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EDUCATION and LIBRARIES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

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Education and Libraries – GFWC has given this area of service a new name but it will only strengthen our commitment to projects around educational institutions, promoting literacy, libraries and opportunities for learning.

Are you an avid summer reader? Lately have you found more time available for reading? Have you joined ESO?

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) is an honorary educational society open to all GFWC federated club members. Over 60 years ago, the ESO program became a permanent part of the GFWC Education Department. Through ESP, clubwomen are given direction in planned reading for self-enrichment and personal growth. Many GFWC clubwomen have profited from this unique self-improvement program, seen as vital by the members it directly benefits.

Members can participate in ESO as part of a reading group or on their own. The program provides membership, awards and certificates, pins, reading lists, and a framework in which to pursue continued self-improvement through reading. Many clubs combine club programming with ESO related activities, such as reading awareness and book promotion.

This Chairman is especially passionate about projects and initiatives around literacy and learning and wishes to **issue a reading challenge to encourage increased reading among members.**

- Each NJ clubwoman who joins or renews her ESO participation in 2020 and submits reports to reach at least the ESO “Member” level or who advances to a higher ESO level this year will be eligible to win a summer reading themed gift basket to be awarded at the 2021 NJSFWC annual convention. (This will be a personal token of recognition and separate from any official ESO pins and certificates awarded.)

As you complete your leisurely summer reading, please take the time to write up a short report and submit it to our ESO chairman Pat Trainor. In an effort to go paperless, you may now submit your ESO reports online through this Google Form: <https://tinyurl.com/NJSFWCESO>

ESO Handbook: <https://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/ESO-Handbook-FINAL.pdf>

ESO Book Reading List: <https://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/ESO-Reading-List-2018-2020.docx>