



U.S. Constitution

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Grade Level	Title Information	Call Number
EASY		
1 - 4	Czekaj, Jef. <i>A Call for a New Alphabet</i> . Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2011. 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.	E C996CAL
2 - 5	Smith, Lane. <i>John, Paul, George and Ben</i> . New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2006. A humorous look at five of our country's founding fathers.	E SM618J
1 - 4	Winter, Jonah. <i>Lillian's Right to Vote: A Celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965</i> . New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2015. 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.	E W7345L

FICTION

- 4 - 6 Anderson, Joan. *1787: A Novel*. San Diego: Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich, 1987. F AN2381S
- A grand re-creation of the historic summer of the Constitutional Convention and the great men who attended it, as seen through the eyes of a young student.
- 6 - 12 Rinaldi, Ann. *Or Give Me Death: A Novel of Patrick Henry's Family*. Orlando, FL: Harcourt, 2003. F R465O
- With their father away most of the time advocating independence for the American colonies, the children of Patrick Henry try to raise themselves, manage the family plantation, and care for their mentally ill mother.

NONFICTION

- 7 - 12 January, Brendan. *Information Insecurity: Privacy Under Siege*. Minneapolis, MN: Twenty-First Century Books, 2016. 323.448 J268I
- The Internet gives us information, communication options, shopping opportunities, entertainment, and much more---all at the touch of a fingertip and much of it for free. But in exchange for these benefits, we may be losing a basic right: the right to privacy. Privacy laws and the US Constitution are supposed to protect privacy in the United States, as are laws and conventions in other parts of the world. But judicial and legal systems have not kept pace with technology. And until laws catch up, users enter a legal gray area when they communicate digitally---an arena in which their most private conversations might not be protected from intrusion.
- K - 3 Levy, Elizabeth. *If You Were There When They Signed the Constitution*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2006. 342.73 L5795I
- This book takes you behind the locked doors of Philadelphia's State House during the history-making summer of 1787. You will meet the key delegates and find out what is going on.
- 3 - 4 Shea, Therese. *20 Fun Facts About the US Constitution*. New York: Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2014. 342.73 SH315T
- Provides simple facts about the United States Constitution, including information about the Constitutional Congress, the Bill of Rights, and the document's spelling errors.

N/A	Sobel, Syl. <i>The U.S. Constitution and You</i> . Hauppauge, NY: Barron's Educational Series, 2012.	342.73 SO12U.A
	All elementary school students learn about the history of the U.S. Constitution when they begin social studies. This book tells them about the great American document itself--explaining exactly what the Constitution does as well as how it affects and protects people today.	
K - 3	Clay, Kathryn. <i>The U.S. Constitution</i> . North Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2016.	342.7302 C5793U
	Introduces young readers to primary sources related to the U.S. constitution.	
4 - 8	Peterson, Christine. <i>The U.S. Constitution</i> . Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2009.	342.7302 P44259U
	In cartoon format, explains how the U.S. Constitution was created, how it has been amended, and why it is still important today.	
5 - 10	Travis, Cathy. <i>Constitution Translated for Kids</i> . Austin, TX: Synergy Books, 2006.	342.7302 T698C
	Written at the 5th grade level, the book presents a line-by-line translation of the entire United States Constitution, using the actual text of 1787 document. Also provides historical context and student exercises that approximate the decisions made by the Constitution's authors.	
N/A	Justice Learning. <i>The United States Constitution: What it Says, What it Means</i> .	342.7302 UN318U
	Affordable, readable, and indispensable, <i>The United States Constitution: What it Says, What it Means</i> allows you to put the most important document in American history in your back pocket. Each Article and each Amendment is followed by a clear and concise explanation, in plain English, that is suitable for both middle and high school students.	
7 - 9	Eck, Kristin. <i>Drafting the Constitution: Weighing Evidence to Draw Sound Conclusions</i> . New York: Rosen Central, 2006.	342.73029 EC51D
	Discusses the events and the men involved in drafting the Constitution.	
N/A	Levinson, Cynthia. <i>Fault Lines in the Constitution: The Framers, Their Fights, and the Flaws that Affect Us Today</i> . Atlanta, GA: Peachtree Publishers, 2017.	342.73029 L5789F
	Examines the Constitutional origins of modern-day political problems and outlines solutions for these issues.	

