

# what's **YOUR LIBRARY** doing on **September 11?**

On or around **Sunday, September 11, 2005**, people all over the world will come together in public places like libraries to share ideas that matter. Neighbors will join to participate in public forums, performances, and other creative expressions about democracy, citizenship, and freedom. Libraries are perfect places to connect and engage people: They are free, public, and located around the world. *Participation is free. Please visit:*

[www.theseptemberproject.org](http://www.theseptemberproject.org)

SEE participating libraries; SHARE event ideas; and SIGN UP your library

## **Not in session? Closed on Sundays?**

Many libraries are planning events on the weekend of September 11 and throughout the month of September. Some academic and school libraries are presenting displays and holding events that continue into the next academic term.

## **What can your library do?**

Libraries and community members are organizing events as diverse as the communities they serve. Here are some programs communities across the world are planning:

### **Public Libraries**

#### **creative civic lessons**

Teach youngsters about the Bill of Rights and guide them in creating their own version.

#### **film viewings**

Show a short film on current issues. Invite a panel of experts to spark discussion.

#### **essay contests**

Ask people young and old to consider how they would improve democracy.

#### **interfaith discussions**

Invite interfaith groups to present ideas about issues that divide us and consider paths to solving them collectively.

#### **school projects**

Invite students to lead discussions on topics they learned in school. Ask young children to draw pictures of freedom.

### **Academic Libraries**

#### **displays**

Display historical documents like statements of human rights from around the world.

#### **panels**

Invite professors and students to participate in panels showcasing their disciplines.

#### **share resources**

Share collections with local public libraries, such as news archives or political cartoons.

#### **public talks**

Collaborate with student organizations to present talks on academic freedom and cultural difference.

#### **display special collections**

Display relevant collections the academic community rarely has an opportunity to appreciate.

**The September Project** is a grassroots effort to foster public events in all communities on September 11.

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