

Civics for Adults Update, Feb 24, 2022

Free, virtual.

Elections and Campaign Finance

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

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

Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda

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

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

Upcoming in March!

Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda

Thursday evening, March 10. 6-7:30. Sponsor: Oregon City Public Library.

Register: <https://orc-city-library.libcal.com/calendar/events/civicsworkshop?hs=a>

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

Wednesday, March 23, 7-8:30. Sponsor: Lake Oswego Public Library.

Register: <http://www.ci.oswego.or.us/library/online-constitution-fulfilling-democracys-promise?date=0>

Civics for Adults Pre-Conference at the Public Library Association Conference, March 22, 2022.

"Fostering a Stronger and More Inclusive Democracy Through Library Programming".

Selected Civics for Adults Facebook posts:

Every month the Brennan Center for Justice gives a report on all bills that have been filed in all states, either **expanding or restricting voting rights**. It's a very extensive compilation.

Now, they are rightly including bills which would undermine the election process itself. For example, bills that might give so much power to a legislature that it could overturn an election. Or, bills that would allow partisan audits of elections without using commonly accepted guidelines. Or, bills that make simple mistakes by election officials felonies. Worth a look...

https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/voting-laws-roundup-february-2022?fbclid=IwAR3HqPqUxG8eYoxHMhO8Y3s7yyQ25VdT3xpmoKJIUWaaEs5_4Oo5hvbUOqc

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Excited to bring up this **attempt to correct an injustice in our Public Defender system** in my Constitution workshop.

"With less than one-third of public defenders needed to meet caseloads, House Bill 4007 would establish a Public Defense Attorney Loan Repayment Assistance Program with \$25 million in funding to help attract and retain talent to address the backlog in cases" – Rep Janelle Bynum.

https://twitter.com/bynum4thewin/status/1494081600220721153?s=20&t=PTzyn0O9kBsR5w_ndEMoAg

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Multnomah County Community Involvement Committee is seeking members.

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

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
- Elections and Campaign Finance
- Right to vote?
- Election security
- Voter suppression
- Voter turnout / getting more people to vote
- Structural issues / representation
- Interpreting the Constitution
- Changes to the Constitution
- 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/>