

LWW LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS[®] OF SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

The Voter

SUMMER SOCIAL

Date: Monday, August 11, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Hold Fast Brewing, 235 N Kimbrough Ave

Topic: Presentation from Action Teams

“NOT IN OUR WILDEST DREAMS” FILM SCREENING

Location: Historic Fox Theatre, 157 Park Central Square, Springfield, MO 65806

Date: Thursday, Aug 21, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Organizer: Caitlin Yager, (314) 371-8788,
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Join us for the Springfield Premiere of Missouri Humanities' latest documentary, "Not in our Wildest Dreams"! This documentary examines the role of the Missouri Supreme Court, focusing on the state's historic female majority's teamwork in promoting civic engagement and empowering youth, as well as exploring their personal journeys. Several current and retired judges will join us for a discussion following the 26-minute film.

Reception at 6:30 PM, film at 7:00 PM, Q&A and reception to follow. [Click here](#) to register.



VOICES AND VOTES

TRAVELING EXHIBIT

Crowder College/Social Science Division (Neosho, MO)
July 28, 2025 – September 8, 2025



**VOICES & VOTES:
DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA**
Traveling Exhibit hosted by Missouri Humanities



NEOSHO (NEWTON COUNTY), MO



CROWDER COLLEGE/SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION
601 LACLEDE AVE, NEOSHO, MO 64850



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Missouri Humanities is excited to host a special tour of *Voices & Votes: Democracy in America*, an exhibition from the Smithsonian Institution. Developed as part of the [Museum on Main Street](#) (MoMS) program, this exhibit is designed especially for small cultural organizations and rural audiences that lack regular access to traveling exhibitions due to space and cost limitations. In 1900, about 40% of Americans lived in rural areas. By 2010, less than 18% of the U.S. population lived in rural areas. In just over a century, massive economic and social changes moved millions of Americans into urban areas. Yet only 10% of the U.S. landmass is considered urban.

Voices & Votes: Democracy in America explores the foundational principles of American democracy, tracing its roots from the country’s beginnings and examining key questions that continue to shape our nation today: Who has the right to vote? What are the freedoms and responsibilities of citizens? Whose voices will be heard? This exhibit serves as a springboard for vital discussions about these issues, reflecting our local stories and experiences.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

The education committee will be meeting on the following date this year. All members are welcome to join us. Our primary focus is again protecting public schools and public libraries.

- Aug: no meeting
- Sept. 13, Saturday (following general meeting) 11:30-12:30, Classic Rock Coffee 1900 W Sunset
- Oct. 15, Wednesday: 1:00 - 2:00 Brentwood Library
- Nov. 12, Wednesday: 1:00 - 2:00 Brentwood Library*
- Dec.---no meeting
- January 17: Saturday (following general meeting) 11:30-12:30 library or coffee shop*
- February 18, Wednesday: 1:00 - 2:00 Brentwood Library
- March 21, Saturday (following meeting) 11:30-12:30 library or coffee shop
- April 15, Wednesday: 1:00 - 2:00 Brentwood Library
- May 13, Wednesday: 1:00 - 2:00 Brentwood Library

*Note: Only the first two meetings have a confirmed location. Library reservations cannot be made more than 90 days in advance.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

New member orientation has been scheduled for Saturday, October 18 from 10:30-12:00 at Brentwood Library.

RADIO PROGRAM

Have you listened recently to our weekly Making Democracy Work program on KSMU radio? The League hosts a weekly program, every Monday at 9:45am, on KSMU 91.1FM. In case you missed the most recent episodes, you can click here to browse through the archives for topics you might want to listen to now: [Making Democracy Work](#).

- July 3: [Sunshine Street corridor study gathers input](#)
- July 9: [Downtown Springfield Association reflects on 60-year history](#)
- July 16: [Conserving Springfield’s green space requires volunteers and creativity](#)
- July 23: [Services available for unsheltered students in Springfield Public Schools](#)
- July 29: [Volunteers and community organizations work together during local disasters](#)

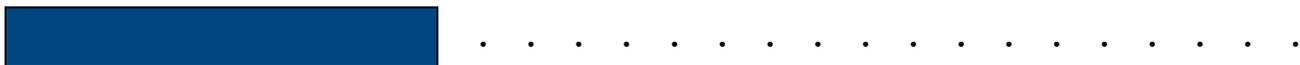


Debbie Good has been a host on the Making Democracy Work radio program for 10 years. She is stepping off the committee, but she brought us many interesting guests and topics over the years, many in the environmental arena, which is a passion of hers. Thank you, Debbie, for all your years of wonderful interviews and volunteer work for the League!

LWVSWMO NEWS RELEASE

The League of Women Voters of Southwest Missouri stands united against white supremacy and hate. We denounce the efforts of Return To The Land to establish a white-only community in our region and call on local leaders and organizations to join us in rejecting this dangerous ideology.

[Read our full statement here.](#)



UPCOMING DATES

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Crowder College, Neosho, MO

105th Anniversary of 19th Amendment

Monday, August 18, 2025

“Not In Our Wildest Dreams” Film Screening

Thursday, August 21, 2025, 6:30-8:30 PM
Historic Fox Theatre, 157 Park Central Square

LWVSWMO Board Meeting

Monday, August 25, 2025, 5:30 PM
Frisco Community Room, Library Station

Greene County Registrar Training

Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 2-3:30 PM
The Library Center

General Meeting

Saturday, September 13, 2025, 9:30 AM
Empower: Abilities
1450 W Cambridge St.

LWVSWMO Board Meeting

Monday, September 29, 2025, 5:30 PM
Library

New Member Orientation

Saturday, October 18, 2025, 10:30 – 12:00 PM
Schweitzer-Brentwood Library

Trash Pickup Dates

Adopted section of West Sunshine
October 25, 2025, at 9:00 AM

GOOD READS FROM LWV

- Local elections matter — [here’s why](#).
- LWV CEO Celina Stewart, Esq., spoke at the Chautauqua Institution about the importance of voting rights in the face of [rising authoritarianism](#).
- LWV Chief Counsel Marcia Johnson, Esq., reflected on John Lewis’s birthday, urging us to [continue his legacy](#).



CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Speak up on the issues that matter!

- **Urgent:** [Hold Congress accountable](#) for their votes on the One Big, Beautiful Bill!
- Reject the [anti-voter SAVE Act!](#)
- Urge Congress to [stand up](#) for our democracy!
- Demand passage of the [Equal Rights Amendment!](#)
- Support [Voting Rights Expansion!](#)

