



Greetings, Leaguers! We hope you are enjoying these crisp, clear days! We have a couple of October updates for you, including our next Speaker Series event coming up next Thursday and our regular Steering Committee meeting tomorrow evening at 6:00 PM at the Library. Members are always welcome!

OCTOBER EVENTS:

- **Steering Committee Meeting** Tuesday, October 10, 6:00 PM, HW Library, Local History Room (agenda and minutes linked below)
- **Local Print Journalism - A Cornerstone of Democracy** Thursday, October 19, 6:30 PM, HW Library, Large Meeting Room

NOVEMBER EVENTS:

- **Steering Committee Meeting** Tuesday, November 14, 6:00 PM, HW Library, Local History Room
- **Sustainability** Thursday, November 16, 6:30 PM, HW Library, Large Meeting Room

WHAT'S NEWS:

SPEAKER SERIES: Local Print Journalism as a Cornerstone of Democracy

Our Speaker Series kicked off last month with **Civics 101**, an engaging and inspiring talk by Nicholas Ristaino, of HWRHS. You can [watch the talk online](#), courtesy of HWCAM, and you can [download the slide deck](#) with lots of useful information.

Next up is **Local Print Journalism**, next **Thursday, October 19th at 6:30 PM at the HW Library**. Do you feel like you're in an information desert? Local journalism is a cornerstone of a healthy democracy and it is under threat across the country.

Join us for a lively and interactive discussion about access to local news and efforts to start a new paper in Hamilton and Wenham! Our moderated panel featuring local experts and engaged students and citizens will explore topics such as:

Do you feel like you're in an information desert?

Join us to discuss access to local news and efforts to start a new paper in H-W!

Featured speakers:

Paul Mihailidis Professor of Civic Media and Journalism at Emerson College

John Muldoon Co-founder and publisher, Ipswich Local News

Jack Lawrence Concerned Citizen Exploring Local News Options

Ella Tran Student Editor, The General Consensus, HWRSD

Local Print Journalism as a Cornerstone of Democracy

League of Women Voters speaker series



Oct 19

6:30 pm @ THE HAMILTON-WENHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Is Hamilton-Wenham in an Information Desert? What does it mean for our local democracy and vibrancy in our community?
- What can Hamilton-Wenham learn from other communities who have launched successful local news efforts?
- What efforts are underway in Hamilton-Wenham? How can interested citizens get involved and help support efforts to bring local journalism back to our towns?

Meet Our Panel

[Full bios are available on our website.](#) Click through to read more about these engaged citizens and their expertise!



Paul Mihailidis
(Moderator)

John Muldoon

Jack Lawrence

Ella Tran

Author and professor of civic media and journalism at Emerson College in Boston

Co-founder and publisher of the non-profit Ipswich Local News

Hamilton resident actively exploring establishing a local HW newspaper

HWRHS Student and editor of *The General Consensus*

Other events are listed below. We have small working groups dedicated to each topic and there's room for more hands and minds! Have speaker or promotion ideas? Let us [know your thoughts](#) or better yet, ask about joining a working group!

- 11/16 - Sustainability
- 1/18 - Affordable Housing
- 2/15 - Media Literacy
- 3/28 - Water Resources & Conservation

This speaker series is presented by LWVHW in partnership with the [Hamilton-Wenham Public Library](#) and with funding from the Hamilton-Wenham Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the [Mass Cultural Council](#), a state agency.

OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

 **Steering Committee Meetings** (generally second Tuesdays of the month) - Members are always welcome at Steering Committee meetings. **Our next meeting will be October 10 at 6 PM at the Library.**

- [Agenda for October 10](#)
- [Approved Minutes from July 18](#)

\$ DUES - 2023-24 dues of \$80 for the year are payable now - [renew online via PayPal](#).

Alternatively, you can mail a check to us at PO Box 283, Hamilton, MA 01936 (Note: if you joined BEFORE January 1, 2023, your dues are now payable! If you have any questions, contact MJ at 978.290.0928)

Know someone who would like to join the League, let us know or simply have them [join online!](#)

You can also encourage folks to [sign up for our periodic email updates](#). Thanks for helping build our community.