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March is National Reading Month

5 – 11 Read an E-Book Week
5 – 11 Return Borrowed Books Week
20 – World Storytelling Day
21 – World Poetry Day
26 – Robert Frost's birthday
30 – Pencil Day
Plan this Project for April:
April 12 is a day to honor Beverly Cleary's Birthday. She is a well-known children's author. Plan to read one of her books to a child, for example *Ramona Quimby, Age 8* from the Ramona series.



Want a book to read for St. Patrick's Day? Try *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin. This book was made into an Oscar-nominated movie.

ESO NEWS FROM GFWC—

ESO Member Contest—The state with the largest percentage increase between July 1, 2022, and May 1, 2023, will be recognized at the 2023 GFWC Annual Convention ESO Breakfast. Your club can help by sending in your Member Level reports now! Education & Library Chairman or ESO Chairman please send me the number of members that were in ESO on July 1, 2022. Some of you have sent in Pledges, but not the Member Level reports. We can do this!

GFWC ESO BOOK CLUB on Facebook—all are welcome. 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. Go to GFWC ESO BOOK CLUB on Facebook. I have joined and enjoy it.

Reggie Mattox, California ESO Chairman

Also, from the GFWC March Newsletter: What did Andrew Carnegie do for libraries?

One of 19th-century industrialist Andrew Carnegie's many philanthropies, these libraries entertained and educated millions. Between 1886 and 1919, Carnegie's donations of more than \$40 million paid for 1,679 new libraries added to the meritocratic nature of America. Anyone with the right inclination and desire could educate himself. Second, Carnegie believed that immigrants like himself needed to acquire cultural knowledge of America, which the library allowed immigrants to do. About 750 are still functioning as libraries today.

My question to you is, was your club one of the 1,679 libraries started by Carnegie? Do you know its history? The Hemet Woman's Club started one in 1910! It is not one of the 750 still standing. Want a great book to read? Try Marie Benedict's *Carnegie's Maid!* This is Historical Fiction and a great story of Clara Kelly, a poor Irish farmer's daughter who is hired to work at the Carnegie home. Her story is a great one and her influence on Carnegie is amazing.