Federal Depository Library Leading the Way of Civic Engagement

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Vision and General Strategic Plan Shared in May 2020

Challenges and Opportunities of Libraries in Digital Time – Federal Depository Library as Civic Leader

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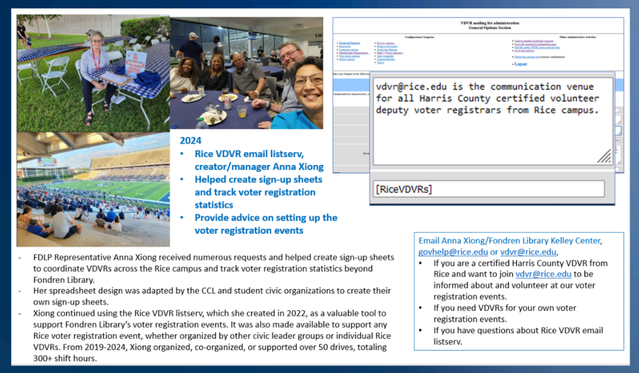
May 2020. Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) Southeast (SE) and Southwest (SW) Chapters Annual Joint Online Conference

Aerial view of the new Academic Quadrangle designed by landscape architects Nelson Byrd Woltz.



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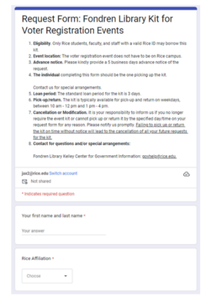
- Rice VDVR email listserv, creator/manager Anna Xiong
- Helped create sign-up sheets and track voter registration statistics
- Provide advice on setting up the voter registration events

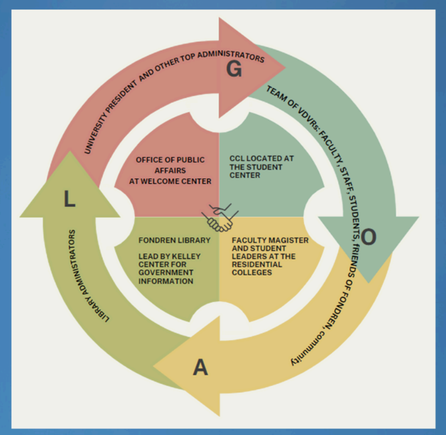
- FDLP Representative Anna Xiong received numerous requests and helped create sign-up sheets to coordinate VDVRs across the Rice campus and track voter registration statistics beyond Fondren Library.
- Her spreadsheet design was adapted by the CCL and student civic organizations to create their own sign-up sheets.
- Xiong continued using the Rice VDVR listserv, which she created in 2022, as a valuable tool to support Fondren Library's voter registration events. It was also made available to support any Rice voter registration event, whether organized by other civic leader groups or individual Rice VDVRs. From 2019-2024, Xiong organized, co-organized, or supported over 50 drives, totaling 300+ shift hours.

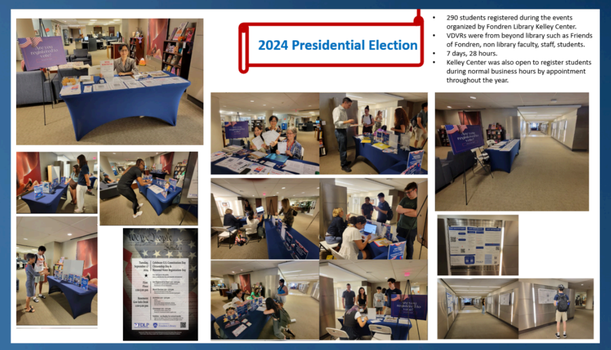
Email Anna Xiong/Fondren Library Kelley Center, govhelp@rice.edu or vdvr@rice.edu,
- If you are a certified Harris County VDVR from Rice and want to join vdvr@rice.edu to be informed about and volunteer at our voter registration events.
- If you need VDVRs for your own voter registration events.
- If you have questions about Rice VDVR email listserv.

2024 Fondren Library's voter registration event toolkit service: help non library VDVRs easily set up their own voter registration events!

