



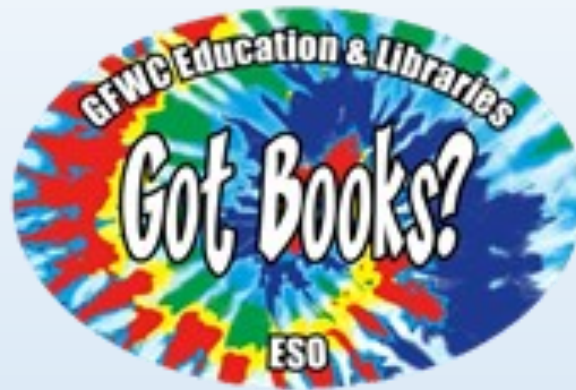
**GFWC 2022-2024**

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### **ESO Book Club Book Review**

**Wednesday, October 19th; 7:00 pm EST via Zoom**

The first book review for this administration will be co-hosted by Sandy Hauenstein, GFWC Education & Libraries Chairman, and Judi Stankowich, GFWC Pennsylvania ESO Chairman.

We will review *The Wedding Veil* by Kristy Woodson Harvey. Four women. One family heirloom. A secret connection that will change their lives - and history as they know it. The Wedding Veil brings to vivid life a group of remarkable women forging their own paths—and explores the mystery of a national heirloom lost to time.

Join Zoom Meeting -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87904291960?pwd=bnI4cVlDOTZ4UG1iRkVFZ3NLVGRWUT09>

### **Engage Beyond the Page: Meet the Author/Book Review**

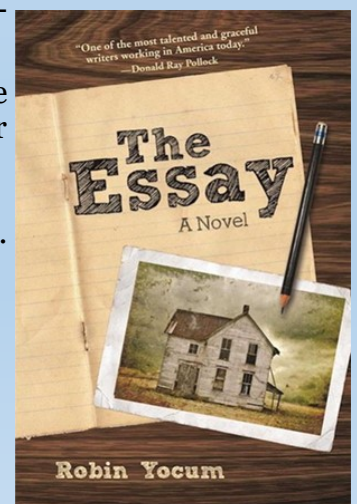
GFWC is proud to announce our first Engage Beyond the Page: Meet the Author/Book Review with Robin Yocum. The event will take place at 7:00 p.m. ET on November 16.

*The Essay*, our choice for the Meet the Author/Book Review, a novel about a young boy who grew up in a rural town in Appalachian Ohio with little hope for success. It's a story of finding the path that leads outside of one's current situation and the opinions of others. For our members who are educators, it will be a walk down memory lane as you remember students who surprised themselves and the adults who believed in them.

Discussing a book with the author is a rare experience to gain more insight about the book, to learn about various inspirations, and to hear about what the author may be working on next.

*The Essay* by Robin Yocum can be purchased on many online sites. You are encouraged to complete the reading prior to the book review.

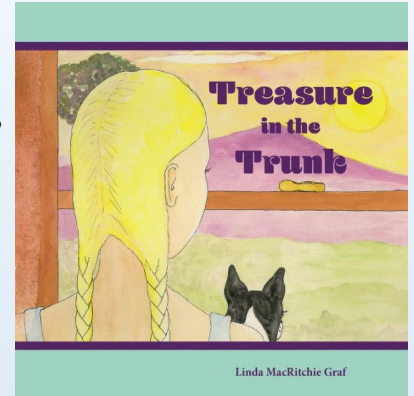
Registration for this event is found at this link (copy and paste to your browser) [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_YoqAY8sNSd6kTen333F5vg](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YoqAY8sNSd6kTen333F5vg) to join GFWC and Robin Yocum for this exciting opportunity. A brief questionnaire will be sent to those registered approximately one week prior to the book review.



