

Civic Literacy Guide

What is Civic Literacy?



“Civic literacy means having the knowledge and skills you need to participate in making change in your community.

...This includes voting, knowing how the government works, and the rights and responsibilities of citizens and elected members of government.

When you have strong civic literacy skills, you know how to make your voice heard by all levels of government—before, during and after an election.”

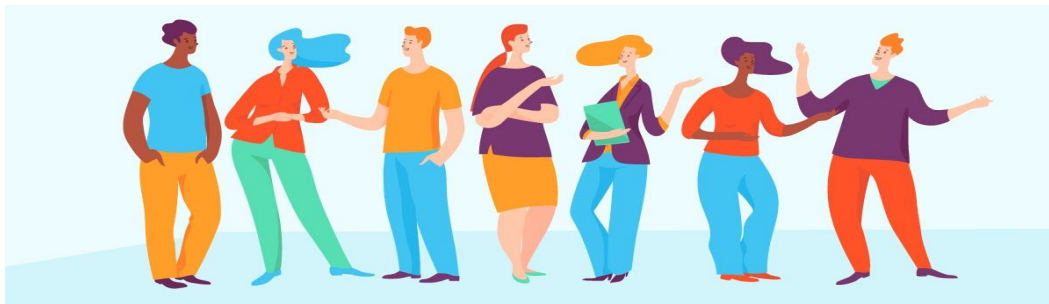
~ ABC Life Literacy Canada

Get to Know Candidates, Learn About Voting, Get Registered

[Vote 411: \(Click here for Wisconsin\)](#) *Absentee ballot information, ballot measure information, early voting options, election dates, factual data on candidates in various federal, state and local races, ID requirements, polling place locations, registration deadlines, voter qualifications, voter registration forms, voting machines*

[First Time Voter Checklist:](#) *Registration, find your polling place, see who’s on your ballot, ID requirements, about the voting machines, and more!*

[League of Women Voters Voter Information:](#) *Information about WI supreme court, court of appeals, voter registration, voter IDs, voting FAQs, elections commission, Outagamie County elections, Fox Cities Municipal and County Clerks*



Learn About Our Government in Action

Watch City Council meetings online (replay anytime): *learn how city government is organized, listen to debates about policy and procedure changes, see your representatives in action*

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PBS Newshour Extra: *News for students and teacher resources for grades 6-12.*

See this [article and videos about primaries and caucuses](#), for an example.

Civics and Digital Literacy

“The internet is an amazing tool for teaching and learning. But, before we can teach students to harness its power and become good citizens of the web, we need to understand the intricacies of how it works and how it can be manipulated to mislead and even harm users.”

~ Teaching Tolerance



How to Spot 'Fake News' Infographic:

Great for quick discussion and visual learners, available in multiple languages

Teaching Tolerance Digital Literacy

Toolkit: Videos, curricula and discussion guides on 'fake news', media sources, countering online hate speech

Factcheck.org, Politifact: Non-partisan fact-checking websites

Allsides: Provides an examination of the same topics from various perspectives - help foster critical thinking and examine bias

Newseumed.org: How to read and analyze news for fairness, accuracy, transparency, search effectively, identify bias

CommonSense Education Explore their Digital Citizenship curriculum, including news and media literacy, along with other topics. Especially great resources to help students learn about their kids' media use and digital safety

Events and Field Trip Ideas

City Council meetings: *learn how city government is organized, listen to debates about policy and procedure changes, see your representatives in action, share your perspective with decision-makers*

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League of Women Voters: Voter Registration Questions and Assistance

Tuesdays from 5:30-8:00PM

Appleton Public Library

Main Level



'We Stand on Their Shoulders': A History of Wisconsin Women and Voting

This exhibit *explores moments when women in Wisconsin gained political rights and highlights a few key leaders. Covering the ratification of the 19th Amendment, 1921 Wisconsin Equal Rights Act, 1924 Indian Citizenship Act, and 1965 Voting Rights Act, the eight-panel display shares the important story of women's quest for political rights and recognition through quotes, photographs, and a timeline of events.*

Tuesday, March 10th-Monday, March 23rd

Appleton Public Library

Appleton WI Mayoral Candidate Forum

Thursday, March 12, 2020

06:30 PM

Appleton Public Library

225 N Oneida St, Appleton, Wisconsin 54911

Room A/B/C

[Voter Registration and Assistance from 8:00-8:30](#)

Women's Suffrage Centennial: *To celebrate 100 years of women's right to vote, join the League of Women Voters to learn about the women's suffrage movement, with emphasis on the efforts in Wisconsin and Fox Cities.*

Sat, March 14, 10:00am – 11:30am

Appleton Public Library
225 N Oneida St, Appleton, WI 54911, USA
Lower Level Meeting Rooms

Voting Dates and Registration Timelines



Presidential Primary, Spring General Election

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Registration Deadlines:

- By Mail: Wednesday, March 18, 2020
- In Person: Tuesday, April 7, 2020
- Online [Get Registered!](#): Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Primary Election

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Registration Deadlines:

- By Mail: Wednesday, July 22, 2020
- In Person: Tuesday, August 11, 2020
- Online [Get Registered!](#): Wednesday, July 22, 2020

General Election

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Registration Deadlines:

- By Mail: Wednesday, October 14, 2020
- In Person: Tuesday, November 3, 2020
- Online [Get Registered!](#): Wednesday, October 14, 2020



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