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Grade Level	Title Information	Call Number
EASY		
N/A	Bandy, Michael S. <i>Granddaddy's Turn: A Journey to the Ballot Box</i> . Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2015.	E B2232G
	Life on the farm with Granddaddy is full of hard work, but despite all the chores, Granddaddy always makes time for play, especially fishing trips. Even when there isn't a bite to catch, he reminds young Michael that it takes patience to get what's coming to you. One morning, when Granddaddy heads into town in his fancy suit, Michael knows that something very special must be happening--and sure enough, everyone is lined up at town hall! For the very first time, Granddaddy is allowed to vote, and he couldn't be more proud. But can Michael be patient when justice just can't come soon enough?	
K	Barnes, Peter. <i>Woodrow For President: A Tail of Voting, Campaigns, and Elections</i> . Alexandria, VA: VSP Books, 1999. (Also by author: <i>House Mouse, Senate Mouse</i>)	E B2629WP
	Take children on a journey from Woodrow's schoolmouse days full of hard work and community service to his time as governor of Missouri to his bid for president of the United Mice of America, <i>Woodrow for President</i> introduces children to campaigning, elections, volunteering, and more through this fun—and educational—story of one mouse's dream to become the nation's "Big Cheese."	
1 - 2	Bazer, Gina. <i>Now Hiring: White House Dog</i> . New York: Walker, 2009.	E

B347N

While their parents- the President and First Lady- prepare for a big, fancy dinner, two little sisters conduct secret interviews to find the perfect pet.

3 - 5 Bruel, Nick. *Bad Kitty for President*. New York: Square Fish, 2012. E
B832BFO

Kitty decides to run for president of the Neighborhood Cat Association.

PreK - 2 Cronin, Doreen. *Duck for President*. New York: Simon & Schuster for Young Readers, 2006. E
C8816DU.A

When Duck gets tired of working for Farmer Brown, his political ambition eventually leads to his being elected President.

PreK - 2 Czajak, Paul. *Monster Needs Your Vote*. Minneapolis, MN: Mighty Media Kids, 2015. E
C994M

Election season is here, and Monster is ready to vote! But why cast your ballot when you can run for president instead? With speeches, debates, and a soapbox or two, Monster's newest tale is a campaign encouraging kids to take a stand and fight for what they believe in.

1 - 4 Czekaj, Jef. *A Call for a New Alphabet*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2011. E
C996CAL

Tired of being near the end of the alphabet, starting few words, and being governed by grammar rules, X calls for a vote on a new Alphabet Constitution, then dreams of how life would be if he became a different letter.

1 - 4 DiPucchio, Kelly. *Grace for President*. New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2008. E
D626G

When Grace discovers that there has never been a female U.S. president, she decides to run for school president.

K - 2 Howell, Lauren. *If I was the Mayor*. Winnipeg: Three Bears, 2005. E
H8394I

"If I Was the Mayor" subtly introduces the concept of recycling, with an exciting, new twist, making this book an excellent tool to spark discussions about other environmental concerns and solutions, as well. It is an excellent resource to inspire discussions such as "What does a mayor do?" and "What would you do if you were the mayor?"

K - 3 Knudsen, Michelle. *Carl the Complainer*. New York: Kane Press, 2005. E

K781C

Carl and his friends embark on a plan to make the town council extend the hours the park is open.

PreK - 2 Krosoczka, Jarrett. *Max for President*. New York: Knopf, 2004. E
K928M

Max and Kelly both want to win the election for class president, but when one of them loses, the winner finds a way to make the loser feel better.

K - 3 Levine, Arthur A. *Pearl Moscowitz's Last Stand*. New York: Tambourine Books, 1993. E
L57852P

Pearl Moscowitz takes a stand when the city government tries to chop down the last ginko tree on her street.

K - 2 McNamara, Margaret. *Election Day*. New York: Aladdin Paperbacks, 2004. E
M2325ELE

On Becky's first day at a new school, she finds that she has a chance to run for class president.

