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**EDUCATION & LIBRARIES and ESO AWARD ENTRIES**

**STATE AWARD ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY March 15, 2024**

**CLUB CREATIVITY ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY March 15, 2024**

**PLEASE PUT THE NAME OF YOUR STATE ON EACH PAGE.**

**ENTRY FORMS ARE ATTACHED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.**

**EMAIL ENTRIES TO [sandygfwc@outlook.com](mailto:sandygfwc@outlook.com)**

**or mail to Sandy Hauenstein, 376 Stonehedge Lane, Mechanicsburg PA 17055**

**Robin Yocum, GFWC Education & Libraries**

**Honorary Chairman**

**Podcast – Dead Before Deadline**

What has our honorary chairman, Robin Yocum, been up to since the Louisville Convention?

For fans of his work Robin released a podcast, Dead Before Deadline. Since fictional crime has occupied the majority of his creative time over the past ten years he is venturing back into the realm of true crime. His daughter, Jaclynn Yocum Wilson serves as co-host for the entertaining stories of true crime.

You can listen to the podcasts at <https://podcasts.apple.com/>





## Heifer International - Read to Feed

For over 20 years, students around the world have been making a difference for families in need by simply reading books. Join our guide, Hatch, on a journey of reading and learning about Heifer's work, all while raising funds to support small-scale farmers. Students from first grade to high school can participate in Read to Feed.

Funds raised support Heifer's mission of ending hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth. With this money, students purchased [animals/resources purchased], which will go to struggling families around the world.

Read to Feed encourages students to practice their literacy skills. Throughout the program, students recruit sponsors per book read.

Most importantly, Read to Feed shows students that they have the power to make a difference in the world! Funds raised will benefit struggling families, giving them the opportunity, skills and resources needed to create better futures for themselves.

Read to Feed is a reading incentive and fundraising program for children that supports Heifer International. Participants obtain sponsorships from parents, friends and relatives based on the number of books (or units of time) they read. The goal is to promote reading and help Heifer assist millions of people around the world feed their families and reach self-reliance through the gifts of livestock and training.

The best part about Read to Feed is that you can customize your experience according to the time you have to devote to the program. For the full curriculum experience, three weeks is recommended.

<https://www.heifer.org>

**Historical fiction** is a literary genre where the story takes place in the past. The genre aims to capture the details of the time period as accurately as possible for authenticity, including social norms, manners, customs, and traditions<sup>2</sup>. Historical fiction can be applied to various types of narrative, such as novels, theatre, opera, cinema, television, video games, and graphic novels. The genre may involve actual historical figures or events, or fictional ones. Who is your favorite historical fiction story and author?

## ESO MEMBER CONTEST

Will your state be the one that increases ESO membership the most?

The state with largest percentage increase between May 1, 2023 and May 1, 2024

will be recognized at the 2024 GFWC Annual Convention ESO Breakfast.

On or before May 1, 2024 send me how many new members joined ESO at [sandygfwc@outlook.com](mailto:sandygfwc@outlook.com)

## 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

March 2024

National Reading Month  
National March Into Literacy Month

- 1 – International Hug a Librarian Day
- 2 – Read Across America Day
- 3-9 – Read an E-book Week
- 3-9 – Return Borrowed Books Week
- 14 – National Write Your Story Day
- 19 – International Read to Me Day
- 20 – World Storytelling Day
- 21 – World Poetry Day

## March 2024 New Releases

Expiration Dates by REBECCA SERLE

The Hunter by TANA FRENCH

Murder Road by SIMONE ST. JAMES

The Truth About the Devlins by LISA SCOTTO-LINE

The New Couple in 5B by LISA UNGER

The Many Lives of Mama Love by LARA LOVE HARDIN

<https://www.booklistqueen.com/march-2024-book-releases/>

## Short Moral Stories For Kids

1. *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*  
The Moral - Lying breaks trust, and no one believes a liar — even when they tell the truth.
2. *The Golden Touch*  
The Moral - Greed will always lead to downfall.
3. *The Fox and the Grapes*  
The Moral - Never despise what we can't have; nothing comes easy.
4. *The Proud Rose*  
The Moral - Never judge anyone by the way they look.
5. *The Milkmaid and Her Pail*  
The Moral - Don't count on your good fortune before it has come about.
6. *A Wise Old Owl*  
The Moral - Be more observant. Talk less and listen more. This will make us wise.
7. *The Golden Egg*  
The Moral - Never act before you think.
8. *The Farmer and the Well*  
The Moral - Cheating will not get you anything. If you cheat, you'll pay soon enough.
9. *Elephant and Friends*  
The Moral - Friends come in every shape and size.
10. *When Adversity Knocks*  
The Moral - We can choose how we respond in difficult situations.
11. *The Needle Tree*  
The Moral - Kindness will always be rewarded.
12. *A Glass of Milk*  
The Moral - No good deed goes unrewarded

## World Poetry Day

March 21st is World Poetry Day. Relax and enjoy one or all of the **10 Classic Spring Poems Everyone Should Read.**

1. William Wordsworth, 'Lines Written in Early Spring'.
2. William Blake, 'Spring'
3. Housman, 'Loveliest of trees, the cherry now'.
4. Gerard Manley Hopkins, 'Spring'.
5. Emily Dickinson, 'A Light Exists in Spring'
6. Alfred, Lord Tennyson, 'Canto CXV from In Memoriam'
7. William Shakespeare, 'Sonnet 98'.
8. Christina Rossetti, 'Spring'
9. Philip Larkin, 'The Trees'
10. Geoffrey Chaucer, 'The General Prologue' to *The Canterbury Tales*.

