

Participant Testimonials from NEW VIRTUAL Civics for Adults workshops!

Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda

Thank you, Donna. I learn something new with every one of your classes.

EVERYONE should want to see your presentation.

Thanks. Great presentation!

Fantastic!

Thank you so much. I look forward to more classes.

Citizen Activism 101 – Making Change Happen

Thank you for another wonderful session today, Donna. My four years to date as an American citizen have been an incredible immersion in living history. Your presentations have been so helpful in my attempts to understand the background and underside of what has formed and held the country together for so long.

I learned a great deal, and came out with ideas for expanding my participation in my rôle as citizen and enthusiasm for doing so.

Thank you for not only sharing the multitude of resources, but providing a refresher on the levels of government and affirming that activism can take place at any level, but has a direct impact at the local level.

*Donna provided useful and detailed information that was inspiring! It was in depth, but attainable. I, also, liked the focus on local policies that affect us directly. **She encouraged me to be the activist that I have wanted be, but have stopped myself from being. She said to start by doing something simple, but courageous. Thank you for this gift.***

Great slides, so full of information!

This is an inspiring course that encourages personal participation in community and political affairs, with much useful guidance for become involved. This kind of Civics education is an important component in developing the well-informed electorate so essential to the existence of democracy.

So much useful information! I'd love to take it again. Thank you for your enthusiastic presentation. I really appreciate the resources too.

Love these classes, always learn something new and useful to add to my activism toolbox!

Thanks for a lot of good information, many resources and encouragement to act.

It should be gloriously available to EVERYONE!

The Constitution – Fulfilling Democracy's Promise?

You gave us a lot to think about! Good job presenting in a non-partisan way.

The workshop was "was motivating and instructive."

In this time of quarantine and virtual schooling, I would think school districts everywhere would welcome this thoughtful, eye opening, non-partisan workshop into their curriculum. Are school districts aware this workshop exists?

You packed so much into this workshop--and there's so much more to explore! Thank you for encouraging us to consider solutions and read some of the ideas that are already out there so we can talk about alternatives to how we are represented now.

This is a very good workshop and I enjoyed it and learned a lot.

Donna, it's perfect! You're so knowledgeable, and such a great teacher! THANK YOU!

Beyond Voting: Elections and Campaign Finance

Thank you so much! You rock Donna! Your work is so important!

This was a very informative and thought-provoking workshop. The information was presented in a well-organized and clear way. The list of resources should help with filling in missed parts.

Excellent lessons.

Donna, all your training, plus your love of teaching, have come together to create a most wonderful, necessary program. THANK YOU!

Because your resource pages are packed with great info, it took me a few days to get to the bottom.

Truly valuable information. So glad I found out about these workshops and was able to enroll. Thank you for making this available.

Pace is good, content is solid & the resource list is especially appreciated.

New Civics for Adults Virtual Workshops— Librarian Testimonies

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Testimonial for Donna Cohen and Civics for Adults Workshops

I would like to thank Donna for working with me on the Civics for Adults workshops. She is a devoted professional who continually strives to improve her presentations and pushes for excellence in her work.

When the Hillsboro Library Foundation asked for us to host the Civics for Adults workshops, we initially planned to have them in person at the library throughout the spring. Then Covid-19 happened, and we had to start the planning over again. The library had started doing other online programs, such as book clubs, reading groups, and trivia using the Zoom platform. When Donna and I talked about doing this for her workshops she was totally open to it. Making this format change involved recreating her entire presentation to adapt each workshop to fit into an online class. This was going to be a lot of work, but she was undaunted. We set the workshop dates for Sunday's in August and Donna fearlessly got to work. I admire her tenacity and willingness to adapt. You can tell that she is passionate about teaching civics and loves what she does. Educating people on civics empowers them and provides context through history that can inspire political activism. This can lead to broader civic engagement which can help promote social change and racial justice in our communities.

Donna's workshops are bipartisan and impartial. There is no political agenda but an honest look at civics in our country from the constitution, elections, campaign financing, misinformation and fake news, to citizen activism. A lot of information is packed into an hour workshop with follow up discussion. The Q & A discussions were lively and informative. Her workshops provide a needed service in our communities and it is great to have someone well informed and passionate doing this work.

Warmly,

Christie Christophersen | Librarian
Hillsboro Public Library

Christie Christophersen, Adult Services Librarian, Hillsboro Public Library, Hillsboro, Oregon

"Donna's presentation was well prepared. She was neutral and kept an unbiased attitude while presenting the subject matter. She handled the discussion afterward with fairness and professionalism. The attendees were very pleased with the workshop and the resource materials that she presented."

Nathalie Johnston, Library Director, Klamath County Library, Klamath Falls, OR