



Stand with Your Neighbor by taking **One Small Step**



One Small Step, a groundbreaking initiative from StoryCorps, brings people together to talk across differences. The Library is proud to be one of several locations across the country offering this civic initiative. In March and April, engage in a variety of activities designed to foster connection through listening and conversation.

Join the National Conversation

One Small Step brings people with different views together to record a 50-minute conversation—not to debate politics—but simply to get to know each other as people. Recorded conversations can be stored in the StoryCorps archive and in the Library of Congress for posterity.

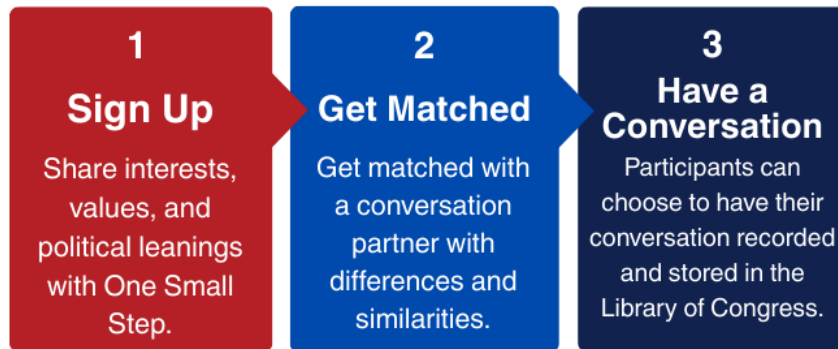
Interested in having a One Small Step conversation? Register today!

One Small Step: Brookfield in Conversation, Part 1

Monday, April 27, 7 p.m.

Registration Required

Members are invited to engage in one-on-one conversations in this workshop inspired by StoryCorps' One Small Step initiative. Enjoy refreshments and participate in a thoughtful, respectful conversation with a neighbor with the help of facilitators and guided questions.



To get started, scan the QR code or visit takeonesmallstep.org.

Related Events and Activities at the Library

- Community Question Boards Online and In Person
- Phone Listening Station
- Kids Changemakers Art Gallery
- Shadow a Legislator Teen Video Contest
- Teen Talk & Toss
- Civic Action Lab



Register at www.lsfbrookfieldlibrary.org/one-small-step or contact the Library.

One Small Step

Community Question Boards Online and In Person

Respond to monthly questions located on the 1st and 2nd floors of the Library and online. Answers will be displayed online and at the Library. To see this month's question, scan the QR code at right or visit lsfbrookfieldlibrary.org/contact/oss.



What do you think is going well in our country?
What needs to improve?

One Small(er) Step: Kids Changemakers Art Gallery

Kids are invited to draw a picture and write a few words about their favorite changemaker in history or in their community. Artwork will be displayed in the new Changemaker Art Gallery in the Youth Services Area.



Phone Listening Station

Dial a number on a vintage phone to listen to a recorded One Small Step conversation in the Library foyer.



Shadow a Legislator Teen Video Contest

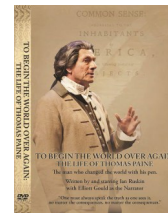
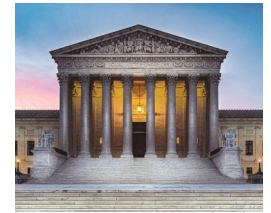
High school students are invited to submit a TikTok or short video about a current event or civic issue that matters to them and why. Qualifying videos will be entered into a drawing, and a winning video will be randomly selected on **Saturday, April 25 at 11 a.m.** by IL State Representative Abdelnasser Rashid. The winner will serve as an honorary page and shadow Rep. Rashid in Springfield for a day. Submit video links via email by **Friday, April 17** to reference@lsfbrookfieldlibrary.org.



Civic Action Lab

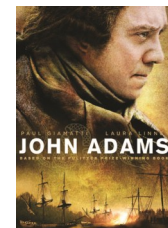
Activist Courts and Unprecedented Partisanship with Illinois Road Scholar Dr. Raff Donelson Thursday, April 30, 7 p.m.

Dr. Raff Donelson contextualizes the current moment by examining other turbulent historical periods in relation to activism and the U.S. Supreme Court.



Film Discussion: *To Begin the World Over Again: The Life of Thomas Paine* Sunday, April 19, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Featuring Ian Ruskin, this one-man play takes viewers on a journey through Thomas Paine's revolutionary life. Join Marty Blank for the film and discussion.



John Adams Showing & Discussion Mondays, 1:30–4 p.m. April 13, 20, 27

Featuring Paul Giamatti, this critically-acclaimed series chronicles the life of U.S. Founding Father and president John Adams. After the finale on April 27, stay for a series discussion.

Teen Talk & Toss

Tuesday, March 24, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, April 21, 3 p.m.

Teens can take One Small Step by playing this Talk & Toss conversational dice game. Pizza and snacks provided; walk-ins welcome.



Ballots Without the Buzz: Why Local Elections Matter Monday, April 13, 7 p.m.

Political scientist and Elmhurst professor Dr. Scott Braam provides an overview of how local elections work, why they matter, and where participants can find reliable, nonpartisan voter information.

