

Civics for Adults Update, September 16, 2022

Upcoming Tuesday, Sept 20. 1:00-2:30 In-person.

Citizen Activism 101 / Elections [combination workshop with elements of both].

Sponsor: Salem Public Library, 585 Liberty St, SE, Oregon

Register: Not required

- ◆ Engaging with government / lobbying for influence
- ◆ Tracking civic / political legislation
- ◆ Right to vote?
- ◆ Election 2022/2024 issues
- ◆ New/potential election practices

Upcoming Tuesday, Sept 20. 6:30-8:00. In-person.

The Constitution: Fulfilling Democracy's Promise?

Democracy, the Constitution and Representation in Congress

Sponsor: Hillsboro Public Library, 2850 NE Brookwood Parkway, Hillsboro, Oregon

Register: Not required

- ◆ Status of democracy
- ◆ Forming a country
- ◆ Bill of Rights
- ◆ Interpreting the Constitution
- ◆ Structural issues / representation
- ◆ Changes needed?

Selected Civics for Adults Facebook posts:

For Labor Day, the National Park Service put together some **historical materials on wok and working people.**

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/labor/index.htm?fbclid=IwAR1AqilMBy8QmoXdoaLRimyM1c3Fa266WuEH1Rgyxubv8diFHSYQ435mwqo>

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Washington State has some of the best **campaign finance disclosure laws** in the country. META [Facebook] doesn't want to follow them. <https://sanjuanislander.com/news-articles/government-news/elections/34891/facebook-parent-meta-seeks-to-gut-washington-state-campaign-finance-law?fbclid=IwAR0toYuBFFPTF-w4m7am8meOell4sqZYUJBUb0Y4aYkmdSoXh2poZTYsUw>

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A lot of folks, I realize, are unfamiliar with "archives" and the **National Archives and Records Administration [NARA]**. I had the experience of getting my Master's in Library and Information Studies at the University of British Columbia, where they also had a Master's program in Archival studies. People who run NARA have advanced education in how to handle important historical documents [aka "archives"]. This is serious business to them. And, I am grateful for their dedication to preserving and securing our historical government documents. You might check out the website, for they - like the Library of Congress - have some fantastic materials available online. www.nara.gov NARA, of course, is the agency that takes care of Presidential records, and is inherently connected to the current issue of the documents that were brought to Mar-a-Lago (rather than turned over to NARA).

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Interesting article from Sightline about **Alaska's recent elections**. [One was a special election to fill a Congressional House seat because of the death of the Representative; one was the Primary race - which is now an "open primary", with the top four winners going on the general election in November]. Ranked-choice voting had an impact in the special election. Interestingly, in terms of the new "final four open primary" election poll data shows 62% liking it, 33% disliking it. I have to wonder if those

saying they dislike it, did so because their favorite candidate didn't make the cut?

<https://www.sightline.org/2022/08/31/what-peltolas-win-can-teach-alaska-and-america/>

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Loving all the **political commercials**?

Remember - other than saying who paid for the commercial [if radio/TV; no such requirement for online] - THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO LEGAL REQUIREMENT THAT ANYTHING MUST BE TRUTHFUL IN THE AD.

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

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