1 - 2 May, Eleanor. *Mac & Cheese, Pleeeeze!* New York: Kane Press, 2008. E
M4515M

While campaigning for her favorite meal--macaroni and cheese--in the school's first ever "Lunch Election," Caitlin tallies the committed votes in her head.

K Parish, Herman. *Amelia Bedelia's First Vote*. New York: Greenwillow Books, 2012. E
P2192AZFVO

When Amelia Bedelia runs into her principal, Mr. K., and plants the idea that students should vote on the rules, he decides that her class should be the first to come up with new ideas for running the school.

1 - 2 Suen, Anastasia. *Vote for Isaiah! A Citizenship Story*. Edina, MN: Magic Wagon, 2009. E
SU24V

Isaiah learns a valuable lesson about citizenship when he runs for student council.

1 - 4 Teague, Mark. *LaRue for Mayor: Letters from the Campaign Trail*. New York: Blue Sky Press, 2008. E
T221LA

With Mrs. LaRue injured, and in the hospital, Ike decides to uphold justice and take the laws of Snort City into his own paws.

K - 2 Walton, Rick. *Mr. President Goes to School*. Atlanta: Peachtree, 2010. E

W178MR

When the President finds the many pressures of his job to be overwhelming he disguises himself and returns to kindergarten, where he is reminded of the important lessons he learned there.

PreK - 1 Wells, Rosemary. *Otto Runs for President*. New York: Scholastic, 2008.

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W4628OT

While the popular Tiffany and athletic Charles make increasingly outrageous promises in their campaigns for President of Canine Country Day School, Otto quietly enters the race, vowing only to try to do what students really want.

1 - 4 Winter, Jonah. *Lillian's Right to Vote: A Celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965*.

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W7345L

As an elderly woman, Lillian recalls that her great-great-grandparents were sold as slaves in front of a courthouse where only rich white men were allowed to vote, then the long fight that led to her right--and determination--to cast her ballot since the Voting Rights Act gave every American the right to vote.

FICTION

4 - 6 Bauer, Joan. *Hope Was Here*. New York: Putnam, 2000.

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B3264H

When sixteen-year-old Hope and the aunt who has raised her move from Brooklyn to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, to work as waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways diner, they become involved with the diner owner's political campaign to oust the town's corrupt mayor.

3 - 4 Benton, Jim. *Franny K. Stein: The Frandidate*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2008.

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B4466FKS07

Determined to be elected class president, mad scientist Franny K. Stein uses her Atomic Combiner to create a suit that makes her seem to be whatever a voter wants her to be, but the suit has plans of its own.

9 - 12 Carelson, J.C. *The Tyrant's Daughter*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2014.

F
C193T

Exiled to the United States after her father, a Middle Eastern dictator, is killed in a coup, fifteen-year-old Laila must cope with a completely new way of life, the truth of her father's regime, and her mother and brother's ways of adjusting.

