

Hands for Larger Service

A JOURNAL DEDICATED TO ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

Civic Education: History and Cultural Heritage

Civic education is not just about learning the current ways of your community and government systems, but it is also about learning the history of your community and how today's systems came to be. This month, we challenge you to do some research and ask some questions to learn more about the history of your culture, community, and even your family! Learning about the past is the key to improving the future.



Take a Blast to the Past!



With your Community Club this month, create a cultural history board. The idea of this project is for you and your fellow club members to learn more about the history of your community. Your display board can focus on Oregon, Lane County, or even the town or location of your Community Club meetings. Bring ideas and supplies to your meeting this month, and be prepared to research some more as a club! When complete, display your board at your meeting facility, public library, or bring it to the Extension Office for display!

The Foundation of 4-H

The idea of hands-on learning and connecting youth to their community started in the late 1800's. In 1902, A.B. Graham started a youth program in Clark County, Ohio. This program is considered to be the birth of 4-H. In 1910, Jessie Field Shambaugh created the clover pin with an H on each leaf, and by 1912, clubs were called 4-H clubs. In 1914 the passage of the Smith-Lever Act developed the Cooperative Extension System, which nationalized 4-H. Check out more 4-H history [here!](#)

