

Civics for Adults Update, Feb 14, 2022

Free, virtual.

Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda

Wednesday, February 16. 6:30-8:00. Sponsor: Cedar Mill Public Library.

Register: [https://wccls.bibliocommons.com/events/search/fq=branch_location_id:\(11\)/event/61ae8a422bf997360034689d](https://wccls.bibliocommons.com/events/search/fq=branch_location_id:(11)/event/61ae8a422bf997360034689d)

Sunday, February 27, 2-3:30. Sponsor: Hillsboro Public Library.

Register: <https://wccls.bibliocommons.com/events/61ba687733f5d02800a3019a>

Elections and Campaign Finance

Saturday, February 26, 11-12:30. Sponsor: Hood River County Library District.

Register: <https://hoodriverlibrary.as.me/civicsforadults>

Civics for Adults Pre-Conference at the Public Library Association Conference, spring 2022. “Fostering a Stronger and More Inclusive Democracy Through Library Programming”.

Selected Civics for Adults Facebook posts:

I'm really interested in how this goes. I think it might be a very positive wave for the future.

ALASKA SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS STATE'S NEW ELECTION SYSTEM

Top-four primaries and ranked choice voting will better serve Alaska's complex electorate.

<https://www.sightline.org/2022/01/24/alaska-supreme-court-upholds-states-new-election-system/?fbclid=IwAR1jJJdJZX601wWNFT-Dtapo4EVBfdTTvJcDF5IK3jgEf9CuwdBo0BvHmo8>

And, here is a nice article from the same institute discussing **Ranked-Choice Voting**, which we may well see more of in Oregon [even for Portland!]. Benton County is now using it for county elections.

<https://www.sightline.org/introduction-to-ranked-choice-voting/?fbclid=IwAR0qYmPp3BoQAYNigwh9Pjdbh-v3F7oaRI54ZLUoJayDyPE6N3m6MxWO9S4>

Multnomah County Community Involvement Committee is seeking members.

<https://www.multco.us/oci/apply-community-involvement-committee>

Feel free to let me know if there are openings on boards, commissions or committees in your community and I will post to my Facebook page [or feel free to do so directly].

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

Workshops

Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda

- Mainstream press and “fake news”
- Social Media posts
- Email clickbait
- Propaganda
- Language / terminology
- Deepfakes
- Survey / poll questions
- Economic data
- Graphs and charts
- Finding good information

Citizen Activism 101 — Making Change Happen

- Historical perspective
- Types of advocacy
- Examples of successful advocacy
- Choosing your battles
- Who makes the rules?
- Tools / strategies for change
- Engaging with government / lobbying for influence
- Tracking civic / political issues and legislation

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

The Constitution's creation, major changes to its interpretation, and examination of structural limitations.

- Status of democracy
- Early America
- Forming a country
- Bill of Rights
- Structural issues / representation
- Interpreting the Constitution
- Changes to the Constitution

Elections and Campaign Finance

- Right to vote?
- Election security
- Voter suppression
- Voter turnout / getting more people to vote
- Redistricting / gerrymandering
- Electoral College
- Alternative voting systems
- Campaign financing issues and tracking

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, 2020!

<https://www.opb.org/article/2020/10/30/civics-educator-aims-to-enhance-knowledge-and-engagement-in-political-process/>