Can't Get Enough? Try These Pages

For those of you who can't get enough of everything political, take a look at some of the offerings at American Memory from the Library of Congress. A recent message the LOC's Digital Library Specialist describes them this way:

"In celebration of the upcoming election, twenty-nine pieces of sheet music selected from presidential campaigns from 1868 to 1920 have been added to the Library of Congress’s Performing Arts Encyclopedia at http://www.loc.gov/performingarts/. These songs extol the worthiness of those who became president, such as Ulysses S. Grant, Grover Cleveland, and Woodrow Wilson, as well as those who lost the elections, such as William Jennings Bryan and Horace Greely. Third parties also are featured in these songs, including the Greenback Party, the Labor Party and the Bull Moose Party.

The link to the digitized sheet music may be found in the center column of the Encyclopedia’s Home page, under the heading: "Presidential Campaign Songs."

The Performing Arts Encyclopedia also contains a special feature, Patriotic Melodies: <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/diglib/ihas/html/patriotic/patriotic-home.html> which tells the stories behind many of the songs that have now become part of the American national heritage. A combination of hymns, national songs, music of the theater, radio and television, military themes, and poetry, all of this music demonstrates that while over history many things have changed, this expression of pride and
Are you voting for the first time, or perhaps have a new polling place?

- Find out where to vote at: http://maps.google.com/vote Just type in your street address and zip code.
- You can check your voting 'status' with the state of Wisconsin at: https://vpa.wi.gov/
- In Minnesota you can see a copy of the ballot you'll be voting on at: http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/
- What is the profile of young voters? Check it out at Civic Youth, including statistics on Voter Turnout and Registration Laws under 'state maps': http://www.civicyouth.org/

Need to see what candidates think and how it matches with your philosophy? Here are some links that might help. The JDH Library and the University of Wisconsin Superior do not endorse any candidate, but we support participatory government. Be a responsible citizen and exercise your right to vote.

- Rock the Vote http://www.rockthevote.com/electioncenter/
- http://2008election.procon.org/ ProCon includes all presidential and vice-presidential candidates, including 3rd Party
- Washington Post ("right-leaning" newspaper)
  http://projects.washingtonpost.com/2008-presidential-candidates/
- The New York Times ("left-leaning" newspaper)
- Project Vote Smart - type in your zip code to see ALL candidates, federal, state and local
  http://www.votesmart.org/index.htm
- State Races: Minnesota - From Minnesota Public Radio:
  http://minnesota.publicradio.org/projects/ongoing/select_a_candidate/

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