

## **Civic Engagement and Libraries Recommended Reading**

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American Library Association, Civic Engagement Membership Initiative Group, Libraries Foster Civic Engagement Blog. <http://discuss.ala.org/civicengagement/>

American Library Association Public Programs.

[http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Our\\_Association/Offices/Public\\_Programs\\_Office/Public\\_Programs\\_Office.htm](http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Our_Association/Offices/Public_Programs_Office/Public_Programs_Office.htm). See particularly: Resources for Public Programming, including ALA National Video Resources Project Website. <http://www.nvr.org/content.php?pro=viewing>

American Political Science Association Civic Education Network. [www.apsanet.org/CENnet/](http://www.apsanet.org/CENnet/)

Animating Democracy. <http://www.americansforthearts.org/AnimatingDemocracy/>

Both And Project. <http://www.bothand.org/>

By the People. [www.by-the-people.org](http://www.by-the-people.org)

Carnegie Corporation of NY, Strengthening US Democracy Program.

[http://www.civicyouth.org/whats\\_new/whatsnew\\_outside9.htm](http://www.civicyouth.org/whats_new/whatsnew_outside9.htm)

Center for Collaborative Policy, Collaborative Democracy Network. <http://www.csus.edu/ccp/cdn>

Center for Democracy and Citizenship, University of Minnesota.  
[www.publicwork.org/](http://www.publicwork.org/)

Center for Living Democracy. [www.livingdemocracy.org](http://www.livingdemocracy.org)

Center for Wise Democracy. <http://www.wisedemocracy.org/>

Choices. <http://www.choices.edu/index.cfm>

CivicMind. <http://www.civicmind.com/qsylbio.htm>

Civic Practices Network. <http://www.cpn.org>

Civitas International Website (CIVNET). [www.civnet.org](http://www.civnet.org)

Civworld Citizens Campaign for Democracy: <http://www.civworld.org>

Close Up Foundation. [www.closeup.org](http://www.closeup.org)

Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago. [www.crfc.org](http://www.crfc.org)

Conversation Café. <http://www.conversationcafe.org/>

Deliberative Democracy Consortium. <http://deliberative-democracy.net/>

Democracy Campaign. <http://www.democracycampaign.org/index.html>

Democracy Design Workshop, Ideas for Democratic Action. <http://www.nyls.edu/pages/108.asp>

Demos. <http://www.demos-usa.org/demos/>

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Harvard School of Public Health, Met-Life Foundation Initiative on Retirement and Civic Engagement.,  
Reinventing Aging. <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/chc/reinventingaging/index.html>

Harwood Institute, Charting a New Course for America's Public Life. [www.theharwoodgroup.org](http://www.theharwoodgroup.org)

Institute for Study of Civic Values. Civic Literacy. <http://www.libertynet.org/edcivic/civilit.html>

Institute for the Common Good. <http://www.regis.edu/regis.asp?sctn=out&p1=icg>

Inter-American Democracy Network. <http://www.redinter.org/login.aspx>

International Association for Public Participation. [www.iap2.org](http://www.iap2.org)

Kettering Foundation. <http://www.kettering.org>

League of Women Voters Local Voices Project. <http://interactive.lwv.org/News/News.cfm?ID=1340&c=1>

League of Women Voters of Connecticut Education Fund Inc. [www.ctconversations.org](http://www.ctconversations.org)

Let's Talk America. <http://www.letstalkamerica.org/>

A Librarian at Every Table: Sources and Sites for Community Building. (blog by Kathleen McCook).

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National Alliance for Civic Education. [www.cived.net](http://www.cived.net)

National Civic League. <http://www.ncl.org>

National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation. <http://www.thataway.org>

National Conference of State Legislatures/Trust for Representative Democracy. [www.ncsl.org](http://www.ncsl.org)

National Endowment for the Humanities, "We the People" Program. <http://www.wethepeople.gov/>

The National Issues Forums. [www.nifi.org](http://www.nifi.org)

Network of Alliances Bridging Race and Ethnicity. <http://www.jointcenter.org/nabre/>

New England Center for Civic Life. [http://www.keeneonline.com/civic\\_life/](http://www.keeneonline.com/civic_life/)

Preview Forum: Using Media to Engage the Public and Journalists on Social Issues.

<http://www.previewforum.com/demo/>

Project for Public Spaces. <http://www.pps.org>

Project Vote Smart. <http://www.vote-smart.org/>

Public Agenda. <http://www.publicagenda.org/>

Public Conversations Project. <http://www.publicconversations.org/pcp/index.asp>

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The Saguaro Seminar: Civic Engagement in America.

[www.ksg.harvard.edu/saguaro/](http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/saguaro/)

Search for Common Ground USA. [http://www.sfcg.org/programmes/us/programmes\\_us.html](http://www.sfcg.org/programmes/us/programmes_us.html)

The September Project. <http://www.theseptemberproject.org/>

Study Circles Resource Center. <http://www.studycircles.org/>

Sunshine Week: Your Right to Know. <http://www.sunshineweek.org/>

Sustainable Communities Network, Civic Engagement.

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Texas Forums. <http://www.texasforums.org/>

The People Speak. <http://www.thepeoplespeak.org/>

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Web Dialogues. <http://www.webdialogues.net/>

World Citizen Foundation. <http://www.worldcitizen.org>

World Democracy Movement. <http://www.world-democracy.org/>

### **Examples of Libraries Undertaking Deliberative Democracy Programs**

Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas Public Libraries. In conjunction with KERA Unlimited and the By the People Project. <http://www.kera.org/community/bythepeople/fwplresources.lasso> and <http://dallaslibrary.org/usrole.html>

Des Plaines (IL) Public Library, “Meeting the Needs of Des Plaines Residents: What Does It Take?” [http://www.nifi.org/stream\\_document.aspx?rID=10043&catID=15&itemID=10042&typeID=8](http://www.nifi.org/stream_document.aspx?rID=10043&catID=15&itemID=10042&typeID=8)

Greensboro (NC) Public Library.

[http://www.inquiry.uiuc.edu/bin/update\\_unit.cgi?command=select&xmlfile=u12140.xml](http://www.inquiry.uiuc.edu/bin/update_unit.cgi?command=select&xmlfile=u12140.xml)

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Virginia Beach (VA) Public Library. <http://www.vbgov.com/dept/library/redevelopment/>