

Your Vote Counts

With the midterm election coming up on November 6, October's Civic Lab explores the topic of voting. Get informed, join the discussion, and participate in activities. For each activity you submit, you'll be entered to win a \$75 gift certificate to Amazon.com. DEADLINE EXTENDED TO NOV. 6!

Kentucky Voter Registration

- The deadline to register or update your registration for the November 6 election is October 9.
- Register or update your registration online at https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/govoteky
- Review your registration at https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/VIC/

Find Your Polling Place

Find out where to vote and view a sample ballot at https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/VIC/

What to Bring With You

- You must either know a precinct officer or bring an ID with you.
- According to the State Board of Elections, "Acceptable types of ID are
 personal acquaintance of precinct officer, driver's license, Social
 Security card, county issued identification card approved in writing by
 the State Board of Elections, U.S. government-issued identification card,
 Kentucky state government-issued identification card with picture, credit
 card, or another form of ID containing both picture and signature."

Absentee Voting

- Some Kentucky voters, including the military and students who live outside their home county, may be eligible to cast an absentee vote.
- Find out more at https://tinyurl.com/ybsvnfvx





Know Your Rights

As a Kentucky voter, you have the right to:

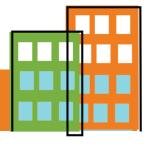
- Vote if you are a registered voter
- Ask questions on election procedures
- Review a sample ballot before voting
- Vote in privacy and free from coercion or intimidation
- Have non-discriminatory equal access to the elections system for all voters, including elderly, disabled, and minority, military, and overseas citizens
- Vote if you are in line to vote by 6:00 p.m., prevailing time on election day
- Occupy the voting booth up to two minutes if others are waiting in line
- Have your ballot count if it is cast legally and timely
- Vote in an accessible voting place
- And more...

Visit https://tinyurl.com/ycvw6btz for a complete list of Kentucky voter rights and responsibilities.

Candidate Information

Newspapers

Find out about local candidates in *The Jessamine Journal* or the *Lexington Herald-Leader*. Both are available at the library in print or online through the NewsBank database, which you can access at https://www.jesspublib.org/databases-by-subject.





Candidate Information Cont.

Websites

BallotReady

https://www.ballotready.org

Enter your address to view nonpartisan information about the issues and candidates on your ballot. Build your own printable ballot that you can take with you to the polls.

Kentucky Registry of Election Finance

https://kref.ky.gov

Find information on Kentucky campaign finance rules, and find receipt records for candidates, political issues committees, and exploratory committees.

ProPublica's User's Guide to Democracy

https://tinyurl.com/yaeeby5k

Sign up to receive a series of eight personalized emails "about political campaigns, who your representatives in Congress are (and what it is they do), the candidates who want to represent you in Congress, and the sometimes convoluted business of voting."

Vote411

https://www.vote411.org/

This website from the League of Women Voters lets you enter your address to build a personalized voter guide. Compare candidates' positions and print out a ballot to take with you. (Note: The full ballots are ready close to election time.)

Vote Smart

https://votesmart.org/

This nonpartisan, nonprofit website researches candidates using primary sources. Get information on candidate positions, ratings from special interest groups, speeches, funding, and more.





Voter Turnout

According to the Pew Research Center, just 55.7% of the voting-age population voted in the 2016 U.S. presidential election. That figure "puts the U.S. behind most of its peers in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)."

Conversation Starters

- What are citizens' voting responsibilities?
- How important was voting in your family?
- Is high voter turnout important? Why or why not?
- Do you think election outcomes would change if we had higher voter turnout? Why or why not?

Read

"On The Sidelines Of Democracy: Exploring Why So Many Americans Don't Vote" by Asma Khalid, Don Gonyea, and Leila Fadel. https://tinyurl.com/yagvtwqr

"U.S. Trails Most Developed Countries in Voter Turnout" by the Pew Research Center. https://tinyurl.com/ybko8d7x

"Kentucky's Best and Worst Counties for Voter Turnout" by WKYT. https://tinyurl.com/yaa9prec





Activities

For each activity you submit, you'll be entered to win a \$75 gift certificate to Amazon.com. Submit your activities in the entry box in the main library by Nov. 6, 2018 (DEADLINE EXTENDED). JCPL employees and their families are ineligible to win prizes.

Voting Activity 1	
Attend the Civic Lab Discussion G Registration is required.	roup on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 6:30 PM.
Name:	Phone:
Voting Activity 2	
Use the resources listed under Voti	ng in Kentucky to answer the following question:
,	to request and have an immediate hearing before the tion day if their eligibility to vote is questioned?
Answer:	
Name:	Phone:
Voting Activity 3	
Use any of the resources listed un already know about a candidate	der Candidate Information to find out one thing that you didn't
Resource used:	
Name:	Phone: