



April 2017

CRC Collaborates on Candidate School for Local Office Elections

CRC has undertaken a project in collaboration with The League of Women Voters of Topeka & Shawnee County, the Topeka Chamber of Commerce, and the Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library. The joint project is a creation of a Candidate School which helps potential political candidates run for local offices by educating individuals about how to succeed in local politics. Specifically, the school will address operations to help with a campaign, such as filing required reports and paperwork, basic election laws, fundraising, and marketing.

The event is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9th, from 6-8p at the public library. A second session will be scheduled after the first for the candidates who win their primaries. The session will take place in August, before the November 7th general election.

More information about the project is available from Curtis Sneden at the [Topeka Chamber of Commerce](#). He can be reached by [email](#) or by telephone.

CANDIDATE SCHOOL

May 9th, 2017
6:00-8:00 P.M.
TOPEKA SHAWNEE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

TOPICS COVERED WILL INCLUDE:

- Filing the appropriate paperwork and financial paperwork
- Candidate election information
- Election time frame and laws governing candidates
- Why run? What's the commitment?
- Getting your message out
- How to raise funds
- Q&A with former city council members

Thinking of running for city council?
Candidate School is an opportunity for local citizens considering running for city council to gain a working knowledge of the local political process. Candidates can learn first-hand from people with experience in the process as they decide whether to pursue public service. Persons attending Candidate School are not endorsed by any of the organizations involved in presenting the workshop. Potential candidates are encouraged to come, learn, and ask questions.

A second session for candidates who win their primary will be scheduled in early August and a forum for those candidates to meet the public and discuss issues will be held approximately 10 days before the Nov 7th general election. Candidates will be notified of the dates and times of these events. Questions? Call Curtis Sneden at (785) 231-6025.

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Finding My Way Books Has a Record-Breaking April

Finding My Way Books, a partner organization of CRC, has had an incredible April to say the least! As March ended, sales had increased almost threefold from February and FMWB began April on a high note. Throughout the month, FMWB finished publishing the six Finding My Way series books as English-Spanish bilingual books and began working on making the Learning My Way series (also six books) English-French bilingual books! To further enhance this series that is already available in English-Swahili!

Apart from internal accomplishments and a growing customer base, FMWB was also nominated for two awards in April, both of which will be determined in May. First, the female-owned and operated organization is one of three finalists for the Minority & Women Business Distinction 2017 Small Business Award (results will be announced on May 9th) and secondly, the Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities of the Council for Exceptional Children has nominated "MyaGrace Wants to Get Ready" as the 2018 Dolly Gray Children's Literature Award. Two years ago, the Division also considered "MyaGrace Wants to Make Music" for the award.

We can't wait to see what May brings for Finding My Way Books! Click the picture to explore their website.

Our 1st Quarter CEO Roundtable Was a Huge Success

2017's first CEO Roundtable featured a presentation from Caleb Asher, President & CEO of [Sprout Communications](#), about why small business and nonprofits should care about social media. We want to thank Caleb for coming and supporting us and our members! We're looking forward to the 2nd quarter installment of our CEO Roundtable on June 29th, which will be an update on our community's fight against local poverty. We're hoping the next one will be even better than the last! Take a moment to mark September and December 28th for the 3rd and 4th quarter Roundtables!

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