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## Winter Park Library: A Community Resource for Civic Engagement Offering March early voting and civic engagement classes and events

**WINTER PARK, FL --** (March 6, 2020) – With its mission to connect people to knowledge and resources to amplify learning and build a stronger community, the **Winter Park Library offers a series of free civic engagement events** and opportunities throughout March.

The library is **an early voting location** for the presidential preference primary through March 15 from 10:00am – 6:00pm daily at 460 E. New England Avenue.

Leading into the general election, residents seeking to learn more about the presidential candidates and issues beyond the headlines, memes and social media, the library is offering "Prep for the Polls" on Thursday, March 19, 2:00 – 3:30 PM in the library Community Room at 460 E. New England Avenue.

On Thursday, March 19, 7:00-8:30 PM for adults 18 years and older, "No Assumptions with Banks Helfrich" will explore civil discourse in an 82-minute live happening with people of differing opinions who respectfully interact to discuss politics, religion and more, using the calming energy of music and dance. The event will be in library Community Room.

In partnership with Peace and Justice Institute at Valencia College, residents are invited to dialogue together on matters of gender, race, and the upcoming ballot at "#Votes4All: The Power to Create a More Perfect Democracy." The Tuesday, March 24 event will take place 6:30 – 8:30 PM offsite at Kaley Square, 1030 Kaley Avenue, Orlando with childcare provided.

To learn more about or to enroll in these and other events at The Winter Park Library, go to <a href="www.wppl.org">www.wppl.org</a> or call 623-3300, Ext. 3.

About the Winter Park Library: For 135 years, the Winter Park Library has provided library materials, education, and services to those living in Winter Park and the surrounding community. Today the library provides onsite and online learning and entertainment resources including classes and events, print and digital books, music, videos, video games and software, and downloadable materials for smart devices and computers. The Winter Park Library is one of four libraries across the U.S. selected to collaborate with The Aspen Institute on innovative approaches to be a civic forum for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. The library will have a new facility in 2021 as part of its public private partnership with the City of Winter Park. For more information about the Library and the new facility, please visit www.wppl.org or call 407-623-3300.