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Epsilon Sigma Omicron
Upsilon Chapter
April 2026



APRIL IS NATIONAL READING MONTH

April 2—International Children's Book Day
(the birthday of Hans Christian Anderson)
April 12—D.E.A.R. Day (Drop Everything and Read)
April 19 to 25—National Library Week
April 21—National Library Workers Day
April 20—Right to Read Day Week



Lynne M. Spreen

Lynne will be our speaker at the ESO Breakfast on Friday morning, May 15, 2026, at our CFWC Convention. She is the author of charming, heartwarming later-in-life romance and women's fiction. After a career in public education, she published her first novel, *Dakota Blues*, about two midlife women who embark on a life-changing road trip. Now, she writes exciting, closed-door romance about couples who are learning about themselves and finding a new gear in the second half of life.

A mother and grandmother, Lynne and her husband of thirty years live in southern California. When not writing, she can be found gardening, hanging out with friends and family, and gaming with her grands. Lynne will have books available at the breakfast for sale.

Be sure to make your reservations now to attend our Convention and especially the ESO Breakfast! All members who have received certificates since our Convention in 2025 will be recognized. There will be an ESO table at the Chairman's Faire, be sure to stop by and visit.

There will be no ZOOM meeting in April!



Reggie Mattox
CFWC ESO
Chairman

PROJECTS AND REPORTS—

I do not want to say too much regarding the reports I received as I don't want to let "the cat out of the bag", but I do want to say, "Thank you to all who sent in a report." All ESO members and chairman should be thinking about your 2026 reports and projects as this year is 1/3 over already! When you are encouraging others to read you are accomplishing one of the ESO's goals. If you do not report the project in your ESO report it will not be judged in the ESO category and you will not be able to qualify for an award in that category.

We are coming upon America's 250-year anniversary. This is a great milestone and your ESO group can help educate the public of our great history. Sponsor story telling or video sessions at your local library to educate our younger generation and maybe even our older generations. Distribute books and encourage reading to friends, neighbors, and your book clubs.

Any time you provide books, support and/or organize book clubs, read to children at home or in a classroom these are reportable in ESO. If you are lucky enough to have a book store in your town, if it is a used bookstore or if they handle only new books, work with them on a project like a reading hour for children after school or form a book club at the store. They would probably love that idea as it would bring in customers. Start your planning now! It's not too early.



Encourage Citizens to "Wake Up and Read"

SOME BOOKS YOU MIGHT ENJOY READING TO CELEBRATE OUR 250 YEARS!



- **Mount Vernon Love Story* is a historical fiction written by an author you may recognize as a suspense writer, but this book was recently found by a Washington family decent and reissued.
- *Author David McCullough has numerous books on this subject that are all highly rated.
- **Flight of the Sparrow* is a true story by Amy Belding Brown. Mary Rowlandson was captured by Indians in 1676. But what did she learn "living on the other side"?
- **250 Great Things about America* will be released April 24! Be the first to read this one!
- **The Declaration of Independence 250th American Guide*, the original text.