



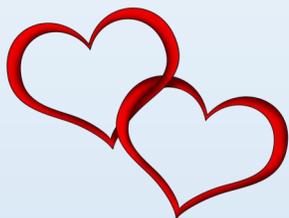
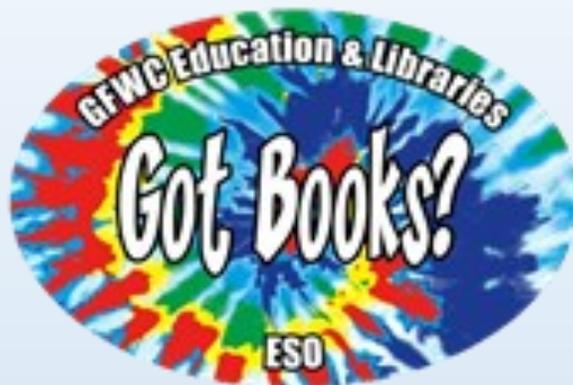
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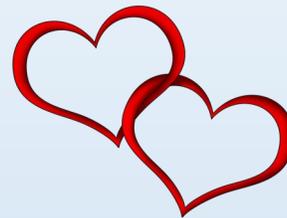
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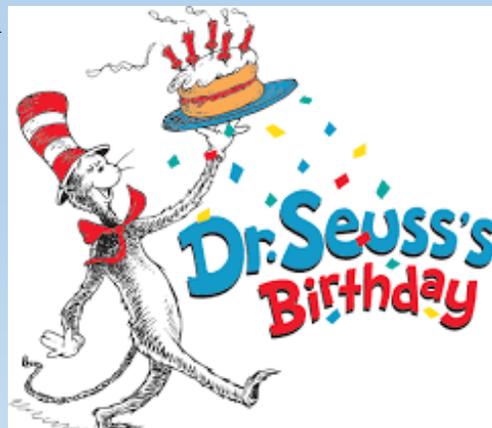
Read Across America Week is celebrated from March 2 to 6

Read Across America 2023 is a special day designed to encourage children to enjoy reading. Held each year on the anniversary of legendary children's author Dr. Seuss' birthday, Read Across America Day seeks to inspire readers about the wonders of reading. It is estimated that 45 million Americans are functionally illiterate, meaning they cannot read above a fifth-grade level. Read Across America seeks to destigmatize this issue and inspire children to find the beauty and joy in the pleasure of reading. Evidence shows that children learn 4,000 to 12,000 new words annually if they read regularly. Reading also boosts memory skills and reduces stress, meaning that many skills can be targeted just by picking up a book with your kids. Good literacy skills are linked with children accessing the entire curriculum, helping to benefit their learning across the board. As Dr. Seuss said, *"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."*

Read Across America Day takes place on Dr. Seuss' birthday, March 2. This is part of National Reading Month, which takes place throughout March.

Read Across America Day originated as an initiative organized by the National Education Association in 1998 to have a special day dedicated to inspiring children to read. From this original day of celebration, Read Across America became a year-round program developed to promote reading in schools. Since then, the event has now become a national movement, with influential figures such as former first lady Michelle Obama taking part in bringing awareness to the cause.

- Plan an event or volunteer with your library to bring *sparkle* to this celebration.
- Read a Dr. Seuss book to a child or grandchild.
- Buy a Dr. Seuss book for a public school or day care.
- Inform your members about Read Across America and encourage reading for all ages.

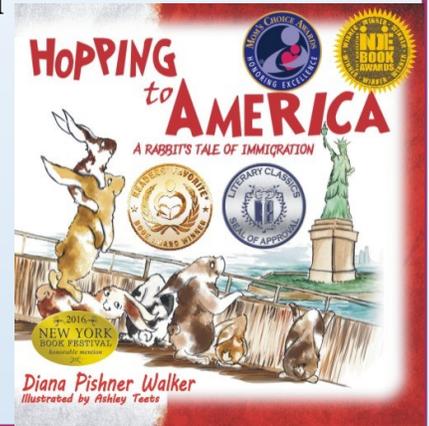


Member Author Featured

Diana Pishner Walker is a member of the GFWC West Virginia Fairmont Women's Club and a published author. She celebrates her Italian heritage through her Hopping to America series. The Riepile family of rabbits undertake the journey to immigrate from Italy to the United States. They land on Ellis Island in New York and from there, travel to Clarksburg, WV to establish their new home. They bring their Italian customs with them and become Americans, joining both cultures and find their lives enriched.

I Don't Want to Sit in the Front Row Anymore is another book by Diana. Death and dying amongst family members can be traumatic, endearing and "spirit" filled, thus providing many lessons learned even as adults. We are not alone as we walk this earth. Our love deepens with each loss. Join the author as she shares many tearful and light hearted occurrences in order to endure personal loss. "I have learned so much in the past few years. I feel as though throughout my experiences I have worn many hats, medically, legally and especially as the oldest child in an Italian Catholic family that I would like to share with all of you".

