

Civics for Adults Update, January 29, 2023.

Upcoming

Citizen Activism 101—Making Change Happen

Sunday, February 5, 2:30-4:00. PST. Hillsboro Public Library [OR]. Virtual

Register: WCCLS website if WCCLS patron or TBA

- Historical perspective
- Examples of successful advocacy
- Types of advocacy
- Who makes the rules?
- Tools / strategies for change
- Engaging with government / lobbying for influence
- Tracking legislation in the Oregon Legislature and having your say on bills! Legislature has just begun!

Beyond Voting: Elections and Campaign Finance

Wednesday, February 15, 3:00. EST! Stoughton Public Library [MASS]. Virtual

Register: One week in advance; check website

- Right to vote?
- Voter suppression
- Election 2024 issues
- Redistricting / gerrymandering
- Electoral College
- Alternative voting systems
- Campaign financing issues and tracking

Selected Civics for Adults Facebook posts:

Article in the Boston Globe about my workshop!

Local groups want to put civics education back on the front burner

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/2023/01/20/metro/local-groups-want-put-civics-education-back-front-burner/>

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If you've been confused about the CRT issue, here is an article that will sum up how divorced from reality it is.

School Ends Dr. Seuss Reading When Students Recognize Its Racism Lesson

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/school-ends-dr-seuss-reading-when-students-recognize-its-racism-lesson/ar-AA16eq2V?ocid=msedgntp&cvid=79bf221eeec64b52adf15934ea07a868&fbclid=IwAR3LKtUwXrNLKHhszFlxx4xQyodEtJqST51Kd2GMTKfObFV1V1u-cgR7kKk>

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There is a bill in the Oregon Legislature right now **SB579** that would **allow those who are incarcerated to vote**. It is ridiculously easy to submit written testimony [aka your opinion] or to sign up for in-person or virtual testimony now. [We have one of the best systems in the country for doing so!]. Just go to the link and look around: information, sign up, follow the bill via email alerts, etc.

It's a hotly contested topic. Check out what people have submitted as testimony.

https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023R1/Measures/Overview/SB579?fbclid=IwAR3tiWuhqiR_zrhJYOIlytr6jLxbh2qPnlquT-bwUwSXLFFHlwUagzdO214

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National Archives Resources for Martin Luther King Day

https://www.archives.gov/nyc/exhibit/mlk?fbclid=IwAR0v6xKz2b2xii11QqiE1j-d2JxmBMbRoRlq2dfGG1sE092GCqMk_XVZxcw

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