Fake News

Fake news is disinformation disguised as fake news, spread through websites, social media and traditional media, with the aim of making a profit or influencing public opinion.
It is also used in politics as a frame against journalism.
This infographic from the IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations) provides guidance for recognising fake news in practice.
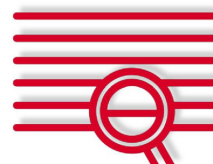Source IFLA: https://repository.ifla.org/handle/123456789/167

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.
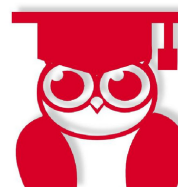
IS IT A JOKE?
If it is too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the site and author to be sure.

CHECK YOUR BIASES
Consider if your own beliefs could affect your judgement.

ASK THE EXPERTS
Ask a librarian, or consult a fact-checking site.