

The Vote Events

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August

Aug. 26, 7:00 pm: Reading Public Library presents “**She the People: Author Visit with Jen Deaderick,**” author of *She the People: A Graphic History of Uprisings, Breakdowns, Setbacks, Revolts, and Enduring Hope on the Unfinished Road to Women's Equality*. Click [here](#) to register.

Aug. 26: Brockton Public Library presents “**Impact of Cyberattacks and Civic Engagement.**” Along with Brockton Mayor Robert Sullivan, MassCyberCenter Director Stephanie Helm and others will participate in the conversation. Questions to be addressed: What has been the impact of COVID-19 and protests for equity on voting? How do we define and maintain civility in digital discourse? What strategies and technology can protect the democratic processes from cyberattacks that interfere in the electoral process? Will broadcast live on Brockton Cable Access and be available on Facebook page [here](#) following the program.

September

Sept. 1, 7:00 pm: BNC Productions and Forbes Library presents **an online screening and discussion of the documentary *Borderland: The Life & Times of Blanche Ames Ames***. The film is a historical look back at the fascinating life of Blanche Ames Ames - a 20th century activist and leader of the Massachusetts women's suffrage movement. Click [here](#) to register.

Sept. 17, 7:00 pm: Reading Public Library presents “**Born in the USA? Voting Rights, Constitutional Protections, and Citizenship in U.S. Territories,**” **an online event**. Come hear author and Professor Julian Go, a leading expert on American Colonialism, lecture on the fascinating history and current state of American Empire. Click [here](#) to register.

Sept. 17, 7:00 pm: YWCA of Southeastern MA and the New Bedford Whaling Museum present “**Women of Color ‘Lighting the Way’ to Equality in New Bedford and Beyond.**” For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Sept. 21, 7:00 pm: Forbes Library presents “**Current Barriers to Voting,**” a virtual panel presentation and community discussion. Speakers: Lois Ahrens, founder of the Real Cost of Prisons Project; David Daley, author of *Unrigged: How Americans Are Battling Back to Save Democracy*; Dr. Kathleen Banks Nutter, historian, independent scholar (Moderator). Click [here](#) to register.

Sept. 23, 6:30 pm: BCN Productions and Brockton Public Library presents **an online screening and discussion of the documentary *Borderland: The Life & Times of Blanche Ames Ames***. The film is a historical look back at the fascinating life of Blanche Ames Ames - a 20th century activist and leader of the Massachusetts women's suffrage movement. Link to register not yet available. Tag us on Facebook: @Borderlandthedocumentary

Sept. 25 (tentative): North Shore Community Development Coalition presents **“Voter Engagement 101 – Why Your Vote Matters.”** This 2.5 hour forum will inform and educate residents of Salem, MA about the history of voting in the U.S. as well as the importance of voting in the upcoming elections. Participants will also gain an understanding of the important role that all residents play in the U.S. government and how they can be informed of their choices in terms of candidates and issues as well as how trustworthy sources of information to help them make an educated decision. Link to register TBA.

Sept. 30, 7:00 pm: Reading Public Library presents **“Women and Voting Rights in Massachusetts,” an online event.** Paula Austin, Assistant Professor of History and African American Studies at Boston University discusses the Massachusetts Women Suffrage Association and the significance of the 1915 Suffrage parade, which attracted 15,000 marchers. Click [here](#) to register.

October

Oct. 6 – Nov. 17: UMass Lowell/Tsongas Industrial History Center presents **“Every Voice Counts,” an online teacher development series.** What can we learn about how people have secured equitable political representation in the United States by examining case studies from Lowell’s past and present? In each webinar, historians and educators share content on a civics topic and discuss how to adapt it for the classroom. Each session includes companion lesson plans and primary documents. Click [here](#) to register.

October 14, 7:00 pm: Reading Public Library presents **“The Vote! African Americans, Women’s Suffrage, and Political Action” an online event.** The National Association of Colored Women was an early leader in the voting rights movement. While celebrating the passage of 19th Amendment, many Black women continued to fight for electoral power well into the 20th century. Join the discussion with Historian Paula Austin. Click [here](#) to register.

