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PCPAC: Libraries at the Crossroads: Programming for Civic Engagement



ILLINOIS STATE  
UNIVERSITY

*Illinois' first public university*

Campus

Residential  
comprehensive  
university

Began as a teacher's  
college

Nearly 19K Undergrad  
FTE

American Democracy Project



At Illinois State University

*Be Enlightened, Be Engaged, Be Empowered*

[www.AmericanDemocracy.ilstu.edu](http://www.AmericanDemocracy.ilstu.edu)

CE is 1 of 5 core values in  
campus strategic plan

# American Democracy Project

- Political Engagement Project
- Civic Engagement Minor
- Chicago Teacher Education Program
- Engaged Campus
- Voter Registration
- Service Learning
- Social Issues Fair
- Candidate Debates
- CE/Leadership Camp for HS speech students
- Professional Development Grants for Faculty
- Panels / Talks



- Voter registration
- Collection development
- Information Literacy instruction
- [Thoughts on Democracy exhibit](#)
- Working with local CE organization

# Living Democracy Project of B-N



- Community group located in Bloomington-Normal, IL started in early 2000's
- Received Deliberative Democracy training
- Forums
  - End of Life – Fall 2009
  - Political Partisanship – Spring 2010
  - Illinois Budget – Fall 2010
  - Mission of Public Schools – Spring 2011

# Working with LDP

- Set up the Facebook site
- Assisted with a survey of forum participants
- Organized organizational documents
- Deliberative Democracy forums
  - Librarians have acted as table facilitators and note takers
  - Librarian led research effort on information guide for one forum
  - Librarian coordinated campus site for forum
  - Librarian has assisted with training of new moderators/note takers

# Deliberative Democracy Event

NIF - *21<sup>st</sup> Century Mission for Public Schools*

Held at the ISU student union on April 2011

Coordinated by LDP and paid for by PEP/ADP

Two faculty members served as moderators

Local press coverage



# Tentative Plans

- Teach CE methodologies to CE minors
  - Perfect info lit project
  - Interesting program – [PACE at Indiana University](#)
- Offer CE professional development workshops

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