

ULSTER COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

June 19, 2018

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Margie Menard (Kingston), Kara Lustiber (West Hurley), Julie Kelsall-Dempsey (Highland), Gisi Vella (Pine Hill), John Georghiou (Plattekill), John Giralico (Elting/New Paltz), Liz Potter (Phoenicia), Tracy Priest (Ulster), Lois Skelly (Milton)

UCLA BOARD MEMBERS: Lynne Ridgeway (Plattekill), Rosemary Weir (Milton)

The meeting of the Ulster County Library Association was called to order by Margie Menard at 10:00am at the Elting Library.

Presentation: Deb Weltsch from the Central Library did a presentation on “News Literacy and Critical Thinking Skills Development.”

Minutes: Julie Kelsall-Dempsey made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes, 2nd. Approved with two abstentions.

LibraryAware: LibraryAware includes the NextReads readers advisory newsletter. Julie Kelsall-Dempsey motion to purchase a LibraryAware for \$1975, 2nd. Approved with one Opposition.

Selection Committee: The committee will be working with Recorded Books to set up a single login menu for RB Digital’s Qello, Zinio, and Marvel. The eBook Committee will use \$1000 of the children’s eBook money to purchase Marvel content.

MHLS Board Nomination: Margie Menard nominated Stuart Auchincloss as the Ulster County representative to the MHLS Board, 2nd. Approved.

County Wide Lending Rules: Laurie Shedrick emailed out a chart of the varying loan rules for Ulster County libraries. Please bring this to your board with the goal of moving towards consistency.

New Business:

Next UCLA Meeting Wednesday, July 18th at the Phoenicia Library.

Margie Menard made a motion to adjourn at 11:56am, 2nd. Approved.

Kara Lustiber

Secretary

UCLA Agenda Tuesday June 19, 2018 @ Elting New Paltz Library 10:00 AM

- