

## EDUCATION and LIBRARIES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM



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GFWC members promote education in both children and adults. We aim to help others, while we also continue to learn. Projects in the Education Community Service Program are designed to foster schools, as well as other educational institutions and opportunities, and to promote literacy, libraries, and the love of a good book. Through these efforts, we encourage the growth of individuals and communities at home and around the world.

PROJECT Support STEM Programs & Activities for Special Needs Students Affiliate Organizations (confirmed as of date of printing) Depending on club intent, projects/programs from these GFWC Affiliate Organizations could be reported here as well:

CHALLENGE

## **Resource Organizations**



## **Get Inspired with "Grassroots" Projects**

- Advocate for reading opportunities for children and adults with special needs.
- Establish a scholarship for a local student.
- Support schools, educators, and students with donations of school supplies, playground equipment, or fund field trips for underserved students.
- Become a partner in education with a Title 1 school by volunteering one-on-one time with students or providing take-home snacks for weekends.
- Organize book-themed events, such as a book walk, book fair, book bingo, book drive/swap, book reading challenge, or book club of "reading buddies.
- Plan or sponsor a "Books Alive" program for your community, bringing a favorite children's book to life as a play or puppet show.
- Support your local public library by sponsoring materials and programs for the underserved, disabled, and/or non-native speakers.
- Offer volunteer assistance at the library, by helping library patrons, supporting children's story time, or providing for craft projects.
- Sponsor a community enrichment project at the library such as a Book Character Parade or Literary-themed poster contest.
- Establish a Little Free Library in your community, choosing an area where books are scarce.
- Work with the library to establish a teen advisory board to establish a teen book review, develop teen services, and recommend additional library resources for teens.
- Collaborate with Chamber of Commerce to develop small business services at the library, such as information centers that include a video conference room, staff training workshops, and other resources.
- Consider supporting a library in another part of the world.
- Establish/Support ESO in your state for book study and discussion.
- Participate in the online GFWC ESO reading book club.
- And many more provided in Club Manual.

(This list is a brief offering of project ideas. Please visit Club Manual for other grassroots projects and/or programs as well as those with Affiliate Organizations or Resources.)