

**GFWC/Iowa Adventures in Reading/ESO
2022 Reading Totals Reported in 2023**

It is said variety is the spice of life. Add some spice to your reading this year and try something new. Try a different genre, a new author, join a book club, enjoy a volume of poetry, or get out of a rut by asking your library staff for new or well-loved titles. I encourage you all to keep reading and, more importantly, REPORT what you read. Include a reading and reporting reminder in every meeting agenda; suggest new titles or favorite reads and stress the importance of a reading list to facilitate year-end reports.

There is a suggested reading list including websites, popular authors, celebrity book clubs, Iowa connections and additional resources on the GFWC/Iowa website in the “Other Programs” tab. Also included on the same tab is the **ESO** 2022-2024 reading list. The list is available to everyone; if you find it challenging or compelling consider joining **ESO**; it is a structured reading program exploring various categories and topics of interest. Please check the GFWC/Iowa website “Other Programs” tab for the **ESO** handbook with membership and reporting information.

Many thanks to all who take the time to report and our district **Adventures in Reading** chairwomen who compile the annual reports:

Cindy Lellig (NE); Terri Jedlicka (SE); Gloria Terrell (NW); Karon Keefe-Dunbar (SW).

The table below summarizes the **Adventures in Reading** data for 2022. Fewer clubs reported, but three more individuals submitted reports. There are 2,222 more books read and reported than last year.

2022 Reading Reported in 2023	No. Clubs	Clubs Reporting	No. Members	Members Reporting	Books Read	100% Clubs
Northeast District 46 %	11	5	221	85	3,560	2
Southeast District 100 %	7	7	77	59	2,480	3
Northwest District 70 %	10	7	145	92	5,662	4
Southwest District 78 %	9	7	148	129	5,542	4
Members at Large			14	4	159	
2022 State Totals	37	26	605	369	17,403	14
2021 State Totals	40	30	732	366	15,181	17

Congratulations to these fourteen GFWC/Iowa 100% reporting clubs:

Northeast District

Tuesday Study Club of Hudson
Maquoketa Woman's Club

Northwest District

Aurelia Women’s Club
Lake City Monday Club
Le Mars Friday Club
Peterson Tuesday Club

Southeast District

5 Seasons Women's Association of Cedar Rapids
Phoenix Club of Muscatine
Bay View Club of Urbana

Southwest District

Bancroft History Assembly of Creston
Town & Country Jr. Club of Avoca
Yorel Study Club
Granger Women's Club
Exira Study Club

Keep reading, try something new, and ENJOY what you read.

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