



## GFWC 2020-2022 Education and Libraries

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### [Read All About It!](#)

#### [ESO Facebook Book Group](#)

The Education and Libraries ESO Facebook Book Group meets online to discuss various books. There will be a featured book each month. The month of **November** features *Grace & Grit* by Lilly Ledbetter. During the month on Tuesdays, readers are encouraged to post their thoughts on our “Tuesday Chats” on the ESO private Facebook page.

#### **Not an ESO member yet? What do I do?**

Request to be added to the GFWC 2020-2022 ESO Book Club on Facebook. Order or download your book. Read and discuss the book on the group page during the month. Join the 1,000 members on the page who are loving the chance to read together!

#### **In September remember these dates:**

**Talk It Up Tuesdays – November 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30**

Post your thoughts about the book on Tuesdays.

**Our December novel:** *Written in 2012, A Winter Dream by Richard Paul Evans reminds us of the importance of hope and love in the holiday season.*

### Honorary Chairman



### Jane Jenkins Herlong

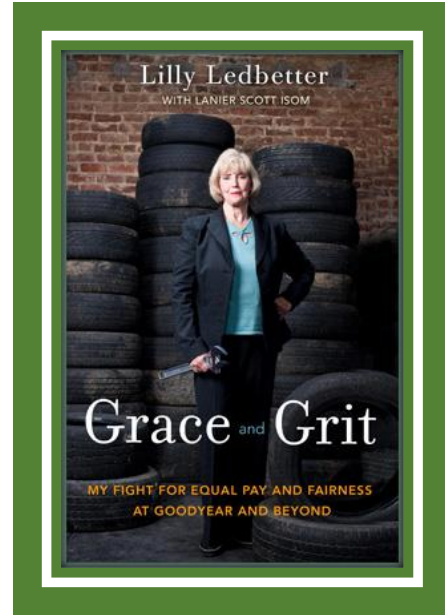
Jane Jenkins Herlong is Education and Libraries' honorary chairman for the 2020-2022 Administration. Jane is an author, inspirational speaker, and entertainer. Jane is also available to encourage our women with Southern humor and wisdom through speaking engagements.

Jane has published four books:

*Rhinestones on My Flip-Flops, Bury Me with My Pearls, What Ta-tas Teach Us and Bare Feet to High Heels.*

Wanting more of Jane? Invite her to your state or watch her videos, such as this one: [Jane](#).

Lilly Ledbetter was a guest speaker at the GFWC International Convention in Atlanta in August 2021. Her powerful story was shared with the audience and really spoke about the tentacity of women to make a difference in the world for others.



### November's Book – Grace and Grit by Lilly Ledbetter

Lilly was born into a home without running water or electricity. In 1979, she was hired by Goodyear in a role in management. She was one of the first women to be hired at this level. After 19 years working for Goodyear, she received an anonymous note saying she was making thousands less per year than men in her position. Her fight to right this injustice would change her life forever and make her a true American icon of women's rights.

The book chronicles her journey from Possum Trot, Alabama to the passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act signed by President Obama in 2009.

Lilly shared with us at the convention her story is being made into a movie. The movie *Lilly* is directed by Rachel Feldman and stars Patricia Clarkson.

Find her story on c-span.org as well at: [Grace and Grit on C-Span](#).

Did you know more than 5.4 million children under the age of 18 provide care for family members? Read more at [Caregiving Youth and how it affects their academics](#).

"That's the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet," *Jhumpa Lahiri*

At various times on the ESO Book Group Page on Facebook, there will be a book list released for members to review and add to their "TBR" list. Members can comment about books on the list, giving others an idea about the book.

It is **November**! Here's some books about **being grateful** to add to your reading list:

*Words of Gratitude for Mind, Body, and Soul*  
by Robert Emmons and Joanna Hill

*The Psychology of Gratitude* by Robert Emmons and Michael McCullough

*Thanks! How the New Science of gratitude Can Make You Happier* by Robert Emmons

*A Simple Act of Gratitude: How Learning to Say Thank You Changed My Life* by John Kralik

*The Gratitude Diaries: How a year looking on the bright side can transform your life* by Janice Kaplan

*Gratitude* by Oliver Sacks

*Choosing Gratitude: Your Journey to Joy* by Nancy Leigh DeMoss

*Attitudes of Gratitude: How to Give and receive Joy Every Day of Your Life* by M. J. Ryan

## **STEM Activities about Gratitude!**

The concept of gratitude can be reinforced by having students complete STEM activities. One way is for students to build GRATITUDE TOWERS. For this fun STEM activity, students are given a pile of index cards. On each card, the student will write one they are thankful for. Using the index cards and tape, students work together in small groups to create the tallest tower. (The more things they are thankful for, the bigger the tower will be!)



