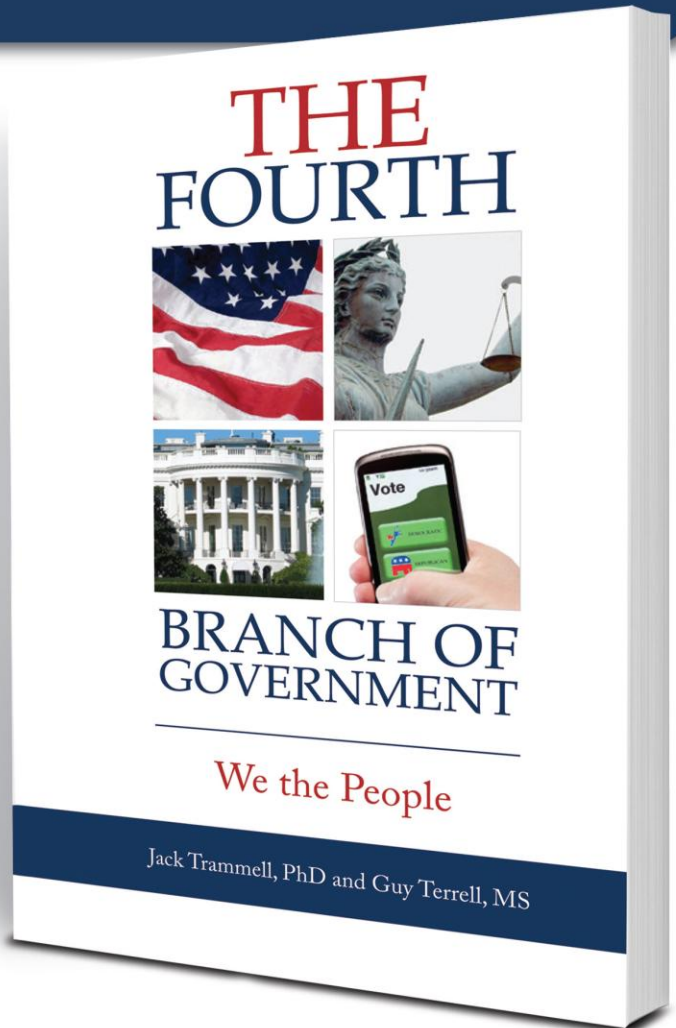


Authors of new book describe how “We the people” can reclaim our power

Let's face it: The United States government is broken. Think about our budget deficits, national debt, political gridlock, and the two-party system that is clearly failing its people. We put our faith in politicians who consistently let us down. Congressional productivity is at an all-time low as representatives serve parties and political agendas rather than citizens.

Jack Trammell and Guy Terrell say it's time for change. In *The Fourth Branch of Government: We the People* (Brandylane Publishers, 2016), they explain that the founders made the Constitution amendable so it could accommodate a growing America with many possible futures. We need to rethink the way we vote and structure our congressional representation—and we need to add a fourth branch of government that makes the democratic process easier and more accessible to all.

The authors say change will not come easily or quickly. Yet they insist the plan they lay out in their book fits the spirit of democracy and the historically proven power of citizens uniting under a cause. Civic responsibility and participation have brought to fruition all great and innovative ideas in America—and it can also help us reclaim our power and craft a government that makes sense for today's world.



1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 19
LOW Community Center

Meet Jack Trammell and Guy Terrell, authors of “The Fourth Branch of Government” at a special public forum sponsored by The Lake of the Woods Democratic Club.