Here's her website: dianapishnerwalker.com and you may contact her at dlwalk003wk@gmail.com.



From GFWC New Mexico ESO - January 2023 Newsletter June Ferguson, NM ESO Chairman

If your weather outside is frightful...a good book would be delightful! And you are in luck because we have some recommendations for your reading.

From Ann Haight, District II/Cosmopolitan President:

The Stranger in the Lifeboat by Mitch Alborn; Diablo Mesa by Preston and Child; White Fire by Preston and Child; Island of Thieves by Glen Erik Hamilton; The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah (soon to be a motion picture); Never by Ken Follett; Tyrannosaur Canyon by Douglas Preston; Brimstone by Preston and Childs

From Janet Petty, Carrizozo Woman's Club:

The Ranger by Ace Adkins; All the Girls in Town by Staci Greason; Escape Clause by John Sandford; The Scent of Murder by Kylie Logan

From Rebecca Johnson, Carrizozo Woman's Club:

Dark Reservation by John Fortunato; Twelve Mile Bank by Nicholas Harvey; Rescued by David Rossenfelt; Montana Sky by Nora Roberts; Hide and Seek by Amy Shojai; Ette and Otto and Russell and James by Emma Hooper; Silence by Thich Nhat Hanh; Look Alive Twenty-Five by Janet Evanovich

Education & Libraries - Support STEM programs in schools and the community.

- * Advocate for and support STEM for Her in local schools. STEM for Her is an organization that encourages girls to pursue STEM-related careers. Visit the website (stemforher.org) to learn more about STEM for Her programs.
- * Support and volunteer with STEM Scouts, helping girls and boys learn about science, technology, engineering, and math through creative, hands-on activities, field trips interaction with STEM professionals. stemscouts.scouting.org
- * ProjectCSGirls is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization working to cultivate a love for technology and computer science in girls and encourage them to pursue their interests and careers in these fields.

GFWC ESO BOOK CLUB on Facebook—Welcome to all.

This group of more than 1,500 members belong to this online book club and features

Education and Libraries project ideas and ESO.

It is a private group and you must ask to join. See GFWC ESO BOOK CLUB on Facebook.

Literary Calendar

February 2023

Library Lovers' Month

1 – World Read Aloud Day
4 – Take Your Child to the Library Day
5-11 – Children's Authors and Illustrators Week
7 – Charles Dickens's birthday
9 – Read in the Bathtub Day
12 – Judy Blume's birthday
14 – International Book Giving Day
14 – Library Lover's Day
19 – Amy Tan's birthday
19-25 – Freedom to Read Week in Canada
26 – Tell a Fairy Tale Day
27 – John Steinbeck's birthday

February 2023 New Releases

I Have Some Questions For You - REBECCA
MAKKAI

The Writing Retreat - JULIA BARTZ

Someone Else's Shoes - JOJO MOYES

The Porcelain Moon - JANIE CHANG

Stars in an Italian Sky - JILL SANTOPOLO

For a complete list go to [https://
www.booklistqueen.com/february-2023-book-
releases/](https://www.booklistqueen.com/february-2023-book-releases/)



Take a book.
Share a book.

Building community.
Inspiring readers.
Expanding book access.

Establish a Little Free Library in your community, choosing an area where books are scarce.

Step 1 - Identify a Location & a Steward

Step 2 - Get a Library - Consider partnering with a local scout troop or carpentry class to build the library. Find free plans at www.littlefreelibrary.org

Step 3 - Register Your Library

Step 4 - Set Up Your Steward Account

Step 5 - Build Community Support

For detailed information go to www.littlefreelibrary.org

Get your community involved!
Tell your friends, family, and
neighbors in person.

Use social media to engage your
community.

*Library pictured was
established by the*

*GFWC Woman's Club of Baden,
Baden, Pennsylvania*



Affiliate Highlight - UNICEF USA

- * Partner with local organizations to educate the community about the growth of human trafficking. Use information provided by UNICEF USA to plan a Fair Trade luncheon and show the Robert Bilheimer film, "Not My Life." www.unicefusa.org/mission/protect/trafficking/end
- * • "Shop for a Cause" to provide educational materials for children around the world. Prepare educational items for display and donate them to a local school. www.market.unicefusa.org/inspired-gifts

GFWC LIBRARY REPLENISHMENT FUND

In order to assist GFWC communities affected by man-made and natural disasters, GFWC established the GFWC Library Replenishment Fund. GFWC clubs have a long history of founding, maintaining, and promoting libraries. Grants will be provided to GFWC clubs to help replenish affected libraries in their communities.



Check out the 2022-2024 Club Manual in the "C" Resources folder of the [Member Portal Digital Library](#) for many *sparkling* ideas.