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***Political Library Offers Kids Voting NH Teacher Workshop: Civic engagement curriculum available to educators statewide***

CONCORD, NH: The Political Library will conduct a free Kids Voting New Hampshire (NH) teacher workshop on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Pierce Manse in Concord. This workshop is open to all teachers and education professionals interested in learning more about Kids Voting New Hampshire (NH) and how to implement the program in their school. Teachers will receive certificates of attendance for six hours of professional development. Registration deadline is October 14, 2009.

A state affiliate of the national Kids Voting USA network, Kids Voting NH is a community-based program of the Political Library. Kids Voting NH combines civic education in the classroom with an authentic voting experience at the polls for students on Election Day. The program aims to encourage positive long-term voting behavior and civic participation. The Kids Voting NH teacher workshop is a day-long conference that will provide an overview of the Kids Voting program, including implementing the curriculum in the classroom and starting student voting in the community on Election Day.

"Recent attention has been given to the importance of civic education for students in New Hampshire," commented Michael Chaney, President and CEO of the Political Library. "The Kids Voting NH program, through the classroom curriculum and community voting experience, teaches students critical thinking and decision making skills as well as respect for different points of view and collaboration—all skills necessary for long-term civic participation."

The Political Library managed Kids Voting NH in ten communities in the 2008 General Elections with nearly 7,000 student ballots cast. The program is seeking to expand the number of participating cities and towns to twenty in 2010 with more than 10,000 students involved on Election Day.

To learn more about Kids Voting NH, including how to bring the program to your community and to sign up for the teacher workshop, please call the Political Library at 603-225-4617 or register online at [www.politicallibrary.org](http://www.politicallibrary.org).

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## **About the Political Library**

The Political Library is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization working to increase civic engagement in the democratic process by promoting and preserving New Hampshire's unique political traditions and ensuring these traditions are passed on to future generations. The Political Library offers onsite educational programs and tours for students and the public at the Pierce Manse and administers Kids Voting New Hampshire programs in communities across the Granite State.

The Political Library also maintains the only comprehensive collection of election campaign papers and memorabilia from over half a century and provides forums for voters and community leaders to meet Presidential candidates.

To see the Political Library's online collection or for more information about the organization, visit [www.politicallibrary.org](http://www.politicallibrary.org).

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