

Civics for Adults Update, Dec 1, 2021

Next workshop – Dec 8. 6-7:30. - *Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda.*

Now Open to All! Register - [Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda | Multnomah County Library \(multcolib.org\)](#)

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

Flyer describing all workshops: https://cdn-cms.f-static.net/uploads/2516289/normal_5ef7d00a31df4.pdf

Upcoming Workshops

*For updates on registration links, 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. Become your own “factchecker”! Also, how to find accurate information.

“Loved it...well-rounded, wide array of examples!”

Tuesday December 8, 6-7:30. Register - [Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda | Multnomah County Library \(multcolib.org\)](#)

Thursday January 28, 12-1:30 Register: TBA*

Beyond Voting: Elections and Campaign Financing

Voting as Constitutional right(?), Election Security, Voter Suppression, Alternative Voting Systems, Redistricting, Electoral College, Campaign Financing, Tracking Campaign \$, Public Financing of Elections.

“I consider myself a well-informed citizen but I learned a great deal of new information”

Thursday Jan 13, 6:00-7:30 Register anytime if you live in Bandon Public Library district; two weeks in advance if you don't: 541-347-3221 or bandonlibrary2018@gmail.com

Tuesday January 19, 6:00-7:30 Register anytime if you live in Mult/Wash/Clackamas Cnty; two weeks in advance if you don't: [Beyond Voting: Elections and Campaign Financing | Multnomah County Library \(multcolib.org\)](#)

The Constitution: Fulfilling Democracy's Promise?

We'll look at the Constitution's creation, trace major changes to its interpretation, and then examine some structural limitations. We'll puncture some myths and develop a perspective that helps evaluate its meaning more thoughtfully in light of contemporary concerns.

“Good level of history and contemporary political ideas”

Wednesday Feb 3. 6-7:30. Register anytime for League of Women Voters – Umpqua Valley people. For non-LWVUV folks, TBA.*

Wednesday May 12. 6-7:30. Register anytime if you live in Bandon Public Library district; two weeks in advance if you don't: 541-347-3221 or bandonlibrary2018@gmail.com

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!”

Wednesday March 3. 6-7:30. Register anytime if you live in Bandon Public Library district; two weeks in advance if you don't: 541-347-3221 or bandonlibrary2018@gmail.com

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

Sampling of Facebook posts

Here is the audio of the case heard today/yesterday [depending on when I send this out!] about **whether undocumented people should be included in the Census** count. Note that the Constitution says the Census should count all persons, not all citizens.

[\[Trump v. New York\] Oral Argument | C-SPAN.org \(c-span.org\)](#)

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Big, structural change may be coming to the government of Portland.

Congratulations to those selected to be on the City of Portland's Charter Review Commission, which will recommend changes to the structure of Portland's government. Looks like a high-powered group!!

[Meet Your Charter Commissioners | Portland.gov](#)

First use of Ranked-Choice Voting in Oregon. In Benton County. Discussion on Think Out Loud.

[Ranked choice voting gets first use in Benton County - OPB](#)

I wonder how many are aware that **if we had Ranked-Choice Voting in Portland, the Mayoral race in Portland would have likely come out quite differently.**

[Portland Might Have Elected A New Mayor With Ranked Choice Voting - Sightline Institute](#)

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When the Constitution was enacted each House member represented approximately 6,000 people. THAT was the Framers' idea of "representation". On average, now, a Congressional Representative represents 750,000 people. Something to consider, eh?

The Framers did anticipate growth - up to a point. Madison and others wanted to cap the number of people a House member represented to 30-50,000 [different proposals]. This tells us a lot about what they felt representation meant and about how far into the future their imaginations could go.

The U. S. actually has one of the, if the not the biggest, ratios of representatives to population of any developed country. Most countries have far fewer people per member of the national governing body. I talk about this in the Constitution workshop. I think **the topic of representation is fascinating - and deeply significant for our democracy.**

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