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## **Civics and Civility:** Creating Discourse in a Discordant Time

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**A Year Long Discussion**  
**November 2018 - September 2019**  
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Civil discourse, once the strength of our nation, has disappeared as political polarization and partisan antipathy have become ingrained in popular culture. The South Hadley and Gaylord Memorial libraries are places where people can go to find impartial information and diverse views on issues they are drawn to. The library provides a neutral forum for the public to partake in respectful conversation and promote open engagement in civil matters.

The South Hadley and Gaylord Memorial libraries will host at least six lectures by leading figures to promote activism, civic engagement, and inclusion. New materials will be added to the circulating and online collections at both libraries. The libraries will also provide different monthly civic displays to keep the public informed on matters such as fake news, media bias, immigration, mental health, the opioid epidemic, and national security.

## Civics and Civility Programming Dates at the South Hadley Public Libraries

### All programs start at 6:30 pm

#### **December 5, 2018: "How to Deal with Grief During the Holidays"**

*Shelly Lenn, bereavement and Garden coordinator from the Northampton Visiting Nurses Association.*

#### **January 9, 2019: "Politics and Health Care"**

*Donald M. Berwick, MD, MPP, President Emeritus and Senior Fellow for the Institute for Health Care Improvement.*

#### **February 20, 2019: "Modern Conservatism"**

*Dr. George Nash, American Historian and interpreter of American Conservatism. Biographer of Herbert Hoover and best known for "The Conservative Intellectual Movement in America since 1945".*

#### **March 13, 2019 : "Gender Equality and Respect for All"**

*Maria Rocco, Director and founding member of the AGNI Institute and leader of the Gender Equality and Respect for All Program.*

#### **March 14, 2019: "Depolarizing Climate Change" (@ Gaylord Library)**

*Dr. Ellen Moyer, environmental engineer and advocate with 30 years experience. Her mission is to help restore the environment and promote a healthier way for us to inhabit the Earth.*

#### **April 3, 2019: "Rights and Duties of the Urban Consumer"**

*Ibrahim Ali is the co-founder of Gardening the Community. He lives in Springfield and navigates the food system as it is. We will discuss what exists, what should exist, and what his organization is doing to address some of the inconsistencies that are present.*

#### **May 8, 2019: "The 24 Hour News Cycle and Its Impact on Politics."**

*Matt Szafranski, Esq. is the Editor-in-Chief of Western Massachusetts Politics and Insight Blog. He is an attorney, a writer and also contributes to on-air commentary on New England Public Radio, WGBY and Focus Springfield.*

#### **June 12, 2019: "Money in Politics"**

*Dr. Christopher Pyle is a professor at Mount Holyoke College and specializes in Constitutional Law, civil liberties, rights of privacy, American politics and American political thought.*

#### **July 10, 2019: "The Opioid Epidemic in Massachusetts"**

*David E. Sullivan is the elected Northwestern District Attorney and has served since 2011. He is the Chief Law Enforcement officer for Hampshire and Franklin counties and the town of Athol. He co-founded and co-chairs Hampshire HOPE (Heroin/Opioid Prevention and Education Coalition) and the Opioid Task Force of Franklin County and the North Quabbin Region.*

#### **August 7, 2019: "A Conversation on Police in Urban Areas"**

*Haven Williams, author of "The Good, the Bad, and the Blue".*

#### **September 2019: TBD**