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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.

NO SPELLING BEE PROGRAM IN 2021

As a reminder, due to COVID restrictions there will be no District Spelling Bee contests and thus, no State Spelling Bee Contest in 2021.

NJSFWC ESO BOOK DISCUSSION – January 13, 2021

On Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm, NJSFWC ESO Chairman Pat Trainor will host an online book discussion via Zoom. The third book in our discussion series will be *The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times* by Katherine May. Discussions about new books will take place every other month.

To join the ESO Honorary Literary Society or to suggest a book for future NJSFWC book discussions, contact ESO Chairman Pat Trainor by email at pattee217@aol.com.

Reminder! You can now submit your ESO Book Report online: <https://tinyurl.com/ESONJSFWC>

If you are on Facebook, be sure to search for **GFWC 2020 2022 ESO Book Club** and click the “join” button to be added to this private group. Don’t miss out on the exciting and fresh ideas to energize your club projects!

CONSIDER BECOMING A MENTOR!

Investigate ways in your community to join an established program or have the club establish their own mentor program.

Talk to your local YMCA, Boys or Girls Club, or Scouts program to see if mentoring is available.

Here are resources:

<https://www.mentoring.org/take-action/become-a-mentor/>

<https://www.bgca.org/get-involved/advocacy/federal-priorities/youth-mentoring>

You can also mentor other adults. If you are a business owner or have a certain skill set, you can join programs to mentor those entering the field. Here is one way to pay it forward:

Facts about mentoring from mentoring.org:

- Young adults with a mentor are:
- 55% less likely than their peers to skip a day of school
- 78% more likely to volunteer regularly
- 90% are interested in becoming a mentor
- 130% more likely to hold leadership positions
- 37% less likely to skip a class
- 55% more likely to enroll in college and have better attitudes about school