



Civic Learning for a Strong Democracy: Actions for Libraries and Librarians

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What is Civic Learning Week?

Civic Learning Week 2024 seeks to highlight the importance of civic education in sustaining and strengthening constitutional democracy in the United States. By highlighting the civic knowledge and skills gained inside and outside the classroom that provide the foundation for an informed and engaged populace, Civic Learning Week seeks to further energize the movement to prioritize civic education across the nation. Libraries are not only centers of communities, but hubs for civic learning for both adults and young people. Through our great partners at Every Library, we invite you to help us leverage Civic Learning Week to showcase this key role libraries and librarians play.

Our Why

Civic education is needed more than ever to provide each and every person across this country with the necessary tools to engage as members of our self-governing society. We know civic learning happens in and outside the classroom and is a lifelong endeavor. To underscore the need for prioritization of civic learning across the country, Civic Learning Week brings together students, educators, policymakers, and leaders in the public and private sectors to highlight and further energize the movement for civic education in states and across the nation. Librarians and libraries can do that by providing space for programming, leading programs, leveraging their voice and advocacy to amplify the civic mission of teaching and learning, and organizing books and resources to facilitate civic learning.

Goals of Civic Learning Week

- Providing elementary and secondary school students with positive and engaging civic learning opportunities;
- Engaging the public around the importance of civic education and elevating it as a national priority;
- Providing a mechanism for educators, students, coalition partners, business leaders, and other community members to connect at the local level and beyond around a shared commitment to civic education.

Key Action Ideas for Libraries and Librarians: Libraries are hubs of both community cohesion and learning. Your library is already likely engaging in actions to advance civic learning through your programming, shared spaces, staff, and partnerships. Help us learn together and build a movement by filling out this form around how you currently engage or want to engage with K-12 youth around civic learning:

- ★ **Inside your library** - There are many ways you can participate in Civic Learning Week activities, ranging from adapting story hours and existing programming to highlight the importance of civic learning and libraries as civic learning institutions to showcasing books with civic themes.
- ★ **Outside your library** - Outside your physical space, you can also do much to support the movement ranging from publishing an op-ed in your local paper highlighting the offerings of your library as a civic learning space to sharing civic materials on your newsletter and website, partnering with other community organization promoting civic learning, and engaging in state and local advocacy efforts for civic learning.

Interested in learning more? Fill out this [form](#), and join peers at the forefront of this movement!

Interested in partnership opportunities around Civic Learning Week?

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