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Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)



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Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) is an honorary educational society open to all GFWC federated club members. Many clubwomen have profited from this unique self-improvement program. ESO can take the form of a club reading group or an individual's personal reading pursuit. It has helped many members read out of their comfort zone and explore new subjects!

To become a member, you only must read and fill out simple SHORT reviews of each book!

There are many levels of participation and recognition available!

Pledge	Welcome to ESO!
Member	Has read 16 books (4 sets of 4 books) Receive MEMBER certificate <i>You are eligible to purchase the ESO pin from the GFWC website when you reach the Member level.</i>
Star	Has read 40 books (an additional 6 sets of 4 books) Receive the STAR certificate.
Torch	Has read 64 books (an additional 6 sets of 4 books) Receive the TORCH certificate.
Century	Has read 100 books (9 additional sets of 4 books) Receive the CENTURY certificate and receive recognition at district conventions.
2nd Century & Beyond	Members may continue to reach additional Century levels for each 100 books read.

The GFWC Illinois ESO chair will keep track of your reading journey by logging your short (2-3 sentences) book reports emailed or mailed to her in sets of 4 books. Read what you like! We only ask that books be grouped into sets of 4 that are part of a similar category. After reaching the 2nd Century level (200 books), readers may omit the short reports and send a note or email listing only title, author, category and hours spent reading.

The national GFWC ESO program suggests books be grouped into one of their 25 different categories. [Click HERE](#) for the GFWC suggested categories. **HOWEVER**, Illinois ESO Readers also have created a number of unique categories that cater to a variety of interests. **Examples of categories popular with Illinois ESO members include but are not limited to:** General Fiction, Historical Fiction, Biography, Books by the Same Author, Self-Improvement, Christmas Stories, Animals, Romance, Crime Dramas...well, you get the picture. The sky is pretty much the limit! Be creative!

The ESO program provides certificates, pins, reading lists and suggested categories on the GFWC web page. Many clubs organize a members' book club, invite authors to visit meetings, and promote local literacy programs and library activities. Because really...who doesn't LOVE to read?

ANOTHER BONUS! All club members are welcome to join the IFWC Facebook page "GFWC Illinois Readers," where we share our thoughts and recommendations on what we are reading. Every Wednesday, a review from one of the Illinois ESO readers is featured on the site. You may even see some friends and fellow club members on the site!

BONUS #2! The GFWC ESO organization also has a Facebook page, "GFWC 2022–2024 ESO Book Club," where you will find more reading suggestions, author talks and much more to encourage our reading addiction. Check it out!

Join Us! ESO report forms can be found on the next page or at <https://gfwcillinois.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/ESO-Form-2022-2023.pdf>.

2022–2024 GFWC ILLINOIS ESO REPORT (BY MAIL OR E-MAIL)

These four books should all be within one of the 25 GFWC ESO categories *or in a category that you create*.
Please write a few sentences about each book.

Send to Judy Rader, 132 11th Street, Lincoln, IL 62656
OR E-mail to judyrader51@gmail.com with ESO in the subject.

Name _____ Date _____

GFWC Illinois Club _____ District _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Current ESO Level: Pledge (1–15 Books) Member (16–39) Star (40–63) Torch (64–99) Century (100+)

*These 4 book reports all fit together into the _____ category.

Book 1 Title _____

Author _____ # of Hours _____

Brief Description: _____

Book 2 Title _____

Author _____ # of Hours _____

Brief Description: _____

Book 3 Title _____

Author _____ # of Hours _____

Brief Description: _____

Book 4 Title _____

Author _____ # of Hours _____

Brief Description: _____

Please feel free to use the back of this sheet if needed.

*Please note that reports will not be returned.

Your TOTAL number of ESO books including this set _____