

Transcript to accompany recording about **Constitutions, Cookies, and Community**

****[Opening]****

Hello! Today, I'm excited to share some information about our poster, "Constitutions, Cookies, and Community," developed by me, Shane Wallace, and my colleague, Ambra Gagliardi of the Government Documents team at the University of Utah.

This event has been part of our celebration of Constitution and Citizenship Day, which recognizes both the adoption of the United States Constitution and those who achieve citizenship, for the past three years.

****[Introduction]****

At the University of Utah, we wanted to create a recurring event that not only highlights the importance of the Constitution but also provides a platform for diverse student groups to come together and share information about citizenship. To this end, we planned an engaging and inclusive event that we hope will continue to resonate with all members of our campus community.

****[Methods]****

To bring our vision to life, we reserved a central, high-traffic location in the library for our tabling event. We pre-ordered 200 delicious cookies frosted with "We the People" and had pocket constitutions ready to distribute, courtesy of the FDLP. But we didn't stop there. We wanted to make this event more meaningful, so we invited three important campus offices to join us: the American Indian Resource Center, the Black Cultural Center, and the Dream Center, now known as First-Generation Scholars.

****[Purpose]****

By giving voice to these diverse campus groups on this federal holiday, we aimed to highlight our country's complex history regarding citizenship, the progress we've made, and the work that still needs to be done. This event is more than just handing out free stuff; it's about fostering a sense of community and understanding among our students.

****[Results]****

Last year, we successfully distributed all our pocket constitutions and cookies, and we raised awareness about the valuable services provided by our campus partners. This coming year, we hope to build on that success and continue to support marginalized members of our campus community.

****[Challenges]****

However, we do face some challenges. A recent Utah law, HB261, has introduced significant hurdles for academic librarianship, particularly in how we connect diverse student groups to resources. The law's provisions could limit our ability to provide a comprehensive and inclusive learning environment, which is why events like this are so crucial.

****[Conclusion]****

In conclusion, "Constitutions, Cookies, and Community" is not just an event; it's a celebration of the many ways of being a citizen. We hope that our experiences may be of interest or value to you in your own Constitution and Citizenship Day events. We'd be happy to compare notes or even collaborate if the opportunity arises.

Our contact information is available on the poster and we're happy to enter into conversations about any element of our project and poster. Thank you!