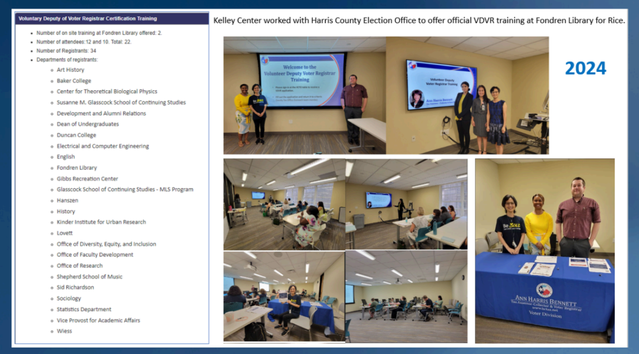
With Fondren Library toolkit, it takes a few minutes to set up something like this. Use the online form to request. Question: Anna Xiong/Kelley Center, govhelp@rice.edu.







- 290 students registered during the events organized by Fondren Library Kelley Center.
- VDVRs were from beyond library such as Friends of Fondren, non library faculty, staff, students.
- 7 days, 28 hours.
- Kelley Center was also open to register students during normal business hours by appointment throughout the year.



Kelley Center worked with Harris County Election Office to offer official VDVR training at Fondren Library for Rice.

- Number of on site training at Fondren Library offered: 2.
- Number of attendees: 12 and 16. Total: 22.
- Number of Registrants: 34
- Departments of registrants:
  - Art History
  - Baker College
  - Center for Theoretical Biological Physics
  - Susanne M. Glasscock School of Continuing Studies
  - Development and Alumni Relations
  - Dean of Undergraduates
  - Duncan College
  - Electrical and Computer Engineering
  - English
  - Fondren Library
  - Gibbs Recreation Center
  - Glasscock School of Continuing Studies - MLS Program
  - Hanszen
  - History
  - Kinder Institute for Urban Research
  - Lovett
  - Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
  - Office of Faculty Development
  - Office of Research
  - Shepherd School of Music
  - Sid Richardson
  - Sociology
  - Statistics Department
  - Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
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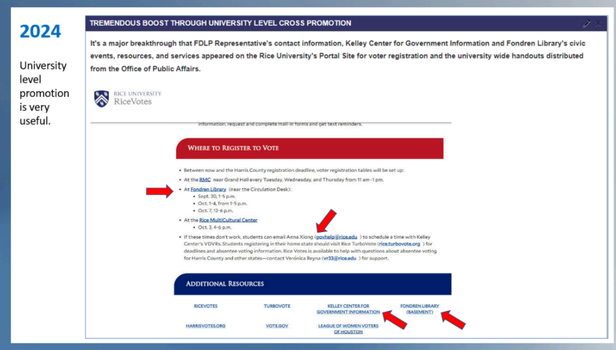
University level promotion is very useful.



Our civic engagement events and activities were small scale (2 hours on the Constitution Day, registered close to 10 students, 4 VDVRs and all from Fondren Library have volunteered), and generally took place within Fondren Library.

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Create an Civic Engagement Atmosphere

Election Education
- Voting
- Election
- Constitution

- 10 panels exhibit, large poster, election information self service table, staffed election education table before the Election Day, central hallway, 1st floor, Fondren Library
- Additional displays, Kelley Center public area, basement, Fondren Library

