

U.S. CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

CONSTITUTION WEEK ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER 17 - 21, 2012

Exhibition Hall Talks

EXHIBITION HALL - 1 P.M.

In honor of Constitution Week, join experts from the National Archives and the Library of Congress as they use documents on display in Exhibition Hall to explain how the Constitution establishes the balance of power and protects American freedoms.

Meet at the entrance to Exhibition Hall on the lower level for these 15-minute talks. No reservations or passes are required.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

In 1935, ten-year old Billy Gobitas had to choose between attending public school and exercising his religion. Pam Craig from the Law Library at the Library of Congress will focus on the letter Billy wrote to the Pennsylvania school board and **freedom of religion** in the United States.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Adam Berenbak, Archivist at the National Archives, focuses on the NASA photographs of the **Space Shuttle Challenger** wreckage and discusses the difference between Executive and Congressional investigations. He will also talk about the nature of recent House and Senate committee records and aspects of science and technology included in these materials.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Margaret McAleer, Senior Archives Specialist in the Manuscript Division at the Library of Congress, talks about the papers of **Congresswoman Patsy Mink**, who served in Congress for 12 terms. She was the first woman of color and the first Asian American woman elected to Congress. While in Congress, she was noted for authoring the **Title IX amendment** of the Higher Education Act.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

National Archives Archivist, Martha Grove speaks about the **19th Amendment** and the road to women's suffrage. She will highlight the universal suffrage petition and Missouri's ratification of the 19th Amendment, both on display in Exhibition Hall.

Constitution Week Journals

On **SEPTEMBER 17, 19, 20 AND 21** stop by the work station near the North Gift Shop from 10:30 a.m. to noon and fill a "Constitution journal" with memories of walking through the U.S. Capitol where Congress and the Constitution are still at work. Stickers of quotes from the Constitution and other fun materials will be provided.



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