

Civics for Adults Update, April 1, 2021

Upcoming Workshops [Civic/political info below workshops]

*Need to check a registration info? See www.civictinker.info/schedule

Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda

Are you overwhelmed with messages from politicians, news sources and other media? Distinguish truth from fiction using real-world examples. *"Loved it...well-rounded, wide array of examples!"*

Mon. March 22. 4-5:30. Sponsored by Oregon City Public Library. Registration open to all: <https://orc-city-library.libcal.com/calendar/events/misinformation>

Citizen Activism 101 — Making Change Happen

Learn about types of advocacy and strategies for change. Brief historical perspective; Examples of successful advocacy—local-national; Choosing your battles; Who makes the rules? Getting heard; tools for change; "Tracking" state and federal legislation. *"Excellent. Thanks!"*

Mon. April 5. 4-5:30. Sponsored by Oregon City Public Library. Register: <https://orc-city-library.libcal.com/calendar/events/citizenactivism>

New Workshop! This special workshop will be available for a limited time.

Voting Rights, Voter Fraud, Voter Suppression and Election 2020

This workshop focuses on voting rights, voter suppression and then traces the events of Election 2020 up to Jan 6. It's a powerful presentation which includes a great deal of data and commentary from bipartisan sources.

Weds. April 7 6:30-8:00 Register: <https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/library/online-voting-rights-voter-fraud-voter-suppression-and-election-2020?date=0>

The Constitution: Fulfilling Democracy's Promise? Democracy, the Constitution and Representation in Congress.

We'll look at the Constitution's creation, trace major changes to its interpretation, and examine its structural limitations. *"The workshop was very good. Donna's presentation was flawless, and informative."*

Thurs. May 27. 7-8:30. Sponsored by Silver Falls Library.
Registration TBA.

Facebook posts:

Here is an annotated **guide to the For The People Act [HR1]** from the Brennan Center. This seems like a very helpful tool. <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/policy-solutions/annotated-guide-people-act-2021>

One of my favorite people, **Norm Ornstein, explaining three ways to fix the filibuster.**
<https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/fix-filibuster-yahoo-news-explains-230335869.html>

A fascinating short video of how **smoking** was pushed on the American public. First by giving soldiers in wartime free cigarettes; then by **propaganda** to women to convert them to smokers.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSdy4bdpe-E>

More at <https://www.facebook.com/Civics-for-Adults-1490728887922036>

Oregon Library Association!

Donna will be presenting two workshops at the Oregon Library Association virtual conference in April.
April 20: "Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion" – How Libraries Can Support EDI Beyond the Institution"
April 23 "A Natural Alliance Youth Librarians, Schools and Teaching Critical Thinking" [aka dealing with Misinformation].
See the OLA program descriptions for more details. <https://oregonlibconference.org/2021/program/>

Want to see more? Ask your local library or community group to sponsor a workshop! Thanks.

Flyer describing workshops: https://static.s123-cdn.com/uploads/2516289/normal_5fe8c854352d5.pdf

Donna was interviewed on **OPB's Think Out Loud** in October! <https://www.opb.org/article/2020/10/30/civics-educator-aims-to-enhance-knowledge-and-engagement-in-political-process/>

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