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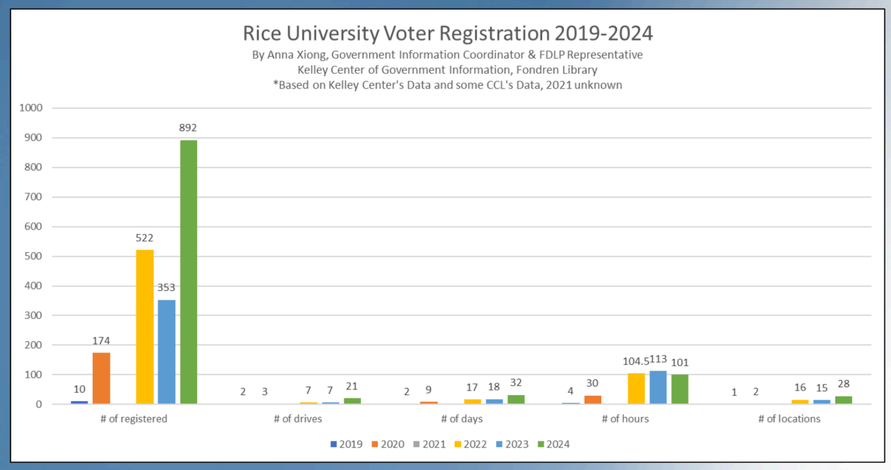
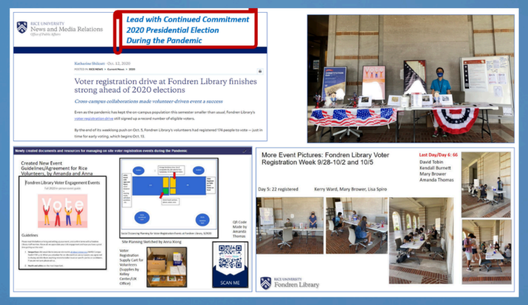
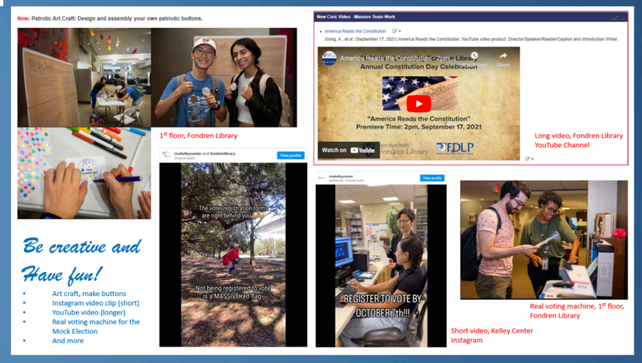
Recite the Preamble of the U.S. Constitution and win a prize:

Civic Game Station: civic computer games, quizzes about U.S. Constitution, Immigration/Citizenship test, Texas vote, etc







Be creative and Have fun!
- Art craft, make buttons
- Instagram video clip (short)
- YouTube video (longer)
- Real voting machine for the Mock Election
- And more

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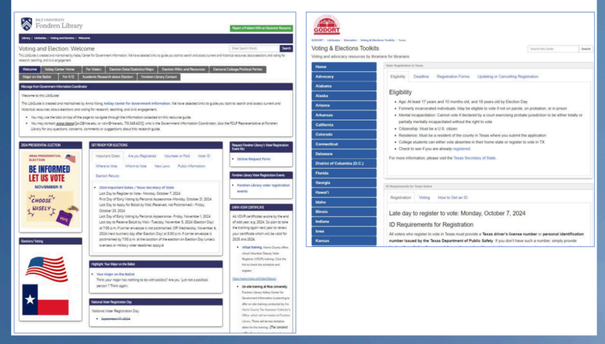
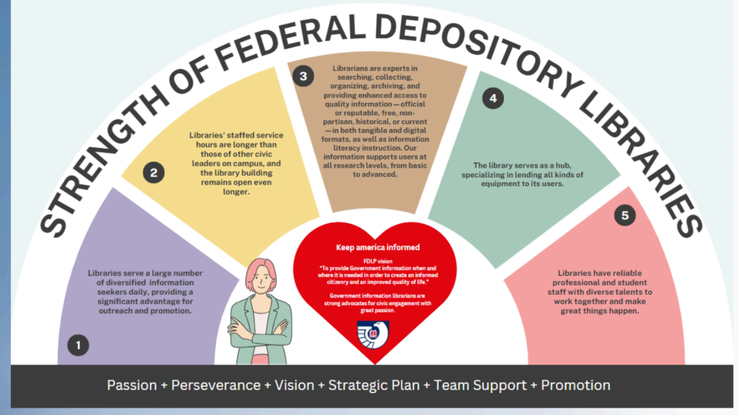
Library Online Research Guides as Valuable Resources





My special thanks go to all the Voluntary Deputy Voter Registrars (VDVR) at Fondren Library, and beyond, Kelley Center staff, C-MACs Committee, DMC, Access Services, and everyone from Fondren Library and beyond who contributed to Fondren Library's civic engagement efforts in various ways.

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For more related documents and other information, click here to access my online resource guide "Fondren Library Civic Engagement": https://libguides.rice.edu/civicengagement

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- POLI 224: How to Run for Office / Anna
  Thursday, September 26 · 4:00 – 5:30pm

Was invited to teach students how to search, download, and visualize census data to analyze population characteristics within a voting area.