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Help Stop Gerrymandering in Missouri — Sign the Petition, Collect Signatures and Get Your Petitions Notarized!

NCJWSTL has joined forces with People Not Politicians to stand up against efforts to further gerrymander Missouri's congressional maps. We have until December 5th to gather 116,000 signatures in order to qualify for the ballot

Here's how you can help:

1. **Sign the petition at the NCJWSTL office**
Monday - Thursday from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm and
Fridays from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm.
2. **Want to help collect signatures?** Training is required. If interested, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.
3. **Get your petitions notarized** on Wednesdays between 10:00 am - 4:00 pm until December 3rd. If Wednesdays do not work for you, please make an appointment with Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

If you have any questions or would like to be trained to collect signatures, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

Every signature counts. Every volunteer matters. Stand up for fair maps and democracy today!

****Please note our NEW OFFICE address at 311 North Lindbergh (the Joseph A. Bank building - office is on the lower level in the back).***



Screening of *The Librarians* Documentary Film

When: Sunday, November 9 | 4:00 PM

Where: Hi Pointe Theater | 1005 McCausland Ave.

[Purchase Tickets Here](#)

The Right to Read Coalition and NCJWSTL invite you to attend a powerful and timely screening of the



award-winning documentary *The Librarians*, presented as part of the St. Louis International Film Festival.

This documentary follows courageous librarians across the country as they take a stand against rising book bans and censorship efforts. From Texas to Florida and beyond, these guardians of knowledge are on the frontlines of democracy, defending intellectual freedom, protecting students' access to diverse ideas,

and reminding us why the right to read matters.

Please [click here](#) to purchase tickets. There will be a Q&A session following the film and an information table for the Right to Read Coalition.

Tell Congress: End the Shutdown and Protect Health Care for Millions

The government has shut down because some politicians are putting their own agendas ahead of the needs of the people. NCJWSTL envisions an America where each of us has what we need to be healthy, live with dignity, and share our growing prosperity. This vision is under threat as women, children, and families across the country feel the real costs of Congress' inability to do the most important job they have — to fund the government so it continues to function and ensure support for hardworking Americans.

Tell Congress:

**End the Shutdown
& Protect Health
Care for Millions**

ncjw National Council
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A government shutdown that halts paychecks for federal workers and disrupts critical programs will not help families in need, nor will a spending deal that undermines our values and fails to ensure health care for millions. The Torah tells us, "do not stand idly by while your neighbor bleeds." We refuse to stand by while our leaders put families at risk.

Please [click here](#) to urge Congress to negotiate a spending compromise immediately that restarts government operations, protects health care access, and prioritizes people over politics.

Volunteers Needed to Help Keep Abortion Legal in MO



We're beginning to organize around a critical issue: **protecting abortion rights in Missouri**. You may have heard that the Missouri Legislature is bringing abortion rights back to the ballot under the same name, **Amendment 3**. We anticipate a strong misinformation campaign from the opposition, and we need to be strategic in order to fight it. Although the new measure likely won't appear on the ballot until August or November 2026, [now is the time to act](#).

We are looking for volunteers to work the polls, knock on doors, educate our communities, and notarize absentee ballots. If you're interested in getting involved,

please [click here](#) to sign up. **It's going to take all of us.**

For any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

ADD YOUR NAME and Help Us Oppose Censorship of Our Public Libraries

Protect the First Amendment! Join the Right to Read Coalition

Support Missouri's Libraries! Join the Right to Read Coalition by [clicking here](#).

Right to Read is a statewide coalition of 1,200 individuals and nearly 100 organizations. NCJWSTL is a founding coalition member.

- Censorship denies our First Amendment rights to access books that reflect our diverse community:
- Missouri laws and policies have led to book bans and harmful regulations on our libraries.
- President Trump's Executive Order threatens to eliminate \$3 million of Federal funds for Missouri's libraries.

Get the latest information at [MO Right to Read – Supporting Missouri's Libraries](#).



Get FREE Emergency Contraception at NCJWSTL!



NCJWSTL is thrilled to announce that we have partnered with Beacon Reproductive Health Network to distribute **FREE emergency contraception kits**! This effort is vitally important in the wake of last year's Supreme Court decision overturning Roe vs. Wade, especially in states like Missouri where abortion is illegal. Everyone should have the right to determine when and if they wish to start a family, and emergency contraception is vital in preventing unwanted pregnancies.

Also known as the morning-after pill, or by the brand name Plan B, the emergency contraception pill is an over-the-counter form of birth control that can be taken up to five days after unprotected sex to avoid pregnancy. The goal of this effort is to reduce geographic and financial barriers Missourians face in accessing emergency contraception pills.

While supplies last, Beacon Reproductive Health Network, NCJWSTL, and other partner organizations are offering free EC kits to anyone of any age. **Feel free to stop by the NCJWSTL office to pick up your kit - for you or a loved one.**

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

Take Action & Join the A-List

Now more than ever you will want to ensure that your name is on NCJWSTL's A-List for 2025! Join us as we stand together and speak out about the issues that matter most.

Together we can make a difference!

A-List sponsorship ads sustain our collaborative efforts to educate

the community and elected officials about issues integral to our mission, such as birth control access and voting rights. The full-page ads will run in the St. Louis Jewish Light during 2025.

- **\$18** includes your name in the ad.
- **\$54** makes you an Advocate Plus with your name in bold.
- **\$72** makes you a sponsor with your name distinguished in color.

[Click here](#) to see the A-List flyer.

[Click here](#) to see the latest A-List Ad.

Join the A-list [here](#).



Interesting Reading



More than 42 million low-income Americans are at risk of losing food assistance Nov. 1 if the government shutdown continues.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, which operates the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, has about \$6 billion in a multi-year contingency fund. That's short of the roughly \$9 billion needed to cover a full month of the program.

Even if a shutdown deal were reached immediately, the time needed to process the payments and make them available for recipients means benefits would likely be delayed.

[Click here](#) to read Ariana Figueroa's article from the Missouri Independent, "Shutdown Likely to Halt Food Aid for 42 Million, Including 650,000 Missourians."

Not yet a member of NCJWSTL? [Click here](#) to become part of a growing network of courageous and compassionate individuals who improve the lives of women, children, and families every day. You don't have to be a woman or Jewish to join!

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