The National Constitution Center is pleased to introduce our new Civics in Literature initiative, a brand new program designed to enhance and build upon current civic education curriculum through children’s literature and other famous historical texts. Help your students build their basic civic knowledge and understand their role as active citizens. Each month, we will share a reading list and suggested activities that correspond with a specific civic holiday and enhance learning.

The starred books (★) will have activities published each month. Visit the We the Civics Kids Page to download each lesson! All of the books were selected for the way in which they support the monthly themes.

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CIVICS IN LITERATURE 2014 READING LIST

JANUARY: Remember a Citizen and a Dream
Civic Holiday: Martin Luther King Day of Service
- I Have a Dream by Martin Luther King, Jr. with illustrations by Kadir Nelson
- More Than Anything Else by Marie Bradby
- The Royal Bee by Francis and Ginger Park
- Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen by Dyanne DiSalvo-Ryan

FEBRUARY: Commemorate American Presidents and African American Trailblazers
Civic Holidays: African American History Month
- Freedom Summer by Deborah Wiles
- Giant Steps to Change the World by Spike & Tonya Lewis Lee
- Grace for President by Kelly DiPucchio
- Henry’s Freedom Box by Ellen Levine

MARCH: Celebrate Inspirational Women
Civic Holiday: Women’s History Month
- I Could Do That by Linda Arms White
- My Name Is Not Isabella by Jennifer Fosberry
- Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch
- Rabble Rousers by Cheryl Harness
- Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty
- Ruby’s Wish by Shirin Yim Bridges

APRIL: Preserve the Environment for Our Posterity
Civic Holidays: Earth Day & Tax Day
- City Green by DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan
- If You Made a Million by David M. Schwartz
- Me...Jane by Patrick McDonnell

MAY: Remember Those Who Sacrificed for Their Country
Civic Holidays: Memorial Day
- The Lotus Seed by Sherry Garland
- The Memory Coat by Elvira Woodruff
- The Wall by Eve Bunting

JUNE: Salute Our Nation’s Star-Spangled Banner
Civic Holidays: Flag Day
- A Flag For Our Country by Steck-Vaugn
- The American Flag by Elaine Landau
- The Big Orange Splot by Daniel Pinkwater
- The Sneetches by Dr. Seuss
- This Is the Rope by Jacqueline Woodson
- A Flag For Our Country by Steck-Vaugn

JULY: Commemorate the Creation of Our Country
Civic Holidays: Independence Day
- Emma’s Poem by Linda Glaser
- I Am America by Charles R. Smith
- My Mom Is a Foreigner, But Not to Me by Julianne Moore

AUGUST: Celebrate Voting Rights for All Americans
Civic Holidays: National Hispanic Heritage Month
- Granddaddy’s Gift by Margaree King Mitchell
- The Ballot Box Battle by Emily Arnold McCully

SEPTEMBER: Celebrate the Anniversary of the U.S. Constitution
Civic Holiday: Constitution Day
- Bella’s Rules by Elissa Haden Guest
- Daft Bat by Jeanne Willis

OCTOBER: Honor Hispanic Americans Who Have Broken Barriers
Civic Holidays: National Hispanic Heritage Month
- Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez by Kathleen Krull
- Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx by Jonah Winter

NOVEMBER: Give Thanks to America’s Military
Civic Holidays: Election Day, Veteran’s Day & Thanksgiving
- Duck for President by Doreen Cronin
- If I Were President by Catherine Stier
- Woodrow for President by Peter and Cheryl Shaw Barnes

DECEMBER: Cherish the Rights of We the People
Civic Holidays: Bill of Rights Day
- Carl the Complainer by Michelle Knudsen
- Freedom on the Menu by Carole Weatherford
- We the Kids by David Catrow