

EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT 2018-2020

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Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) inspires and develops our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation. Visit www.HOBY.org.

NEA's Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. NEA's Read Across America also provides NEA members, parents, caregivers, and children the resources and activities they need to keep reading on the calendar 365 days a year.

- Become a member of NEA's Read Across America. Visit www.nea.org/readacross for information.
- Read your favorite Dr. Seuss book in local schools or public libraries to children on March 2.

Education in the Community Program

ESO (Epsilon Sigma Omicron) Participate in ESO - The purpose of ESO is to promote a commitment to lifelong learning and improvement through reading.

- Become a member by sending your name, address, name of club and district, together with a check for \$2.00 made to NJSFWC earmarked ESO and mail to ESO Chairman, Joyce Dreger, 1046 Lovell Place, North Brunswick, NJ 08902, 732 297 1321, rjdreger@yahoo.com.
- Purchase an ESO Reading List from NJSFWC Headquarters for \$2.00 which contains the procedural guidelines;
- Write and submit a brief report on each book read.

Book Clubs

- Form a book and/or tape exchange program in your club
- Form reading groups to study and discuss books proposed by members. Have a themed dinner/luncheon related to a book's theme; Take a field trip related to a book; Invite an author to come to your Book Club; Organize a book discussion group at the library or senior center.

Libraries

- Build or expand an existing library at a nursing home, shelter or local laundromat.
- Sponsor a summer reading program or conduct story hour at a local library for children. Record children's books on tape. Donate the tape and the book to public or school libraries.
- Observe and support National Children's Book Week- observed the first full week in May and/or National Library Week- observed the second full week in April.
- Conduct a book drive for your local library or an area library in need. Set up a Wish Tree listing the cost and the book titles the library is requesting.
- Join the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates and Friends Foundation – by contacting www.ala.org/united and/or join your local library association.
- Develop a "Books for Babies" Program – Prepare a kit containing a child's first reading book, brochures on reading tips, baby's first library card, a bib, etc. Present these kits to new parents. For more information, visit www.ala.org/united/products_services/booksforbabies
- Donate a book to the local public or school library in memory of or to honor a club member.
- Recognize a local public or school librarian on National Library Worker's Day, April 9, 2019 and April 8, 2020, by providing refreshments for a coffee break, sending cards or donating a book, plated in the librarian's name.
- Encourage members to apply for library cards during library sign up month in September.

Spelling Bee

- Sponsor a local event as a part of the annual Spelling Bee contest. Information on how to conduct a Spelling Bee will be in the ALMANAC and online at www.njsfwc.org
- Contact the NJSFWC Spelling Bee Chairman, Brandi-Leigh Miller, 202 998-3108 or brandimillernj@gmail.com.

Scholarships and Awards

- Sponsor a high school girl who is completing her Junior year as a delegate to Girls' Career Institute. This "mini college experience" enables delegates to sample college life by living in a dorm, eating in a dining hall, attending lectures and workshops, and learning about career choices.
- Contact your local high school guidance counselor for information on how your club can award a scholarship to a graduating senior. Coordinate with other local service organizations to give a joint four-year college scholarship.
- Provide a scholarship to a woman returning to school.
- Recognize the "Most Improved" Middle School Students with an award or Savings Bond
Contact the local school to coordinate the award presentation at the end of the year awards ceremonies.
- Recognize the high school, middle school and/or elementary school students who were placed on the Honor Roll with an award.
- Recommend that a deserving woman pursuing post-graduate studies apply for a Margaret Yardley Fellowship. See NJSFWC website for information and application.

Helping Schools

- Collect Box Tops for Education to donate to local schools. The schools are able to turn in the box tops for cash. For more information go to boxtops4education.com

Focus on Literacy Program

Adult Literacy

- Invite a representative from a local literacy or an English as a Second Language (ESL) group to speak at a club or community event to explain their program.
- Encourage club members to become volunteers for Literacy Volunteers of New Jersey at <https://literacynj.org/> or call (800) 848-0048
- Organize a book drive in your Club and/or Community to collect and donate collected books.
- Apply for a GFWC Focus on Literacy Club Grant – See GFWC website for details

Youth Literacy

- **Take part in GFWC President Mary Ellen Brocks' initiative to have 1,000 Dr. Seuss books in different languages donate on his birthday to DC area and Club's local inner-city kids programs.**
- Adopt a classroom in a local school and have a club member volunteer to read to the class once a month, in conjunction with the teacher's agenda.
- Investigate Teen Read Week, an American Library Association initiative aimed at teens, observed annually the third week of October. Events can be held at public and school libraries and at bookstores across the country. Visit www.ala.org for more information.
- Develop a program that challenges students to read a designated number of books within a given time period. Present awards to students who achieve the goals.
- Sponsor a Read-a-thon for children or D.E.A.R program (Drop Everything And Read on April 12th) in your local library or school.
- Encourage children to join the PBS KIDS The Great Word Quest- , a series of online literacy games to strengthen critical reading skills, including phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension. <http://pbskids.org/wordquest>.
- Contact the Library of Congress for brochures on Starting a Home Library geared to various age groups.
- Sponsor a Read for the Record in October through Jumpstart www.jstart.org.
- Recognize Children's Book Week – the first full week in May – www.bookweekonline.com.

Review the GFWC 2018-2020 Club Manual -- Education Section for additional project ideas and resources.