

# Constitution Connects presents Savvy Sea Stories

## An ELL Initiative

USS Constitution Museum program proposal for on-site, multi-visit

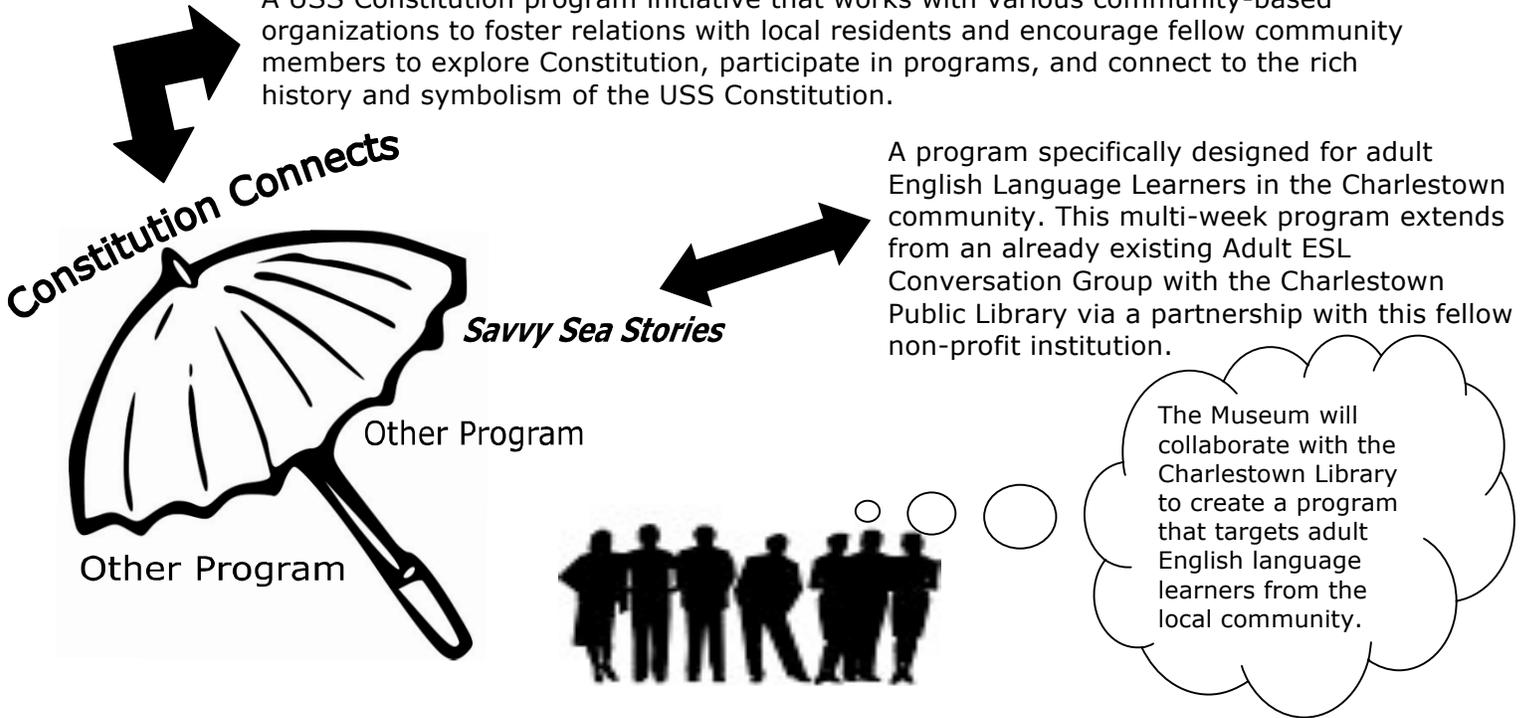
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A USS Constitution program initiative that works with various community-based organizations to foster relations with local residents and encourage fellow community members to explore Constitution, participate in programs, and connect to the rich history and symbolism of the USS Constitution.

A program specifically designed for adult English Language Learners in the Charlestown community. This multi-week program extends from an already existing Adult ESL Conversation Group with the Charlestown Public Library via a partnership with this fellow non-profit institution.

The Museum will collaborate with the Charlestown Library to create a program that targets adult English language learners from the local community.



**THE SCOOP:** Savvy Sea Stories is a five-visit program (with 3 sessions spanning from November-April) that offers participants the opportunity to visit the museum, read from primary sources, work with objects in the USS Constitution's collection and interpret these artifacts that will ultimately be displayed with participants' interpretations. We intend to cultivate relationships with participants that span beyond the program by recruiting former participants for Museum volunteer positions and as ambassadors of the *Savvy Sea Stories* program.

### THE GOALS:

- Create an exciting literacy program through storytelling that will continue to spread the history of the USS Constitution while assisting English Language Learners.
- Develop new community partnerships with the Charlestown Library and local ELL groups.
- Exercise participants' language skills via reading, journaling, role-playing, storytelling, and letter writing activities.

### HOW WILL WE KNOW IT WORKED:

- Comparative exercises completed during the first and last session to ascertain progress.
- Journal response opportunities during each session as a form of expression.
- Clarity in presentation and ideas via interpretive text and alternate media displays.

**LET'S TALK MONEY:** (not including projection of unknown overhead line items)

1 five-week session approximately: \$435.00, 3 five-week sessions cost: \$1065.00, Experience: priceless

**GREAT MINDS THINK ALIKE:** Check out the following for similar programming ideas: The J. Paul Getty Museum, "Language through Art: An ESL Enrichment Curriculum," The Frist Center and Nashville Public Library, "Project Access," and Lower East Side Tenement Museum, "Shared Journeys: Learning English & Civics through the Stories of Immigrants Past."