Other ideas include planting a tree, building a garden, or picking up trash around the school.

Here's some children's books to learn about GRATITUDE: Gracias/Thanks, Thanksgiving in the Woods, Thankful, The Secret of Saying Thanks, and Today I am Grateful.

## National Author's Day

Did you know this observance was created by GFWC in 1929 and in 1949 was given a place on the list of special days prepared by the US Department of Commerce? The resolution stated "by celebrating Authors' Day as a nation, we would not only show patriotism, loyalty and appreciation of the men and women who have made American literature possible, but would also encourage and inspire others to give of themselves in making a better America..."

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, celebrate National Author's Day by curling up with your favorite book, a hot beverage and spend time drifting into another world! We spend many hours devouring books and often do not think of the blood, sweat and tears of the person behind the pages! This day is a day to take a moment to appreciate the author who spent countless hours writing our favorite books.

Authors are creators. From the most famous of authors, William Shakespeare, who has enthralled millions with his ability to satirize royalty and common people, to J.K. Rowling and Stephen King of today, who create fantastical and horrifying worlds, an author allows us moments in our life to reflect and even escape reality. Authors have the ability to teach, entertain, and move us.

From the 8<sup>th</sup> century when Homer's works is placed on papers to 1440 when the printing press is invented, there have been lots of pages written. In 1994, when Amazon was created, it also has forever changed the way authors and reading consumers have interacted.

On November 1, be a part of the ESO Facebook page and answer "who is your favorite author and why" question.

Celebrate by tweeting about your favorite author, use the hashtag #NationalAuthorsDay.

Buy a book and give it to a friend.

Give some time to the author inside of you. Write a story! Sponsor a writing day at your local school with prizes for all of the budding authors.

### Important Dates in November

<b>Month of:</b>	National Novel Writing Month, Aviation History Month, National Adoption Month, National American Indian Heritage Month, Peanut Butter Lovers' Month, Jewish Book Month
	Children's Book Week (8-14), World Communication Week (1-7), National Young Readers Week (15-19), National Bible Week (21-28)
<b>Nov 1</b>	National Author's Day  National Family Literacy Day
<b>Nov 2</b>	Election Day
<b>Nov 7</b>	Marie Curie's birthday (1867) (great way to celebrate STEM and women!)
<b>Nov 8</b>	X-ray discovery day (1895) Sponsor a career day for a radiologist to come to a school to talk. Here's a related STEM activity to do with students: <a href="#">X-ray</a> .
<b>Nov 10</b>	Sesame Street Premier (1969)
<b>Nov 11</b>	Veteran's Day  National Community Education Day
<b>Nov 12</b>	Elizabeth Cady Stanton's birthday (1815)
<b>Nov 13</b>	Robert Louis Stevenson's birthday (1850)
<b>Nov 14</b>	National American Teddy Bear Day – sponsor a teddy bear day at a schools, day cares, youth organizations, libraries, or scouts. Read stories such as Winnie the Pooh, Paddington or Corduroy. Do simple activities with the students. Students can bring bears or clubs could sponsor giving bears to students.
<b>Nov 15</b>	National Young Readers Day
<b>Nov 17</b>	National Education Support Professionals Day – see resources here: <a href="https://massteacher.org/-/media/massteacher/files/about-us/esps/esp-appreciation-guide.pdf?la=en">https://massteacher.org/-/media/massteacher/files/about-us/esps/esp-appreciation-guide.pdf?la=en</a> .
<b>Nov 18</b>	Mickey Mouse's Birthday (1928)
<b>Nov 20</b>	United Nations World Children's Day
<b>Nov 21</b>	International Day of the Bible
<b>Nov 25</b>	Thanksgiving
<b>Nov 29</b>	Louisa May Alcott's birthday (1832)  C. S. Lewis birthday (1898)
<b>Nov 30</b>	Mark Twain's birthday (1835)

### Technology App Monthly Recommendation:

Best ways to find what to read next using technology:

Gnooks, Goodreads, Riffle, Litsy, Allreaders, Amazon, TasteDive, Whichbook, Bookbub, Olmenta, Reddit, LibraryThing, What Should I Read Next, & Bookish.

### National Family Literacy Day (Nov 1)

Reading together as a family creates quiet, quality family time. It develops early vocabulary skills. It increases attention spans. It's free. Adults can read above a child's level/age and the child will listen and comprehend. It improves listening skills. It's portable (no batteries or internet required!). It's a tool that can never be unlearned. It improves imagination and creativity. It opens up a dialogue between the child and parent.

Clubs can promote with flyers for families at local stores, libraries, sent home in school bags, or at laundry mats and doctor's offices/health departments. Flyers can include:

1. Visit the library together as a family.
2. Create a book nook in your home.
3. Start a tradition of reading time at home.
4. Explore new topics in books.
5. Hold a spelling bee night.
6. Play scrabble or other word games.

