

EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP

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GFWC Partners are organizations that operate at the national or international level, offering distinctive, made-to-order services. Services may include: project materials, speakers, kits, and supplementary information designed for Clubs to enhance their GFWC California Federation Women's Clubs Education Community Service Programs and Special Projects within their communities. There are four specifically identifiable **GFWC Partners** working hand in hand with GFWC and our GFWC California Federation of Women's Clubs members.

- **American Library Association ~ www.ALA.org**

The American Library Association is the voice of America's libraries and the millions of people who depend on them. The oldest and largest library association in the world, its 63,000 members represents all types of libraries. Its mission is to promote the highest quality library and information services in order to enhance learning and ensure public access to information.

- **Mentoring USA ~ www.MentoringUSA.org**

Mentoring USA partners with public schools, nonprofit organizations, foster care agencies, housing facilities, and community centers to provide supervised site based, one-to one mentoring, matching youth between ages of 7 to 21 with caring, trained adult mentors.

- **Reading Rockets/WETA Public Television ~ www.ReadingRockets.org**

Reading Rockets is a national multimedia project offering information and resources on how young kids learn to read, why so many struggle, and how caring adults can help. The Reading Rockets project is comprised of PBS television programs, available on videotape and DVD; online services and professional development opportunities.

- **GFWC-Epsilon Sigma Omicron ~ www.GFWC.org/ESO**

Epsilon Sigma Omicron, ESO, is an honorary educational society open to all per-capita paying GFWC federated club members. ESO provides clubwomen with a structured reading program that is educational and stimulates a desire for self-improvement. GFWC offers ESO materials such as the ESO Chapter Guidelines, the ESO reading list, and an ESO informational brochure; all materials are available through the GFWC Marketplace.

* **NEW ESO NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT** *

The current GFWC California Federation of Women's Clubs ESO guidelines is changing. In September of 2009, the CFWC Executive Board approved a motion to adopt the GFWC ESO Guidelines after a transitional period, which will end on December 31, 2010. Here is a comparison of how the ESO Program Levels differ between CFWC and GFWC.

ESO PLEDGE LEVEL

- **CFWC** The member indicates to the Club or District Chairman they wish to work toward the Membership Level and they are given a CFWC ESO Pledge Card
- **GFWC** A Pledge has obtained an enrollment application and has started to fulfill the reading requirements

ESO MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

- **CFWC** Read and Report on a total of 24 books, 6 books each from 4 of the 16 categories
- **GFWC** Read and Report on a total of 16 books, 4 books each from 4 different categories

ESO STAR LEVEL

- **CFWC** There is no ESO Star Level incorporated in the CFWC ESO Reading Program
- **GFWC** Read and Report on a total of 40 books, 4 books each from 10 different categories

ESO TORCH LEVEL

- **CFWC** Read and Report on a total of 72 books, 2 books each from the 16 categories, plus 32 books from any category and 8 free-choice books outside of ESO lists
- **GFWC** Read and Report on a total of 75 books, from 7 different categories

ESO SOPHISTES LEVEL

- **CFWC** Read and Report on a total of 25 Pulitzer Prize Award books, 5 books each from 5 of the following 6 categories: American Poetry, Autobiography or Biography, Drama, Fiction, General Non-Fiction, and History of the United States
- **GFWC** There is no ESO Sophistes Level incorporated in the GFWC ESO Reading Program

ESO CENTURY LEVEL*

- **CFWC** Read and Report on a total of 100 books in free-choice or ESO books
- **GFWC** Read and Report on a total of 100 books

** A Member can continue to the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Century Award levels, (100 books for each level attained), and will be eligible to receive the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and/or sixth century membership certificates.*

- ❖ *Individual books read may only be counted once for any level within ESO*
- ❖ *Members may work towards their levels by choosing from any published ESO Reading Lists from GFWC or other individual State ESO Reading Lists*
- ❖ *Books may be applied to another level if the member has reached their current total in any given category*

All CFWC Members of ESO that are currently reading their 25 books to attain the CFWC Sophistes Level must be done reading their books by December 31, 2010. Reports are due to the Club and/or District Chairmen at the same time that all other Club and District Reports are due. Final paperwork submissions for all CFWC ESO Sophistes Level Awards are due to the State Chairman by the same date that all CFWC Reports are due to CFWC Chairmen for the 2010 Reportable year. If there is no Club or District Education Partnership Chairman, ESO Club Members may forward their Reports and paperwork directly to the CFWC State Chairman.

More information on the GFWC ESO Program including the downloadable version of the 2009 Epsilon Omicron Handbook, (ESO), and current Reading List may be downloaded from visiting:

www.gfwc.org/ESO