

"The most important political office is that of the private citizen." Justice Louis Brandeis

## Civics for Adults [and Others!] -

Non-partisan workshops to Enhance Civic Knowledge & Inspire Political Engagement

### Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda

SUN APRIL 5 1:00-2:30 HILLSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY- SHUTE PARK 775 SE 10TH AVE  
SAT MAY 2 3:00-4:30 LEDDING LIBRARY 10660 SE 21ST, MILWAUKIE



Are you overwhelmed with messages from politicians, news sources and other media? Distinguish truth from fiction using real-world examples. Become your own "factchecker"! Also, how to find accurate information.

### Citizen Activism 101—Making Change Happen

SUN JUNE 7 1:00-2:30 HILLSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY-BROOKWOOD 2850 NE BROOKWOOD

Types of advocacy and strategies for change. Brief historical perspective. Who makes the rules? Getting heard. Tools for change. Tracking legislation. Testifying.



### Beyond Voting: Elections and Campaign Financing

SAT APRIL 18 2:00-3:30 BETHANY LIBRARY ANNEX 4888 NW BETHANY BLVD, PDX  
SUN APRIL 26 1:00-2:30 HILLSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY- SHUTE PARK 775 SE 10TH AVE  
TUES MAY 5 6:00-7:30 WOODSTOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY [MCL] 6008 SE 49TH AVE, PDX  
SUN MAY 10 12:30-2:00 NW PUBLIC LIBRARY [MCL] 2300 NW THURMAN ST, PDX  
THURS MAY 28 6:00-7:30 MIDLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY [MCL] 805 SE 122ND AVE, PDX  
SUN JUN 13 1:00-2:30 HOLLYWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY [MCL] 4040 NE TILLAMOOK ST, PDX

Voting as Constitutional right(?), Voting Security, Alternative Voting Systems, Redistricting, Electoral College, Campaign Financing, Tracking Money/Campaign Finance Databases, Public Financing of Elections. Ideas for bi-partisan civic/political engagement; some active right now!

### The Constitution: Fulfilling Democracy's Promise?

THURS APRIL 2 6:00-7:30 SHERWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY 22560 SW PINE STREET, SHERWOOD  
Sun May 17 1:00-2:30 HILLSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY- BROOKWOOD 2850 NE BROOKWOOD  
TUES MAY 19 5:30-7:00 HILLSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY [MCL] 1525 SW SUNSET BLVD, PDX  
SAT MAY 30 11:00-12:30 TROUTDALE PUBLIC LIB. [MCL] 2451 SW CHERRY PARK Rd, PDX

By looking back at the creation of the Constitution and tracing major changes to its interpretation we puncture some myths and develop a broader perspective that helps us evaluate current politics more thoughtfully.

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Future workshops info—join email list or check Facebook or website  
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NO WORKSHOPS NEAR YOU? -

ASK YOUR LIBRARY, SCHOOL OR GROUP TO REQUEST CIVICS FOR ADULTS - AND OTHERS! [MOST LIBRARIES KNOW ME!]

## Selected Testimonials

### ***From Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda***

Really enjoyed the workshop.

It's good to question assertions of any kind, especially timely in this election year. I liked Donna's examples of real ads and how we need to be mentally vigilant.

Easy to understand, well-rounded, wide array of examples. Thank you so much.! This was fun and informative!

Loved it.

Excellent.

Well organized, excellent information! Looking forward to your next one!!! Our students NEED this!!

Very informative, very thought-provoking.

Excellent info!

I fancy myself pretty informed on this topic. But it's an ongoing constant process of self-education. Donna brought a sharp, active, and uncompromising approach that was engaging and left me sharper.

Very helpful – I see the cracks in my knowledge and will be come better informed as a result of this program.

Thank you! Super interesting!

Love Donna's style of relating to her audience!

The program was illuminating and presented very well.

Enjoyed it and great info. Thanks.

This was great. Bracing stuff. Thanks for pulling these sources together.

### ***From Beyond Voting: Elections and Campaign Finance***

I thought this was an excellent presentation.

Tremendous amount of info.

I consider myself a well-informed citizen but I learned a great deal of new information. I also got an urge to be more engaged in civic activity.

You are a great teacher, Donna.

Very good, solid information – This is what all Americans need to know.

Thanks for another informative workshop.

Civics is so important for all citizens/voters.

### ***From The Constitution — Fulfilling Democracy's Promise?***

*[This workshop has not been presented as often as the others.]*

Amazing what was done [the creation of the Constitution] and what issues still remain.

Every citizen should take this serious look at our Constitution.

Good level of history and contemporary political ideas, their evolution and relevance to today.

### ***From Citizen Activism 101 — Making Change Happen***

I loved that you customized your presentation to our area.

Really liked your explanation of state government, especially the example of an individual's testimony...removed the anxiety of presenting testimony that most of us feel so intimidated [by]

Love the handout identifying resources" / "Great resource handout! Very easy to read."

Enough info but not overwhelming. ACTIONABLE! This was great.

Excellent workshop – I love your passion – and your love of sharing info through the library systems. Thank you!

This was very good and thank you so much for providing these resources!

Very practical information to understand how to get started with advocacy.

Recommend this class to be taught to high school students. Then they can influence parents & learn how to take action.