



Fake News

The term **fake news** originally referred to made-up news stories. But as an article on *BBC Trending* points out, fake news has more recently become a catch-all term: “All sorts of things—misinformation, spin, conspiracy theories, mistakes, and reporting that people just don’t like —have been rolled into it” (Wendling).

This month’s Civic Lab explores the topics of fake news and bias. Get informed, join the discussion, and participate in activities. For each activity you submit, you’ll be entered to win a \$75 gift certificate to Amazon.com.

Conversation Starters

- How do you define fake news?
- Is fake news a problem? Why or why not?
- If fake news is a problem, what can we do to solve it?

Spot Fake News

A recent infographic by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions offers the following tips to empower you as you read:

- **Consider the source.** Click away from the story to investigate the site, its mission, and its contact info.
- **Read beyond.** Headlines can be outrageous in an effort to get clicks. What’s the whole story?
- **Supporting sources?** Click on those links. Determine if the info given actually supports the story.
- **Is it a joke?** If it is too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the site and author to be sure.

Get a copy of the complete infographic on our display.

And remember, you can always ask a librarian for help!

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Watch

"How to Spot Fake News" by Factcheck.org.

<https://youtu.be/AkwWcHekMdo>

Listen

"Breaking News Consumer's Handbook: Fake News Edition," a podcast by On the Media.

<https://tinyurl.com/yaezhxe2>

Explore

Factitious

Test your news sense with this game created by JoLT and the AU Game Lab.

<http://factitious.augamestudio.com>

Read Articles

"The (Almost) Complete History of Fake News" by Mike Wendling, *BBC Trending*. <https://tinyurl.com/y9zlm4s5>

"How to Fight 'Fake News' in a Post-Truth Environment," by Jillian Kestler-D'Amours, *Al Jazeera*. <https://tinyurl.com/ya2dbasy>

"Students Have 'Dismaying' Inability To Tell Fake News From Real, Study Finds," by Camila Domonoske, *NPR*. <https://tinyurl.com/yay8twof>

Read Books

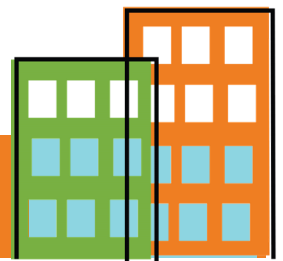
Broadcast Hysteria: Orson Welles's War of the Worlds and the Art of Fake News by A. Brad Schwartz

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Bunk: The Rise of Hoaxes, Humbug, Plagiarists, Phonies, Post-facts, and Fake News by Kevin Young.

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Debunk It! How to Stay Sane in a World of Misinformation by John Grant.
TEEN SOCIETY 001.9 GRANT

Fake News, Propaganda, and Plain Old Lies : How to Find Trustworthy Information in the Digital Age by Donald A. Barclay. (On order—visit catalog or ask a librarian to place a hold.)

A Field Guide to Lies : Critical Thinking in the Information Age by Daniel J. Levitin. SELF PSYCHOLOG 153.42 LEVI

The Influencing Machine: Brooke Gladstone on the Media by Brooke Gladstone, illustrated by Josh Neufeld.
GRAPHNOV GLAD

Internet Journalism and "Fake News," edited by Kathryn Roberts.
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Virtual Unreality: Just Because the Internet Told You, How Do You Know It's True? by Charles Seife.
EDUCATION GENERAL 025.042 SEIF

Fake News Activities

For each activity you submit, you'll be entered to win a \$75 gift certificate to Amazon.com. Submit your activities in the entry box in the main library by Sept. 30, 2018. JCPL employees and their families are ineligible to win prizes.

Fake News Activity 1

Attend the **How to Spot Fake News** workshop on Thursday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 PM.
Registration is required.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Fake News Activity 2

Attend the **Civic Lab Discussion Group** on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 6:30 PM.
Registration is required.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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