CIVICS IN LITERATURE 2014 READING LIST

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 <u>We the Civics Kids Page</u> to download each lesson! All of the books were selected for the way in which they support the monthly themes.

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JANUARY: Remember a Citizen and a Dream	06 JUNE: Salute Our Nation's Star-Spangled Banner
Civic Holiday: Martin Luther King Day of Service	Civic Holidays: Flag Day
□ <i>I Have a Dream</i> by Martin Luther King, Jr.	A Flag For Our Country by Steck-Vaugn
with illustrations by Kadir Nelson	🗖 The American Flag by Elaine Landau ★
More Than Anything Else by Marie Bradby	The Big Orange Splot by Daniel Pinkwater
The Royal Bee by Francis and Ginger Park	The Sneetches by Dr. Seuss
□ Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen by Dyanne DiSalvo-Rya	
FEBRUARY: Commemorate American Presidents	□ A Flag For Our Country by Steck-Vaugn
and African American Trailblazers	JULY: Commemorate the Creation of Our Country
Civic Holidays: African American History Month Presidents Day	Civic Holidays: Independence Day
□ Freedom Summer by Deborah Wiles★	Emma's Poem by Linda Glaser
Giant Steps to Change the World by Spike & Tonya Lewis Le	□ <i>I Am America</i> by Charles R. Smith★
□ Grace for President by Kelly DiPucchio	Image: My Mom Is a Foreigner, But Not to Me by Julianne Moore
Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine	OB AUGUST: Celebrate Voting Rights for All Americans
	Granddaddy's Gift by Margaree King Mitchell *
MARCH: Celebrate Inspirational Women	The Ballot Box Battle by Emily Arnold McCully
ivic Holiday: Women's History Month	SEPTEMBER: Celebrate the Anniversary
I Could Do That by Linda Arms White	of the U.S. Constitution
My Name Is Not Isabella by Jennifer Fosberry	
Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch	Civic Holiday: Constitution Day
Rabble Rousers by Cheryl Harness	Bella's Rules by Elissa Haden Guest *
🗖 <i>Rosie Revere, Engineer</i> by Andrea Beaty *	Daft Bat by Jeanne Willis
Ruby's Wish by Shirin Yim Bridges +	
APRIL: Preserve the Environment for Our Posteri	10 OCTOBER: Honor Hispanic Americans Who Have
	Broken Barriers
Civic Holidays: Earth Day & Tax Day	Civic Holidays: National Hispanic Heritage Month
City Green by DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan *	Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez by Kathleen Krull
If You Made a Million by David M. Schwartz	Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx by Jonah Winter
MeJane by Patrick McDonnell	U UNVENDED, Cius Thanks to America's Military
MAY: Remember Those Who Sacrificed for Their Coun	try 11 NOVEMBER: Give Thanks to America's Military
Civic Holidays: Memorial Day	Civic Holidays: Election Day, Veteran's Day & Thanksgiving
	Duck for President by Doreen Cronin
□ The Lotus Seed by Sherry Garland ★	If I Were President by Catherine Stier
 The Memory Coat by Elvira Woodruff The Wall by Eve Bunting * 	Woodrow for President by Peter and Cheryl Shaw Barnes
	12 DECEMBER: Cherish the Rights of We the People
	Civic Holidays: Bill of Rights Day
	Carl the Complainer by Michelle Knudsen
	- Freedom on the Many by Carola Westbarford t

- Freedom on the Menu by Carole Weatherford *
- □ We the Kids by David Catrow