

# ★ ★ ★ Libraries ★ ★ ★ Engage Voters

Libraries are essential partners in civic engagement. Community leaders should:

- Partner with libraries to promote voter registration and readiness
- Collaborate with local libraries on voter engagement efforts
- Ensure libraries have the resources needed to deliver voter education



Libraries foster trusted, nonpartisan relationships with diverse audiences across age and demographic groups. More than 116,000 public, school, and college libraries serve every community, from rural areas to big cities. Many libraries:

- Provide access to paper and online voter registration forms
- Inform voters about deadlines and options, such as how to request an absentee ballot
- Organize local events such as National Voter Registration Day
- Serve as polling places and ballot drop-off locations
- Offer books and informational resources about civic issues
- Host election forums and candidate debates
- Deliver educational programs for K-12 and college students, such as mock elections



As election agencies consider changes in response to COVID-19, libraries will be a critical conduit to keep communities informed. **To promote voter readiness and participation, community leaders should partner with and support libraries.**