Oct 15, Oct. 29, and Nov. 12: Primary Source presents **“Connecting Past and Present in Matters of Voting,” an online professional development training for teachers.** This three part webinar series focusing on the electoral college, racial disenfranchisement in the United States, and activism among disenfranchised communities to secure and protect voting rights. Click [here](#) to register.

Oct. 24: Primary Source, Massachusetts Historical Society, and Collaborative for Education Services presents **“Our Rights and Nothing Less: Struggles to Secure the Vote in the United States,” on online professional development workshop for teachers.** This workshop will focus on the historical and contemporary struggles to secure voting rights and access for women, African Americans, and people with disabilities, past and present. Click [here](#) to register.

Oct. 27, 7:00 pm: Reading Public Library presents a **screening of Shola Lynch’s *Chisholm ’72: Unbought and Unbossed*, an online event.** Shirley Chisholm was an American politician who became the first Black woman elected to the United States Congress, representing New York’s 12th congressional district for seven terms. In 1972, Chisholm ran for President of the United States and was the first African American woman to do so. Click [here](#) to register.

Oct – date TBD: Forbes Library presents “**The Youth Vote**,” a virtual panel presentation and community discussion in which young speakers and allies will discuss the voting age and changes to it over time and prospects into the future.

Video Recordings of Past The Vote Events

Feb. 12: Brockton Public Library presented “**Black Suffrage: Women Leading the Way.**” A panel discussion about Black Suffragists. Four panelists included: Courtney Henderso - NAACP, Charlene Greene - Boston Section: National Council of Negro Women, Marita Rivero - Director, Museum of African American History, Dr. Paula Austin - Professor, Boston University. Click [here](#) to view a video recording of the event.

Mar. 13: YWCA of Southeastern MA & New Bedford Whaling Museum presents “**IGNITE Youth Showcase of Art Inspired by Historic Women of the SouthCoast.**” Young artists from throughout the community showcased original artworks at the New Bedford Whaling Museum. The artworks highlighted the themes, accomplishments, or stories amplified through profiles from Lighting the Way:Historic Women of the SouthCoast. Click [here](#) to view some of the art.

Jun. 23: Forbes Library presents “**Women’s Suffrage**,” a virtual panel presentation and community discussion on the women’s suffrage movement, from 1848-1920. Speakers: Kathleen Banks Nutter, PhD, independent scholar, teacher and author in Women’s History; Stephen Kenney, PhD, director of the Commonwealth Museum; Freddie Kay, founder of Suffrage100MA; Elizabeth Sharpe, PhD, Co-Executive Director of Historic Northampton. Click [here](#) to view a video recording of the event.

Jul. 15: Forbes Library presents “**The Civil Rights Movement**,” a virtual panel presentation and community discussion exploring the Civil Rights movement and historical background, from the 1890’s Mississippi plan through Jim Crow, poll taxes, Voting Rights Act of 1965, to present-day challenges. Speakers: Dr. John H. Bracey, Jr., Professor of Afro-American Studies at UMass Amherst; Dr. Traci Parker, Assistant Professor of Afro-American Studies at UMass Amherst; Dr. Jesse Rhodes, Professor of Political Science at UMass Amherst; Dr. Kathleen Banks Nutter, historian, independent scholar (Moderator). Click [here](#) to view a video recording of the event.

July 22: Brockton Public Library presents “**A Conversation with Lisa Kathleen Graddy about the Suffrage Exhibit at the Smithsonian.**” Click [here](#) to view the video recording of the event.

Jul. 29: Reading Public Library presents a **talk and discussion with Tina Cassidy, author of *Mr. President, How Long Must We Wait? Alice Paul, Woodrow Wilson, and the Fight for the Right to Vote.*** Click [here](#) to view a video recording of the event.

Aug. 13: Tempest Productions and AHA! New Bedford present “Is it a Crime to Vote?” A rendering of two historical texts by four performers, drawn from "Is It a Crime to Vote?" by Susan B Anthony, 1873, and from "How Enfranchisement Stops Lynching" by Ida B. Wells, 1910. With photo collage and a commentary by Dr. Kibibi Mack-Shelton. Click [here](#) for the pre-recorded video presentation.