

DEMOCRACYREADY NY **DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**

NEWS FROM THE COALITION

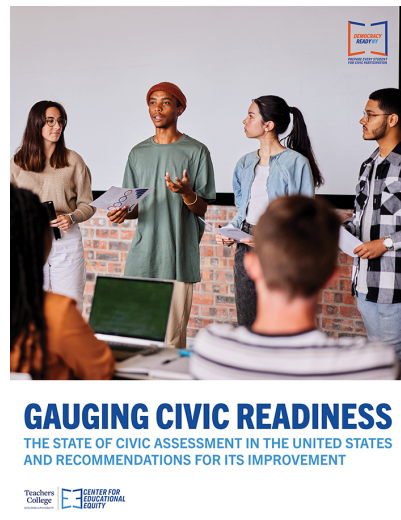
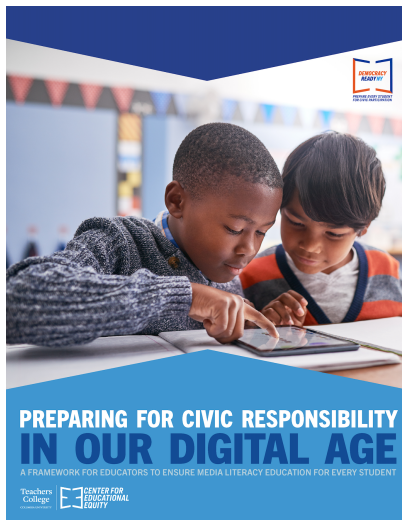
READ THE LATEST PUBLICATIONS FROM DEMOCRACYREADY NY:

[Preparing for Civic Responsibility in Our Digital Age: A Framework for Educators to Ensure Media Literacy Education for Every Student](#)

Authored by media literacy expert Faith Rogow, PhD, this media literacy education outcomes framework is written for pre-K-12 school librarians, teachers, school and district administrators, school board members, and the educators and policymakers involved in creating state education standards or teaching pre-service courses for education professionals.

[Gauging Civic Readiness: The State of Civic Readiness in the United States and Recommendations for Its Improvement](#)

Preparing young people for their civic responsibilities in a democracy is an essential role of schools in the United States. Yet, this report shows that over 80% of states currently ignore the need to assess the full extent to which students are being prepared for capable civic participation.



ICYMI:

- [“How to Teach Media Literacy to Children” \(WBUR podcast\)](#), featuring Dr. Faith Rogow
- [Education for Sustainable Democracy Podcast](#), hosted by Dr. Brett Levy
- [Media Literacy & Democracy: An Essential Partnership Webinar](#), hosted by NAMLE in celebration of Media Literacy Week with Dr. Faith Rogow and Nan Eileen Mead

NEW YORK CIVIC LEARNING WEEK 2024

Following the success of our first statewide New York Civic Learning Week 2023, DemocracyReady NY is planning New York Civic Learning Week, **March 11-17, 2024**, including:

- Our Summit on Civic Readiness with perspectives from youth, educators, and policymakers on the urgency for civil discourse in response to the current global unrest,
- A youth-led event produced by young people contemplating the role of responsible technology in P-12 education, and
- An event for educators, parents, and policymakers examining the role of assessment in civic learning.

Stay tuned for more information and how to get your community, school and district involved!



UPDATES FROM COALITION MEMBERS

GENERATION CITIZEN

- Generation Citizen recently published, [NYS Seal of Civic Readiness Toolkit: A practical guide for building a Seal of Civic Readiness program in your district or school.](#)
- GC hosted a successful New York Civics Day, where students had the opportunity to present their Civic Action Projects to community advisors.



Photo Credit: Generation Citizen. Students from Queens Prep Academy & Excelsior Prep present their civic engagement projects during Civics Day.



Photo Credit: Generation Citizen. Student & teacher representatives from Urban Assembly Academy for Future Leaders join as community advisors for Civics Day.

FACING HISTORY AND OURSELVES

- Facing History & Ourselves partnered with New York City Public Schools' Civics for All initiative [to offer a semester-long Civics elective](#), designed to help high school students earn points toward the Seal of Civic Readiness.
- They have also developed [The Facing History Civic Knowledge Research Project](#). The resource is designed to support educators as they help your students attain New York State's Seal of Civic Readiness. It includes materials to supplement a history unit or course with a formal argumentative essay designed to meet the requirements of a "Research Project."

PROJECT LOOK SHARP

- Read the [December 2023 Newsletter](#), including free media decoding resources for January and an update on the nationwide ML3 project, a Project Look Sharp initiative in partnership with the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) and in collaboration with the National Association for Media Literacy Education (NAMLE).

NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL STUDIES:

- [Register](#) for the 2024 Convention March 7-9, 2024.

THE NEW YORK STATE GRANGE

- Read the November - December 2023 [Empire State Granger](#).

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- Visit WPSBA's [DIY Toolkit for Public Ed Advocacy](#) webpage for helpful resources to advocate for public education in your region and statewide.

YVOTE AND CITIZENS' COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN OF NEW YORK

- YVote and the Citizens' Committee for Children of New York, were among the Intergenerational Change Initiative of CUNY, My Brothers & Sisters Youth Council, and the Youth Leadership Council NYC during the 2nd annual Winter Dataland event. Participating youth shared and collected data on key issues affecting young people that will inform their annual NYC Youth Agenda.



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YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Applications are now open for [Youth Voices Lead: Immigration](#) (YVL), Art Resistance through Education (ARTE)'s paid community training program for youth organizers. Applications are due on Monday, January 29, 2024 at 11:59 PM ET. NYC-based youth aged 15-18 are encouraged to apply.



The New York Public Library is hosting a Teen Writing Contest. DEADLINE EXTENDED: [Applications Due Friday, December 29th.](#)



[NYU Metro Center's 2024 Equity Conference](#) is free to middle and high school students! Attend a full day of learning to engage sustainable district and school-based equity practices that center efforts to get to equity and liberatory education practices. The conference will be held at New York University's Kimmel Center on **Friday, May 17th, 2024.**

SUPPORT OUR WORK

[DemocracyReady NY](#) is a statewide, nonpartisan, multigenerational coalition committed to preparing all students for civic participation. Coalition members include educators, researchers, youth leaders, education stakeholder groups, civic education practitioners, youth-development specialists, parents, civic leaders, and advocates. Founded in 2018 by Michael Rebell and Jessica Wolff, the Coalition is convened by the Center for Educational Equity at Teachers College, Columbia University. The Center's mission is to strengthen educational rights for all students through research, legal strategies, and collective advocacy.



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