

Civics for Adults: Workshops for Libraries

Tax Reform 101

Timely and critical: How do we reform our individual income tax code?

"You made taxes interesting!" A workshop participant

Federal tax policy represents a value system for collecting government revenue *and* for government spending. And, it can affect our deficit. Conservatives and liberals can find much to agree on if they take the time to appreciate some basic underlying principles of the federal income tax.

If you cringe at the thought of learning about tax policy, this is the workshop for you! We focus on key principles; principles which anyone can understand. Principles which will surprise you, and which will give you the knowledge to engage more effectively in the current national discussion.

A version of this workshop was recently conducted at Tigard Public Library. Participants evaluated the workshop as important, and the presenter as knowledgeable and prepared. Other Civics workshop topics are available or can be customized. Sara Jesudason, Adult Services Supervisor says, "Donna brought a balanced, informed set of discussion points and fact-checking sources on voting, tax reform, citizenship, and other topics that sometime turn politics from polite conversation to heated argument. Attendees left feeling that they had enjoyed a robust and meaningful dialog on important issues."

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No nation can remain both ignorant and free." Thomas Jefferson