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FVRLibraries Brings Civic Engagement Programs To Clark and Cowlitz Counties

VANCOUVER, Wash. – This mid-term season Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries has teamed up with The League of Women Voters of Clark County; the Clark County Elections Office and City of Battle Ground; and presenter Donna Cohen to offer civics instruction for adults who want to be more informed voters and citizens. The informative programs and workshops are offered at libraries throughout Clark and Cowlitz Counties in September and October.

Civic is Fundamental

FVRLibraries is partnering with The League of Women Voters of Clark County to bring their Civics is Fundamental series to four community libraries: Washougal, Vancouver, Cascade Park, and Woodland. Civics is Fundamental offers speakers, information, and activities designed to fulfill the League's vision: "We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate."

Each session focuses on a different aspect of civic engagement:

- **Civics 101** starts with an overview of governmental structures at the national, state, and local level and how citizens can become involved.
 - September 4, 6-8 pm at Washougal Community Library, 661 C Street, Washougal, WA 98671.

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- September 5, 6-8 pm at Vancouver Community Library, 901 C Street, Vancouver, WA 98660.
- September 6, 6-8 pm at Cascade Park Community Library, 600 NE 136th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98684.
- September 7, 12-2 pm (brown bag lunch) at Woodland Community Library, 770 Park Street, Woodland, WA 98674.
- **Political Literacy, Fake News, & Personality Politics** provides ways for voters to identify how they feel on important issues and what their values are; how to research candidates, their funding, and their record; ways to combat “fake news” and “alternative facts”; and how they can take action by voting.
 - September 10, 6-8 pm at Cascade Park Community Library.
 - September 11, 6-8 pm at Washougal Community Library.
 - September 12, 6-8 pm at Vancouver Community Library.
 - September 14, 12-2 pm (brown bag lunch) at Woodland Community Library.
- **Mechanics of Voting & Expanding Your Circle of Influence** covers the November 2018 ballot and offers resources to help the public make decisions. Attendees will hear from former office holders to understand what some of these jobs are like. Finally, they will discuss ways to stay civil while talking about politics with friends and family.
 - September 18, 6-8 pm at Washougal Community Library.
 - September 26, 6-8 pm at Vancouver Community Library.
 - September 27, 6-8 pm at Cascade Park Community Library.
 - September 28, 12-2 pm (brown bag lunch) at Woodland Community Library.

Civics for Adults

FVRLibraries is bringing other civics programs to Battle Ground and Three Creeks Community Libraries through local presenter Donna Cohen’s “Civics for Adults” series as well as a special presentation in partnership with the Clark County Elections Office and City of Battle Ground.



- **Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda** will help participants to distinguish truth from fiction using critical thinking strategies along real-world examples of political ads, news headlines, statistics, etc. September 15, 10-11:30 at Three Creeks Community Library, 800-C NE Tenney Road, Vancouver, WA 98685.
- **Citizen Advocacy 101: Making Change Happen** provides strategies for change, including choosing your battles, getting heard, and tracking legislation. September 28, 4-5:30 pm at Three Creeks Community Library.
- **Beyond Voting: Elections and Campaign Finance** covers 20 topics related to voting and civic engagement. Topics include voter rights and voter fraud; the Electoral College and National Popular Vote; as well as SuperPACS and dark money.
 - September 26, 6:30-8 pm at Battle Ground Community Library, 1207 SE 8th Way, Battle Ground, WA 98604.
 - October 6, 10-11:30 am at Three Creeks Community Library.
- **Voting Matters: Understanding Local Election**, presented by Clark County Elections Office and City of Battle Ground, will help patrons learn about and discuss the local election process, how local government operates, and civic engagement opportunities for their community. October 10, 6:30 pm at Battle Ground Community Library.
- **The Influence of the Constitution on Civic and Political Conversation** looks back at the creation of the Constitution to puncture some myths and develop a broader perspective on its significance – a perspective that helps us evaluate current political events more thoughtfully. October 19, 4-5:30 pm at Three Creeks Community Library.

All of FVRLibraries' Civics programs are open to the public at no cost to attend. For more complete descriptions of the programs, visit the library district's online calendar at:

<http://ow.ly/57Cj30lrWPk>

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Serving Clark, Skamania and Klickitat Counties, and
Woodland and Yale Precinct in Cowlitz County

Established in 1950, Fort Vancouver Regional Library District (FVRL) provides a vast range of information and cultural services to more than 464,000 Southwest and South Central Washington citizens in Clark, Skamania and Klickitat Counties, and the city of Woodland and Yale Valley Library District in Cowlitz County. FVRL provides a collection of more than 750,000 items, online library services at www.fvrl.org, two bookmobiles, telephone information services, 24/7 online help, outreach programs, and 15 public library locations: Community Libraries in Battle Ground, Cascade Park, Goldendale, La Center, North Bonneville, Ridgefield, Stevenson, Three Creeks, Vancouver, Washougal, White Salmon Valley and Woodland; The Mall Library Connection at Vancouver Mall; and Library Express facilities at Yacolt and Yale.

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