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BANGOR—

On Wednesday, October 8th from noon till 1:30 at United Technologies Center in Bangor, Literacy Volunteers of Bangor will launch its civic engagement curriculum for its tutors and participating adult students. Beginning at 12 p.m., a seminar entitled “Teaching U.S. Civics to Adults” will be presented by Mark Stanley, a University of Maine student in the Masters of Education program.

This seminar is part of an overall effort to provide opportunities and resources to adults with low literacy so that they may have a VOICE in this year's election. Volunteer Optimizing Increased Civic Engagement is bi-partisan literacy programming to help LV-Bangor adult students overcome feelings of anxiety and confusion that they may associate with voting. Some of adults with low literacy offer that the voting polls are just one more intimidating place for them which require reading. By not participating in this civic duty, low literate adults are left without a *voice*.

In addition to the seminar, LV-Bangor is providing students and their tutors with information on the voting process, the candidates and issues, and how to gain U.S. citizenship. LV-Bangor is also collaborating with the Women's Reentry Center in Bangor by providing the same bi-partisan information and access to vote.

For more information, please contact the office at 947-8451 Monday through Wednesday to confirm your interest in covering this story.

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