Election Time Websites

With the Republican National Convention just over and the Democratic Convention just beginning—and Election Day just two months away! -- it’s time to check out a few sites that might help our patrons (and ourselves) make better sense of the election process.

Below are some sites to help us make voting decisions –such as voting records, and also a few fact-checking places to make sure that distortions are identified so we have the best chance of making informed choices. There are also the nuts and bolts of how and where to vote in our area.

**General information for ALL parties:** --Even some you've never heard of before!!

![VOTE SMART](image)

(Includes detailed voting records for candidates’ previous/ current political office, if applicable)
This Site contains lots of polling information and historical election data as well as details on the Electoral College.
How & Where Do I Vote?

General Voter Information in New York State (Registering, Absentee Ballots, etc.)

New York State Board of Elections
Clickable NYS County Map to find local Election Boards and contacts for polling places

This site contains detailed tutorials on the voting machines and how they work. There is a video on how to vote using the Imagecast machines used in all MHLS service area counties.

Fact-Checking: At this time of deep political divides in our country, and the rhetoric that goes with most campaigning, it’s important to seek and find facts as much as we can.

Of course to parse the validity of political e-mail blasts there’s old reliable Snopes.com (TT 12/8/11), but here are two that really do keep all candidates in line by pointing out distortions, misrepresentations and even plain old lies in what they say both about themselves and their rivals... No party is spared investigation.

Partisan Viewpoint:

And finally, for those needing a right or left perspective, or who want to check out the ‘other side’, there are many blogs, and sadly even some propaganda mills, but two good places to find intelligent discussions are:

For a Conservative Viewpoint:  For a Liberal Viewpoint:

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