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The Civic Lab & Beyond: Civic Engagement through Resources & Programming

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We're glad to meet you.



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The CIVIC LAB at Skokie Public Library aims to support dialogue and engagement on issues that affect our community. We offer thought-provoking activities that start with the belief that others' intentions are good and that we can learn and grow in open conversations with one another.



Intro & Agenda





Pair & Share





The Public Library as Convener of Civic Engagement



Has the Black Lives Matter movement challenged you to think about racism in Skokie?

YES

NO

Approximately 18 yellow sticky notes are pinned to the 'YES' section of the board.

One yellow sticky note is pinned to the 'NO' section of the board.

Libraries aren't neutral.



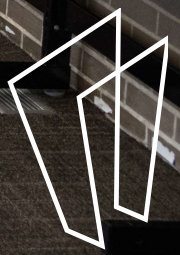


The Civic Lab: An Origin Story





The Civic Lab Boutique





Civic Lab Pop-Ups



Rapid Response Pop-Ups





Together at the Table





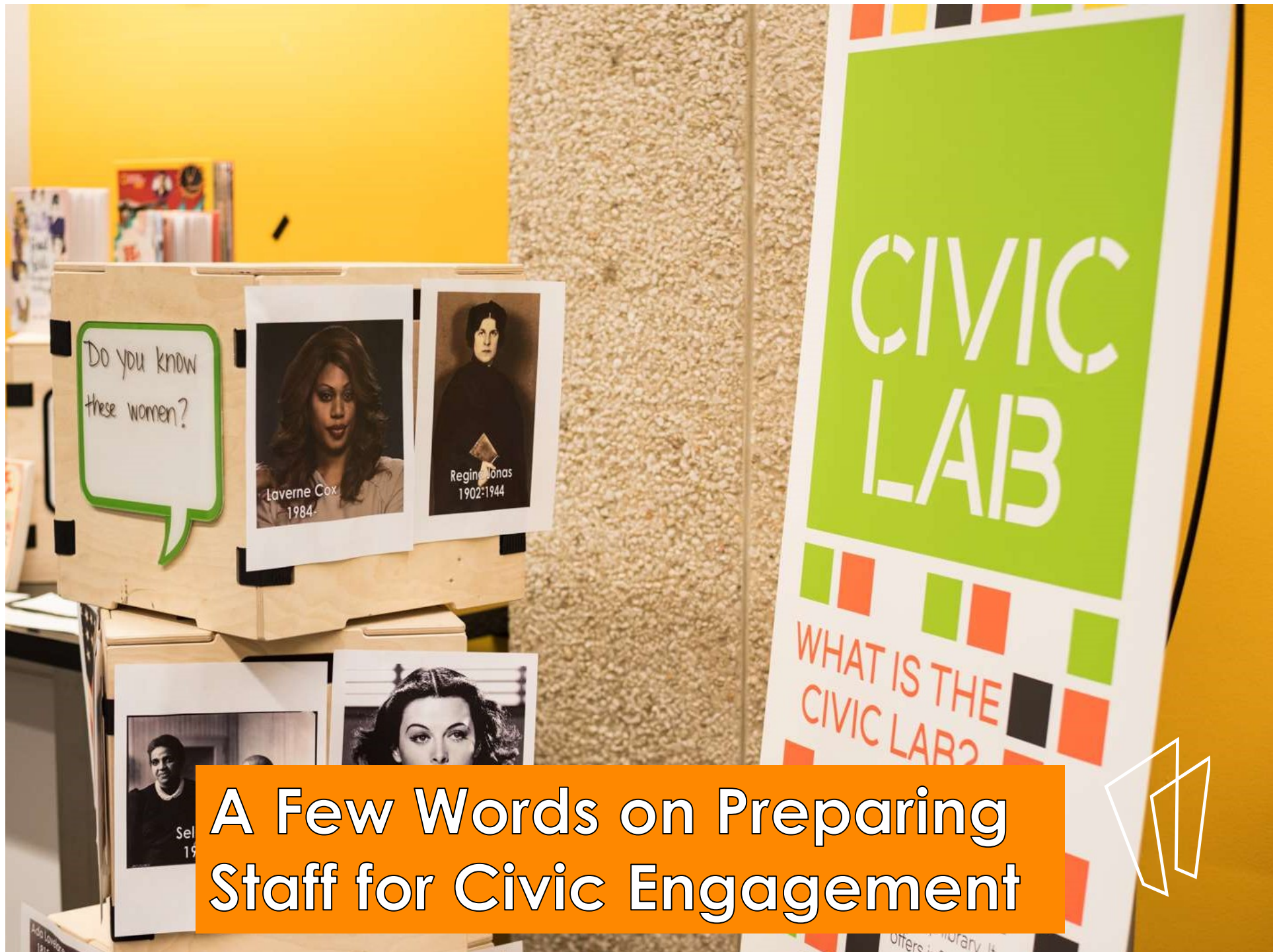
News Discussion Groups





Some Thoughts on
Intended Audience





A Few Words on Preparing Staff for Civic Engagement

What does it mean
to stand against
racism?

