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**VISITORS TO THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER ON BILL OF RIGHTS DAY,  
DECEMBER 15, CAN SEE THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT, JOIN ACTIVITIES**

***Back-By-Popular-Demand Book Festival and Discounted Admission Honor the 224th  
Anniversary of the Ratification of the First 10 Amendments to the U.S. Constitution***

Philadelphia (December 8, 2015) – On **Tuesday, December 15, 2015**, the National Constitution Center will celebrate the 224th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights with discounted admission, \$5 courtesy of Macy's. Visitors can view a rare, original copy of the Bill of Rights, participate in the Center's fast-paced, interactive game show called *Who wants to be a "Bill-ionaire?"* and access the Bill of Rights Day Book Festival programs. Featured book festival speakers include A.E. Dick Howard, Mary Sarah Bilder, Melvin Urofsky and Sanford Levinson.

Bill of Rights Day events will focus on how the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution have protected Americans' way of life for more than 200 years. Lesson plans, including activities and games for the classroom are offered on the National Constitution Center's website for students, teachers and people of all ages, [constitutioncenter.org/learn/hall-pass](http://constitutioncenter.org/learn/hall-pass).

The National Constitution Center is proud to display one of the 12 surviving copies of the Bill of Rights, which is displayed alongside a first edition Stone Engraving of the Declaration of Independence and a rare copy of the first public printing of the U.S. Constitution in the George H.W. Bush Gallery.

Please see the full timeline of Bill of Rights Day programs below.

**Bill of Rights Day Book Festival**

The Bill of Rights Day Book Festival, which takes place in the National Constitution Center's F.M. Kirby Auditorium, is included with museum admission. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 215-409-6700 or by visiting [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org). Authors' books will be available for sale in the Museum Store.

**How the Magna Carta Shaped America**

*Kirby Auditorium*

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Featuring: A.E. Dick Howard

**James Madison's 'Notes': Revising the Constitutional Convention**

*Kirby Auditorium*

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Featuring: Mary Sarah Bilder

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**Dissent and the Supreme Court: Its Role in the Court's History and the Nation's Constitutional Dialogue**

*Kirby Auditorium*

1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Featuring: Melvin Urofsky

**The Federalist Papers: Relevant Today?**

*Kirby Auditorium*

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Featuring: Sanford Levinson

**Bill of Rights Day Museum Activities**

**Public Reading of the Bill of Rights**

10 a.m.

*Grand Hall Lobby*

Join in as students take turns reading each of the ten amendments that make up our Constitution's Bill of Rights.

**Mystery Amendment Theater**

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

*Grand Hall Lobby*

Take turns acting out scenarios depicting Bill of Rights freedoms, like "Freedom of the Press" or "The Right to an Attorney," while family, friends and classmates guess which amendment is being referenced.

**Who wants to be a "Bill-ionaire?"**

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

*Main Exhibition*

Learn about the first ten amendments during this fast-paced, interactive game show.

**Decoding the Document: The Bill of Rights**

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

*George H.W. Bush Gallery*

View up-close a rare, original copy of the Bill of Rights, and learn more about its fascinating history—like what happened to the original First and Second Amendments.

**Preamble Scramble and Amendment Match-up**

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

*Grand Hall Lobby*

Make arts and craft projects, race against friends to place segments of the Constitution's preamble in the correct order, and match up the right freedoms with the correct amendments.

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### **Bill of Rights Day Museum Tours**

10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

*Meet in Signers Hall*

The National Constitution Center's education staff will lead tours through the Center's signature exhibits, guiding visitors through the history of the Bill of Rights, beginning in Signers' Hall with the debates at the Constitutional Convention, to The Story of We the People exhibit and some of the most famous Bill of Rights-related court cases.

### **In the Classroom**

The National Constitution Center's Constitution Hall Pass series allows anyone to celebrate Bill of Rights Day online. The 20-minute "Bill of Rights" webcast explores the compelling story of our Constitution's first ten amendments. Constitutional experts and members of the Center's education staff also will blog live online throughout the day to offer additional insight. Live Chat: Weekdays, December 7 through 15, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST, <http://constitutioncenter.org/learn/hall-pass>.

### **About the National Constitution Center**

The [National Constitution Center](#) in Philadelphia inspires active citizenship as the only place where people across America and around the world can come together to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. A private, nonprofit organization, the Center serves as America's leading platform for constitutional education and debate, fulfilling its Congressional charter "to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a non-partisan basis." As the **Museum of We the People**, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits. As **America's Town Hall**, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms. As a center for **Civic Education**, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire, excite, and engage citizens about the U.S. Constitution. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org).

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