How to spot fake news

- 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?
- Check the author
  - Do a quick search on the author. Are they credible? Are they real?
- Supporting sources
  - Click on those links. Determine if the info given actually supports the story.
- Check the date
  - Reposting old news stories doesn’t mean they’re relevant to current events.
- Is it a joke?
  - If it is too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the site and author to be sure.
- Check your biases
  - Consider if your own beliefs could affect your judgement.
- Ask the experts
  - Ask a librarian, or consult a fact-checking site.

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