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Learn about tools and resources for fact-checking the news you see in your daily social media feeds, RSVP for upcoming events, and see what we’ve been up to on social media!

Librarians Give Students the Tools to Navigate "Fake News"

This entire month, the librarians of the William H. Hannon Library are pulling together resources to help students critically examine the information they see online in platforms like Facebook and Twitter, especially with regard to the prevalence of "fake news." More than just a term for information that doesn’t align with our worldview, we take "fake news" to mean information that is deliberately misleading, poorly fact-checked, and published with the intent to appeal to one’s emotions and cloud critical thinking.

We highlight some of the tools below and hope you will find them useful! In addition to these, we looked at the website AllSides to escape our filter bubbles, we walked you through the process of doing a reverse image search, and we examined one of our long-time favorite tools, Snopes. These resources and more can all be found on our Fake News LibGuide.

We will continue to share new resources on the LMU Library News blog. Our goal at the William H. Hannon Library is to promote the principles of the Jesuit and Marymount traditions, supporting the education of the whole person, meeting others where they are, promoting critical inquiry and reflection, and striving for continuous improvement. We do this not only for the purpose of academic excellence, but with the intent to build foundations for life-long learning. Onward and upward, Lions!
Not Just RTs: Using Twitter to Engage Diverse Perspectives

Twitter has its own special brand of trolls and it is extremely hard to evaluate every single thing that shows up in your timeline. So what is a concerned citizen to do? Instructional Design Librarian Aisha Conner-Galen has some advice for how to improve your Twitter news feed.

Learn more

Cut through Bull Online: Add B.S. Detector to Your Browser

During our “fake news” workshop, many students shared concerns about the difficulties of identifying misinformation, clickbait, propaganda, and disinformation online. One great tool to help you quickly identify stories from suspect outlets is B.S. Detector.

Learn More

Maneuvering through the Facts with Politifact

Have you ever found yourself lost in the controversies surrounding comments made by politicians? Ever wondered if the political facts you have been retold by friends or family are “true”? Never fret! There is a site that you can turn to that does the fact-checking for you.

Learn more

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Upcoming Events @ LMU Library
LMU Speaks: The Fork in the Road  
February 15, 5:30-7:00p

This semester, we are launching a new storytelling program at the library. Four members of the LMU community will be invited to tell a brief, true story about "The Fork in the Road." If you are a fan of The Moth or NPR's StoryCorps, this is for you!

Faculty Pub Night: Tom Klein  
February 21, 5:30-7:00p

Tom Klein, Associate Professor of Animation at LMU's School of Film and Television, will present, "Evoking the Oracle: Visionary Screen Worlds," his contribution to Animated Landscapes: History, Form and Function.

Sunday Jewish Book Group  
February 26, 2:00-3:30p

Join us for a discussion of The Fifth Son by Eli Wiesel, facilitated by Margarete Feinstein, lecturer in the Jewish Studies Program at LMU. As always, light refreshments and riveting conversation will be served!

Women's Voices of Late Imperial China  
March 1, 5:30-7:00p

Please join us for the 2017 edition of our annual Women's Voices series as we explore the lives and personal narratives of women from late Imperial China. Yanjie Wang, Assistant Professor of Asian and Asian American Studies, and LMU Theatre Arts students will set the stage.

See Our Full Calendar of Events

Blind Date with a Book

It's February and that means a return of our always-popular Blind Date with a Book display. Check-in Assistant Angie So has outdone herself this year with cover illustrations for each title. See if you can guess the book! Instructions for how to play can be found in our EXPLORE exhibit on level 1 across from the Circulation Desk. Cuddle up with a good book this Valentine's Day season!