## Member Author Featured

This month we feature Linda MacRitchie Graf, a member of the Delmar Progress Club, Delmar New York; She is a valued member and author. Linda MacRitchie Graf is a retired, award winning art educator, following a new direction after four decades of teaching children of all ages in upstate New York. She has a MS in education from State University College at Buffalo. She loves to spend time playing with her grandkids, when not reading, gardening or drawing.

Her book, *Treasure in the Trunk* is a wordless picture book to be enjoyed by all.



## Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) State membership Contest

Your state Education & Libraries Chairman and ESO Chairman is seeking to increase the number of ESO members in your state and there is a contest for the state with largest percentage increase each

### A Library's History - Bangor, Pennsylvania

The Bangor Public Library was founded in 1921 by the Women's Club, after years of fundraising, the library finally opened to serve Bangor and the surrounding communities. The building was built in 1890 as the home of the Merchants National Bank of Bangor. The cost of the original building was \$6,400. In 1939 Robert Steinmetz gave the building to the Borough of Bangor to be used as a public library and as the home of the Bangor Women's Club. Due to lack of space the Women's Club no longer meets in the building.

Robert Steinmetz's wife Pearl was a member of the Bangor Women's Club. The Women's Club is a supporter of the Bangor Public Library. The Club also donates a book to the library in remembrance of deceased club women.

The mission of the library is to provide free, high-quality information, resources, and services for all citizens residing in the Bangor Area School District and surrounding areas.

As part of that mission, the Bangor Public Library seeks to promote life-long literacy, learning, and personal enrichment by offering materials and a wide range of services in many formats. The library remains a cultural focus of the community.

Has your club or state sponsored an educational project you would like to share?

Please send your articles and photos for upcoming newsletters to [sandygfwc@outlook.com](mailto:sandygfwc@outlook.com).

### Education & Libraries Community Connection Initiative

In the 1930's, women's clubs were credited by the American Library Associations as having founded over 474 free public libraries and 4,655 traveling libraries. Supporting local libraries continues to be a Federation priority today. Above all, be supportive of your library and implement a project at your library your club can be proud of. Seek out the history of your library. Was it started by a women's club? Collaborate with the library to share its history and promote its many benefits and opportunities through your club social media and events to inspire the community to use and support the library.

**BRING THE SPARKLE TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES!**

## Literary Calendar

### October

National Book Month  
National Reading Group Month

1 - International Coffee Day

6—Mad Hatter Day

11 - Myth & Legends Day

16 - Dictionary Day

16-22 National Friends of Library Week

20 - National Day on Writing

27 - National Tell a Story in Scotland and the UK



The top three best scary and creepy books to read during Halloween as listed in <https://bookwritten.com>.

1. "We Have Always Lived in the Castle" by Shirley Jackson
2. "The Unbecoming of Mara Dyer" by Michelle Hodkin
3. "Little" by Edward Carey

## October 2022 New Releases

[Our Missing Hearts](#) by CELESTE NG

[Mad Honey](#) by JODI PICOULT AND JENNIFER FINNEY BOYLAN

[The First to Die at the End](#) by ADAM SILVERA

See more at <https://www.booklistqueen.com/september-2022-book-releases/>

Tell me about your Book Club and it will be printed in an upcoming newsletter.

## Affiliate Highlight - HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Encourage the educational resources that Heifer offers to schools at the elementary and secondary levels. [www.heifer.org/what-you-can-do/get-involved/schools/home-school-activities.html](http://www.heifer.org/what-you-can-do/get-involved/schools/home-school-activities.html)

Publicize the books and reading resources as well as the virtual field trips for children who are homeschooled. [www.heifer.org/what-you-can-do/get-involved/schools/home-school-activities.html](http://www.heifer.org/what-you-can-do/get-involved/schools/home-school-activities.html)

## 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.

### Are you a published author?

We are compiling a list of club-women authors to add to the ESO reading list. Please send your name, contact information, and book titles to [sandygfwc@outlook.com](mailto:sandygfwc@outlook.com).

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