Clubs can participate with schools to host a reading event. Host a pajama party in the evening where adults and kids alike where PJ's to the event. Have hot cocoa and read stories to the children. Have book giveaways, certificates, and bookmarks.

Clubs can provide book nooks to needy families. Provide a small book case and fill it with books. Identify families with the school or local health department/social service agency.

Website resources: [www.readwritethink.org](http://www.readwritethink.org), <http://www.familieslearning.org/>, <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-adventure-packs-families>, <http://web.archive.org/web/20150314224427/http://reading.org/informationfor/Parents.aspx>, and <https://wonderopolis.org/>.

### Quotes about Family Reading:

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." Emilie Buchwald

"The family that reads together grows together!" Carmela Dutra

"If the parents are too busy to read, it's a safe bet the children will feel the same way. Set aside time for family reading each night. It doesn't matter so much what the kids read, as long as you provide them space for reading and a sense that it is a valuable part of your daily routine." Rick Rordan

### Social and Cultural Impacts of Illiteracy – Literacy Project

1. In middle income neighborhoods, the ratio of books per child is 13:1. In low income neighborhoods, the ratio is **one age-appropriate book for every 300 children.**
2. 61% of low income families (LIF) have **NO BOOKS** in their homes for children.
3. 50% of children from LIF start first grade up to two years behind their peers.
4. Cognitive scores for children of LIF are likely 60% lower than their peers.
5. **80% of preschool and after school programs serving LIF have no age appropriate books.**
6. 1 in 4 children grow up without learning to read.
7. **Children from LIF have limited access to books.**
8. About ½ of children between 0-5 are read to every day by a parent or adult.
9. LIF children lack one on one reading whereas the average middle income child has been exposed to 1,000-1,700 hours of reading.
10. 68% of 4<sup>th</sup> graders are below proficient reading level and 82% of those are from LIF.
11. 1 in 6 children who are not reading well by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will not graduate from high school (a rate 4 times greater than proficient readers) and this rate is higher for rural and LIF children.
12. A child is 90% more likely to remain a poor reader at the end of 4<sup>th</sup> grade if the child is a poor reader at the end of 1<sup>st</sup> grade.



### National Children's Book Week (Nov 8-14)

Established in 1919, it is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country. Information about the initiative can be located at [www.everychildareader.net](http://www.everychildareader.net). There are activities and free resources on the page to promote the week.

Ideas for clubs: promote reading together, provide a reading club to a school, do lunch bunch reading groups at schools, tutor a student in reading, use costumes and props during readings of books, help at a book fair, provide books to schools/libraries, host a family night of reading and activities, or host an author reading.

### Book Festivals

Participate in local book festivals. Find locations here: <https://www.bookreporter.com/book-festivals>. If you don't have one in your area, your club could host one!

Book weeks, festivals and family reading days are wonderful opportunities for clubs to make an impact in the community in literacy. Reading the statistics for children from low income families is one way to start a project.

**TO CHANGE THESE RATIOS:** work with your local housing authority to get books out to children. A local school system has refitted a school bus with shelves and the superintendent and others go into low income neighborhoods where the children can get on the bus and take books. Sponsor book shelves and fill them with books. Bags of books can be taken into laundromats. Connect with those who are taking meals into low income areas in summers and holidays and add books to those meals. Be a part of this change!

Find information about statistics and literacy at [literacyproj.org](http://literacyproj.org). Here's more: 45 million Americans are functionally illiterate and cannot read above a 5<sup>th</sup> grade level; 50% of adults cannot read a book at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade level; 85% of juvenile offenders have problems reading, 3 out of 5 prisoners can't read; and 3 out of 4 people on welfare cannot read.

## Awards! Awards! Awards!

In the next newsletters, watch for featured Top Ten projects in the upcoming newsletters. Here's another Top Ten:

The **GFWC Kansas City Athenaeum** (GFWC KS) collaborated with the Kansas City Public Library to sponsor, design, and print 5,000 coloring books celebrating the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment. It depicted eight women from the area active in the suffrage movement. The books were free to visiting students and troops working on their "Votes for Women" badge. A program was presented by club members to the Missouri Girl's Town group.



**Change of Address:** Please note if you plan to mail the Award Entry, my address has changed as of September 1, 2021 to Tina Neese, 1213 Main Street, Porterdale GA 30070. You are always welcome and encouraged to email me the report at [tinadaniel1224@gmail.com](mailto:tinadaniel1224@gmail.com).

You may also notice I have a name change! I will be married on October 2, 2021 and my name will go from Tina Daniel to Tina Neese. My email will remain the same for this administration.