

RTC Faculty Focus

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Plan Now for Required Constitution Day Programming

Federal law requires that educational institutions receiving federal funds of any kind provide educational programming on the history of the American Constitution on September 17, observing the day that the U.S. Constitution was signed in 1787. Because many of our students receive federal financial aid, every RTC program needs to have some type of Constitution-related activity on or around September 17 which for us is **the first week of Fall Quarter, September 20 - 24.**

Here are some websites with more info and some programming ideas to help you meet this federal mandate:



EL Civics at RTC - Constitution Day

<http://webs.rtc.edu/ii/elcivics.html#ConstitutionDay>

National Constitution Center

<http://constitutioncenter.org/ConstitutionDay/>

National Archives Observing Constitution Day

<http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/constitution-day/>

Education World® Lesson Planning – Constitution Day

http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/lesson/lesson347.shtml

Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands – Sunnylands Classroom

<http://www.sunnylandsclassroom.org/Default.aspx>

RTC Legal Assistant/Secretary instructor, **Glenda Hanson**, passed along these two suggestions for Constitution Day:

- Contact the **Washington State Bar Association's (WSBA) Speaker's Bureau** to arrange for a class speaker. More info can be found at their website <http://www.wsba.org/public/speakers-bureau.htm>
- Visit the **Oyez Project** website <http://www.oyez.org/> which is devoted to the U.S. Supreme Court. Glenda reports that you can even tour the Supreme Court via that website! According to the website: "The Oyez Project takes its name from the phrase by which the Marshal of the Court calls the courtroom to order. Oyez is pronounced "o-yay" or "o-yez" or "o-yes." It is used three times in succession to introduce the opening of a court of law. The origin of the word "Oyez" is Middle English, from Anglo-Norman, hear ye, the plural imperative of oyer, to hear, which derives from the Latin verb, audire, to hear."



RTC Library Has Constitutional Day DVDs & Videos

Call the RTC Library at ext. 2331 or visit <http://rtc.edu/library> for more info about materials on this topic.



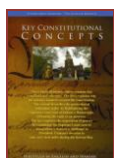
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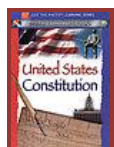
The American Constitution: the Road from Runnymede. Chatsworth, CA: AIMS Multimedia, 1991. (DVD – 57 minutes) Call Number: **MEDIA 342.73029 AMERICA 200U**



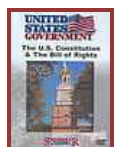
Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands, and Annenberg Public Policy Center. **Key Constitutional Concepts.** [Philadelphia, Penn.]: Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands, 2006. (DVD – three 20-minute segments) Call Number: **MEDIA 342.73029 KEY-CON 2006**



California Language Laboratories. **Citizenship, Interactive DVD: an Overview of the United States History and Government.** [Cupertino, CA]: California Language Laboratories, 2004. (DVD – 50 minutes) Call Number: **MEDIA 323.623 CITIZEN 2004e**



Heimer, Greg, and Ned Rodgers. **United States Constitution and Bill of Rights.** Thousand Oaks, CA: Goldhill Video, 1999. (2 videos – 100 minutes) Call Number: **MEDIA 342.73029 UNITED 1999s**



Mitchell, Tracy, and Andrew Schlessinger. **The U.S. Constitution & the Bill of Rights.** Wynnewood, PA: Schlessinger, 2006. (DVD – 23 minutes) Call Number: **MEDIA 342.73029 US-CON 2006**



Our Legal System. Southwestern Publishing Company, 1993. (Video – 20 minutes) Call Number: **MEDIA 349.73 OUR-LEG 1993s**

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