

**New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC
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Let Our Voice Soar
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EDUCATION and LIBRARIES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

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SPELLING BEE PROGRAM – POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The NJSFWC Spelling Bee Program is being temporarily postponed while we monitor the latest guidelines related to the latest COVID variant.

To be clear:

- All CLUB LEVEL Spelling Bee contests can be held through February. Safety is our top priority.
- DISTRICT LEVEL Spelling contests will be held in March.
- The STATE Spelling Bee (currently scheduled for March 12) will be held on April 9th

Please contact NJSFWC Education & Libraries CSP Chairman, Brandi-Leigh Miller at miller@njsfwc.org or your District Spelling Bee Chairman with immediate questions.

NJSFWC ESO BOOK DISCUSSION – January 12, 2022

On Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm, NJSFWC ESO Chairman Pat Trainor will host an online book discussion via Zoom. The next book in our discussion series will be *A Winter Dream* by Richrd Paul Evans. Discussions about new books 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