Be inclusive,
kind and
respectful to
every human
being 😊

To teach
others what it
means to be anti-
racist and an ally

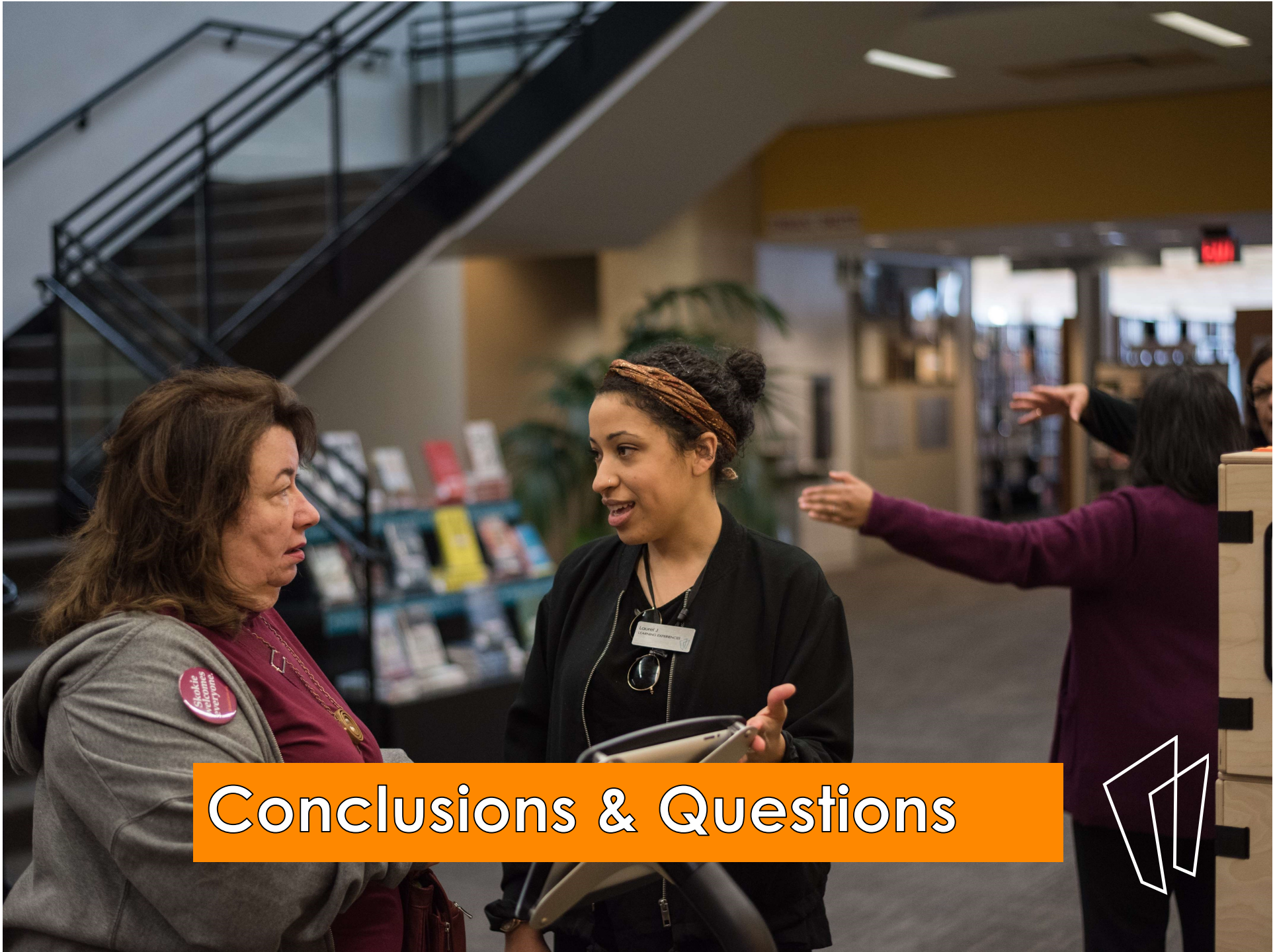
To regularly
examine your
rights...

Small Group Exercise



Time to Ideate

1. What civic/news topics are coming up in conversations in your community?
2. What type of program could you offer to explore one of these topics?
3. What/who are some resources, allies, and/or partners who might assist in exploring this topic?
4. What is an obstacle you might encounter in pursuing your program?
5. Who can you count on for support, brainstorming, and troubleshooting as you pursue your program?



Conclusions & Questions



Thank You!

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