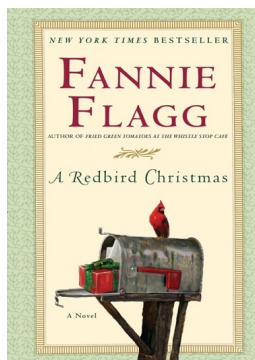
Nov. 5—National Book Lovers Day

Nov. 8—National Young Readers Day

Nov. 15—I Love to Write Day

Nov. 18—High-five a Librarian Day

Nov. 24—Thanksgiving Day



Do you have your Christmas books selected? *A Redbird Christmas* is not a new book, but a very good story and if you have never read it put it on your list for this year. Fannie Flagg has written an enchanting and magical Christmas story.



*Veteran's Day*

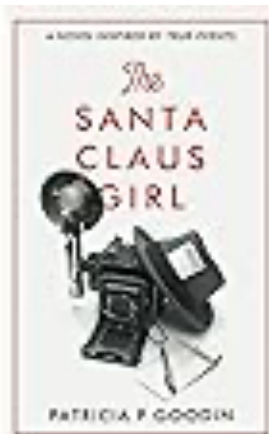
Donate books to a  
Veteran's Hospital  
or Veteran's Home

## Epsilon Sigma Omicron Reporting Suggestions—

1. PLEASE follow all of the CFWC and your District deadlines. Use the current year reporting forms found on the [CFWC.org](http://CFWC.org) website.
2. The reporting year is from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.
3. Clubs should report their ESO projects for this year. Include as much information about the project as possible—who, what, when, where, how, and why as well as other pertinent information for that project. Include the impact on the community, money spent, and hours worked.
4. Club reports should talk about their ESO club, if they have one. How many members participate, how many new members, and anything they did to encourage participation.
5. **District Chairman** should report what **you** as a chairman did in your District. How many clubs participate? What did you do in the District to encourage new members? How many new members did you get to read and report? How many books were read in 2023? How many hours of reading in the District?
6. What hours for reading can be counted? Only books read and reported on the various Levels for ESO during the year 2023 can be counted for hours of reading in the ESO reports. This is on the honor system, but if you only read for recreation and are not completing the ESO Level reports those hours do not count.
7. PLEASE no double reporting.

## GFWC ESO Book Club on Facebook

This is a private group and you must ask to join, but it is fun and informative. Go on Facebook and search GFWC ESO Book Club. Great new book suggestions!



### A book suggestion from GFWC November Newsletter:

“Yes, Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus”; Virginia grew up.

Yes, THAT Virginia—who became a teacher—encouraging students through the Great Depression, World War II, and the Polio epidemic. “The Santa Claus Girl,” a novel drawn from true events, imagines Virginia’s far-reaching influence and her exceptional gift of inspiration. Set in New York City, December 1952, the story uncovers how a remarkable woman sparks a band of humble do-gooders to overcome the odds stacked against them—and reach for an extraordinary goal.

Add *The Santa Claus Girl* by Patricia P. Goodin to your reading calendar.

## Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) - Top Projects 2022

### “Reading Challenge”

**GFWC Kansas** offered a reading challenge to the entire state membership to encourage reading and joining ESO. The challenge included sixteen prompts such as a Victorian novel, poetry, a book set in Kansas or by a Kansas author, and a book by or about a GFWC member, past or present. Readers chose a book to fit the prompt and found the challenge fun. It was interesting to see how everyone answered the prompts.

### “Golden Girl’s Spring Bling”

**GFWC Rotonda West Woman’s Club’s (FL)** six book clubs joined together in the spring and in December for a fun and always stimulating luncheon event! In 2022 the theme selected by The Golden Girls book club was “Spring Bling”, inviting everyone to sport their best bobbles and bling! 43 members attended the luncheon at the Rotunda Hills Country Club. A fine wine prize was awarded to the winner of the “Can you name the book” contest. Then everyone participated in the bling parade and sparkly awards were given to those winners. The featured guest speaker was Zina Jayne, Head Librarian from the Elsie Quirk Library. She made us aware of some new and exciting services available from the library including the new to all of us “book club in a bag” program which allows a book club to request 10 copies of a particular book with the checkout and return date limit of one month. This program allows up to 10 members of a book club to read the same book at the same time... at no cost to them.

### Ideas for Family Literacy Month—

- \*Encourage visits to the Library.
- \*Give books as gifts for every occasion.
- \*Use books instead of cards at Baby Showers, children’s birthday parties, and even adult’s birthdays.
- \*Set aside time each day for reading; for yourself, to your grandchildren or to an elderly friend.
- \*Organize a children’s book club.
- \*Keep books visible around your home.
- \*Create a book exchange in your neighborhood.
- \*Introduce a different format for reading—audiobooks or digital books, especially for the elderly having difficulty with their sight.



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