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Hello, Summer!!! This chairman hopes yours is off to a great start. I am preparing for the GFWC International Convention in Austin, Texas, and hope you are too. If you are there I hope to see and/or meet you!

Some of you may be aware that GFWC offers Literacy Grants to clubs. This is due to the generosity of Proctor & Gamble. All the information is on the GFWC website as is the application.

Guidelines:

- Grants will be awarded based on merit and project sustainability as outlined on the application
- Club that apply must hold active membership in their state federations and in the General Federation of Women's Clubs
- Clubs must complete an application
- Clubs must use the funding to start or continue a literacy project.
- Funding may be up to but not exceed \$200 per club.
- Clubs must complete an evaluation, which will be included with the grant check if the club application is approved.

Applications are Available:

- By calling the Programs Department at GFWC Headquarters at 202-347-3168
  - By reviewing information on the GFWC website at [www.GFWC.org/Programs](http://www.GFWC.org/Programs)
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After receiving and reading reports, this chairman discovered that only a few clubs are promoting and working with multicultural projects. The United States is the most popular destination to study English as a Second Language with schools and locations in the USA offering ESL (English as a Second Language) programs. 48 states have ESL programs.

The most common types of ESL programs offered in the United States are Intensive English Programs (IEP) or American Language and Culture Programs (ALCP). For more information in your state you can go to <https://www.ESLdirectory.com>

School is out! Children have time on their hands. Have you investigated your local public library? They have summer reading programs for children as well as programs that involve both the children and their programs. Libraries are places to connect with your kids! And, most of the materials and programs are FREE! Start a family tradition by making regular family dates at the library.

Promoting Summer Reading Programs and other activities at the library make excellent projects for your clubs.

Have a happy and SAFE 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Celebrate the wonderfulness of our great country.

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