- 3 - 5 Copeland, Cynthia L. *Dilly for President*. Minneapolis, MN: Millbrook Press, 2006. F
C7904D
- In her journal, Dilly describes her campaign for president of the fourth-grade class, and how she learns to deal with the responsibilities when she wins the election.
- 3 - 6 Edwards, Nancy. *Mom for Mayor*. Chicago: Cricket Books, 2006. F
ED976M
- Upon learning that the city has sold his neighborhood park to developers, fifth-grader Eric Clark determines to help his community by getting his mother elected mayor.
- 5 - 7 Gallagher, Diana G. *Vote!* Mankato, MN: Stone Arch Books, 2009. F
G1352V
- Claudia is the campaign manager for her friend Peter. Everyone else is playing dirty to win class president. Can Peter win if he doesn't play dirty?
- 8 - 12 Graudin, Ryan. *Wolf by Wolf*. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2015. F
G775W
- The first book in a duology about an alternate version of 1956 where the Axis powers won WWII and hold an annual motorcycle race across their conjoined continents to commemorate their victory.
- 4 - 7 Gutman, Dan. *The Kid Who Ran for President*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 1996 F
G9858K
- With his friend as campaign manager and his former babysitter as running mate, twelve-year-old Judson Moon sets out to become President of the United States.
- 3 - 4 Gutman, Dan. *Mayor Hubble is in Trouble!* New York: HarperCollins Publisher, 2012. F
G9858MYW06
- Election day is right around the corner, and guess who's running for class president? A.J. and Andrea! Mayor Hubble is going to teach the kids all the ins and outs of politics, and every vote counts. Who's going to win? Who's going to lose? And who's going to kiss a baby? Ew, gross!
- 9 - 12 Hesse, Monica. *The War Outside*. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2018. F
H46395W
1944. The war seemed far away from Margot in Iowa and Haruko in Colorado--until they were uprooted to dusty Texas, because of the places their parents once called home: Germany and Japan. At the high school in Crystal City, a "family internment camp" for those accused of colluding with the enemy, the teens discover that the camp is changing them, day by day, and piece by piece.

Haruko becomes consumed by fear for her soldier brother and distrust of her father's secrets. Margot's watches her mother's health deteriorate and her rational father become a man who distrusts America and fraternizes with Nazis. In a prison the government has deemed full of spies, can they trust anyone--even each other?

- 5 - 8 Johnson, Varian. *The Great Greene Heist*. New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, an imprint of Scholastic, Inc., 2014. F
J638G

Jackson Greene has a reputation as a prankster at Maplewood Middle School, but after the last disaster he is trying to go straight--but when it looks like Keith Sinclair may steal the election for school president from Jackson's former best friend Gabriela, he assembles a team to make sure Keith does not succeed.

- 9 - 12 Levithan, David. *Wide Awake*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2006. F
L5792W

In the not-too-distant future, when a gay Jewish man is elected president of the United States, sixteen-year-old Duncan examines his feelings for his boyfriend, his political and religious beliefs, and tries to determine his rightful place in the world.

- 8 - 12 McCoy, Mary. *I, Claudia*. Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Lab, 2018. F
M13764I

Claudia McCarthy never expected to be in charge of Imperial Day Academy but is pulled into the tumultuous and high-profile world of the Senate and Honor Council. Suddenly, Claudia is wielding power over her fellow students that she never expected to have ... and isn't sure she wants. Claudia intends to use her power to help the school, but there are forces aligned against her: shocking scandals, tyrants waiting in the wings, and political dilemmas with no easy answers. She must struggle with the question: does power inevitably corrupt?

- 2 - 3 Thaler, Mike. *The Class Election from the Black Lagoon*. Edina, MN: Spotlight, 2011. F
T327B03

Everyone has to run for an office in Mrs. Green's class election.

NONFICTION

- 4 - 6 Cooper, Ilene. *A Woman in the House (and Senate): How Women Came to the United States Congress, Broke Down Barriers, and Changed the Country*. New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2014. 320.082
C785W

For the first 128 years of our country's history, not a single woman served in the Senate or House of Representatives. All of that changed, however, in November 1916, when Jeannette Rankin of Montana became the first woman elected to

Congress--even before the Nineteenth Amendment gave women across the U.S. the right to vote. Beginning with the women's suffrage movement and going all the way through the results of the 2012 election, Ilene Cooper deftly covers more than a century of U.S. history in order to highlight the influential and diverse group of female leaders who opened doors for women in politics as well as the nation as a whole.

