



## The Declaration of Independence: A bibliography of Multnomah County Library resources

### Books

- Agel, Jerome. [The U.S. Declaration of Independence for everyone](#). New York: Perigee, 2001. [973.313 A265u 2001]  
*An easy-to-understand overview of the events leading to the writing of the Declaration of Independence, the drafts of the document and the lives of the signers.*
- Boyd, Julian P. [The Declaration of Independence: The evolution of the text](#). Rev. ed. Washington: Library of Congress in association with the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, 1999. [973.313 B789d 1999]  
*Contains photographic reproductions of all known drafts of the Declaration of Independence.*
- Brenner, Barbara. [If you were there in 1776](#). New York: Bradbury Press, 1994. [j973.3 B838i]  
*Demonstrates how the concepts and principles expressed in the Declaration of Independence were drawn from the experiences of living in America in the late eighteenth century, with emphasis given to how children lived on a New England farm, a Southern plantation, and the frontier.*
- Fleming, Candace. [The hatmaker's sign: A story by Benjamin Franklin](#). New York: Orchard Books, 1998. [jE]  
*To heal the hurt pride of Thomas Jefferson as Congress makes changes to his Declaration of Independence, Benjamin Franklin tells his friend the story of a hatmaker and his sign.*
- Fradin, Dennis B. [The signers: The fifty-six stories behind the Declaration of Independence](#). New York: Walker & Co, 2002. [j973.313 F799s 2002]  
*Profiles each of the fifty-six men who signed the Declaration of Independence, giving historical information about the colonies they represented. Includes the text of the Declaration and its history.*
- Freedman, Russell. [Give me liberty!: The story of the Declaration of Independence](#). New York: Holiday House, 2000. [j973.313 F853g 2000]  
*Describes the events leading up to the Declaration of Independence as well as the personalities and politics behind its framing.*

[Sourcebook and index: Documents that shaped the American nation](#). New York: Oxford University Press, 1999. [j973 S7245 1999]  
*Contains the text of nearly 100 important documents in American history, including the Declaration of Independence. Some words are defined in the margins.*

United States. [The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America](#). Washington, D.C: Cato Institute, 2000. [973.313 U58d 2000]  
*A pocket-sized version of the text of these documents.*

United States. [The Declaration of Independence](#). New York: Scholastic Nonfiction, 2002. [j973.313 U58d 2002]  
*The text of the Declaration of Independence is accompanied by illustrations meant to help explain its meaning.*

Yero, Judith Lloyd. [The Declaration of Independence](#). Washington, D.C.: National Geographic Society, 2006. [j973.313 Y47d 2006]  
*Describes the events leading to the composition and signing of the Declaration of Independence, and discusses the document's importance in American history.*

### **Audio and Video**

[Early American history: Native Americans through the Forty-Niners](#). Springfield, VA: Teaching Co, 1995. [DVD 973 EARLY]  
*This series is 30 lessons long and covers the time period from pre-Columbian America to the expansion into California. Lesson 13 is about the Declaration of Independence.*

Mancall, Peter C. [Origins and ideologies of the American Revolution](#). Chantilly, VA: Teaching Co., 2006. [CD-973.2 M268o]  
*A comprehensive review of the American Revolution. Part 3, Lecture 25 features the Declaration of Independence.*

[A history of freedom, part 2](#). Springfield, VA: The Company, 2001. [VIDEO 323.44 HISTORY]  
*A series of lectures; Lectures 21-23 are discussions of the Declaration and its origins.*

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