- 4 - 8 Otfinoski, Steven. *The U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights, and a New Nation*. North Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2013. 342.73029
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- Describes the outcome of the Revolutionary War, including the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights.
- 4 - 6 Price, Sean. *Designing America: The Constitutional Convention*. Chicago, IL: Raintree, 2008. 973
P9317D
- Describes the events leading up to the creation and adoption of the United States Constitution.
- 3 - 4 Micklos, John. *From Thirteen Colonies to One Nation*. Berkley Heights, NJ: Enslow Elementary, 2008. 973.3
M5832F
- This book provides a look at the creation of some of America's important documents, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.
- 4 - 6 Fradin, Dennis B. *The Founders: the 39 Stories Behind the U.S. Constitution*. New York: Walker: Distributed to the trade by Holtzbrinck Publishers, 2005. 973.30922
F8416F
- After the American Revolution, the thirteen united states were joined, barely, by an almost powerless government. Delegates from twelve of the thirteen states met in Philadelphia in the summer of 1787 to create the United States Constitution. Thirty-nine men ultimately signed this important, influential framework that saved our country and gave us our amazingly strong and balanced federal government.
- 3 - 4 Wood, Alexander. *Visit Independence Hall*. New York: Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2012. 973.313
W85014V
- Describes the origins of the famous hall in Philadelphia and details historic events that took place there like the Constitutional Convention.
- 3 - 5 Adler, David A. *A Picture Book of Dolley and James Madison*. New York: Holiday House, 2009. 973.51
AD593P
- Known as the Father of the Constitution, James Madison served two terms as the fourth president, from 1809 until 1817. Determined that all Americans be treated fairly, he devised our three branches of government and drafted the Bill of Rights. When the British set fire to Washington D.C. in 1814, his wife Dolley saved one of our country's greatest treasures, a portrait of George Washington by Gilbert Stuart which now hangs in the Smithsonian Institution, before fleeing for her life.

BIOGRAPHY

- 4 - 6 Thoennes Keller, Kristin. *Carrie Chapman Catt: A Voice for Women*. Minneapolis, MN: Compass Point Books, 2006. B
C294T
- Carrie Chapman Catt restructured and organized the suffrage movement to help pass the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Her tireless work for women's rights enabled women in every state to vote in the 1920 presidential election.
- 7 - 12 Dash, Joan. *A Dangerous Engine: Benjamin Franklin, From Scientist to Diplomat*. New York: Frances Foster Books, 2006. B
F8542DAS
- A father of the revolution and a signer of the Constitution, Franklin was a lightning rod in political circles and although he devoted the last twenty-five years of his life to affairs of state, his first love was always science.
- 4 - 6 Haugen, Brenda. *Alexander Hamilton: Founding Father and Statesman*. Minneapolis, MN: Compass Point Books, 2005. B
H18011HA
- Profiles the life of Alexander Hamilton, a founding father and the first Secretary of the Treasury.
- 5 - 8 Meacham, Jon. *Thomas Jefferson: President & Philosopher*. New York: Crown Books for Young Readers, 2014. B
J359ME
- Young readers will learn about the life and political philosophy of one of our Founding Fathers.
- 3 - 4 Venezia, Mike. *James Madison*. New York: Children's Press, 2004. B
M2657V
- An introduction to the life of James Madison, a man of poor health who could not fight in the Revolutionary War but whose ideas formed the core of the Constitution and Bill of Rights, and who became the nation's fourth president.
- 4 - 8 Jacobson, Ryan. *William Penn: Founder of Pennsylvania*. Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2007. B
P38J
- In graphic novel format, tells the story of Quaker leader William Penn, founder of the Pennsylvania Colony, whose ideas about government influenced the U.S. Constitution.
- 4 - 8 Reef, Catherine. *Noah Webster: Man of Many Words*. Boston: Clarion Books, 2015. B
W395R
- Here, in the only account of Noah Webster for teens, Catherine Reef guides us through Webster's remarkable life, from boyhood on a Connecticut farm

through the fight for American independence to his days as a writer and political activist who greatly influenced our Founding Fathers and the direction of the young United States.

PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION

- Sundem, Garth. *Celebrating Constitution Day, Grades 3-5*. Huntington Beach, CA: Shell Educational Pub., 2007. (Also by author *Celebrating Constitution Day, Grades 5-8*) 320.973
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- Conflict and Continuity: The Story of American Freedom*. [n.p.]: Bill of Rights Institute, 2006. 323
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- Burchard, Veronica. [Ed.] *Media & American Democracy*. Arlington, VA: The Bill of Rights Institute, 2005. 342.0853
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- National Archives. *The Bill of Rights: Evolution of Personal Liberties*. Boca Raton, FL: Social Issues Resource Series, [n.d.] 342.73
B493
- O'Reilly, Kevin. *Colonies to Constitution*. Pacific Grove, CA: Midwest Publications: Critical Thinking Press and Software, 1990. (Part 2 also available) 973.2
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- Bill of Rights Institute. *Founders and the Constitution: In Their Own Words*. Arlington, VA: Bill of Rights Institute, 2005. (Vol. 2 also available) 973.3
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