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| N/A | Hardyman, Robyn. <i>What is a Democracy?</i> New York: Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2014. | 321.8
H2227W |
| | Find out more about democracy, which countries use it to govern, and learn some positives and negatives about this type of government. | |
| 5 - 12 | Lowery, Lynda Blackmon. <i>Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March.</i> New York: Dial Books, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA) LLC, 2015. | 323.1196
L9537T |
| | A 50th-anniversary tribute shares the story of the youngest person to complete the momentous Selma to Montgomery March, describing her frequent imprisonments for her participation in nonviolent demonstrations and how she felt about her involvement in historic Civil Rights events. | |
| 1 - 2 | Donovan, Sandra. <i>Does My Voice Count: A Book About Citizenship.</i> | 323.6
D7197D |
| | How can you make your voice heard when you're not old enough to vote? How can you set a good example when someone is picking on you? What can you do to make a difference in your community and in the world? You make a difference every time you help others or set a good example. That's what good citizenship is all about! The questions and answers in this book will show you how to be a great citizen. Get ready to make your voice count! | |
| N/A | Kenney, Karen Latchana. <i>What is a Parliamentary Government?</i> New York: Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2014. | 328.3
K395W |
| | Using historical text and primary sources discover how governments around the world balance a king or queen with a legislative branch. | |
| K - 3 | Cane, Ella. <i>The U.S. House of Representatives.</i> North Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2014. (Also by author: <i>The U.S. Senate, The U.S. Supreme Court,</i> and <i>The U.S. Presidency.</i>) | 328.73
C1621USH |
| | Informative, engaging text and vivid photos introduce readers to the U.S. House of Representatives. | |
| 4 - 6 | Catel, Patrick. <i>Money and Government.</i> Chicago, IL: Heinemann Library, 2012. | 332.4
C282M |
| | Introduces the role of governments in a free enterprise economic system, including the way they raise and spend money, the role of governments in | |

maintaining the financial system, and the effects of government economic activity on the public.

- 6 - 8 Levinson, Cynthia. ***Fault Lines in the Constitution: The Framers, Their Fights, and the Flaws that Affect Us Today***. Atlanta, GA: Peachtree Publishers, 2017. 342.73029 L5789F

Examines the Constitutional origins of modern-day political problems and outlines solutions for these issues.

- 4 - 6 Otfinosky, Steven. ***The U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights, and a New Nation***. North Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2013. 342.73029 OT2U

Describes the outcome of the Revolutionary War, including the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

- 1 - 2 Manning, Jack. ***Serving on a Jury***. North Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2015. (Also by author: *The State Governor*) 347.73 M3165S

Text and photos introduce readers to serving on a jury.

- 1 - 2 Cane, Ella. ***States in My World***. North Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2014. 973 C1621S

Introduces states and their characteristics.

- 3 - 4 Niver, Heather Moore. ***20 Fun Facts About the Declaration of Independence***. New York: Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2014. 973.313 N645T

Provides simple facts about the Declaration of Independence, including how Jefferson did not want to write it, what it is written on, and where it is now kept.

PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION

- Jennett, Pamela. ***Electing Our President: Follow the Election Process From Nomination to Inauguration***. Huntington Beach, CA: Creative Teaching Press, 2004. 324.973 J436E

- Hargrove, Julia. ***Executive Branch of the Government***. Carthage, IL: Teaching & Learning Co., 2000. (Also by author: *Legislative Branch of the Government* and *Judicial Branch of the Government*). 351 H2245E

- Burchard, Veronica. ***Presidents & The Constitution***. Arlington, VA: Bill of Rights Institute, 2009. (VOL. 2 also available) 353.0313 B892P VOL. 1

Willis, Aaron (Ed.). <i>Teaching Government and Citizenship Using the Internet: Reproducible Activities for the Classroom</i> . Culver City, CA: Social Studies School Service, 1999.	371.33 T22
<i>Common Core Curriculum: United States History, Grades k-2</i> . San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 2014.	973.071 C73739
Bill of Rights Institute. <i>Founders and the Constitution: In Their Own Words</i> . Arlington, VA: Bill of Rights Institute, 2004. (VOL. 2 also available)	973.3 F8254 VOL. 1

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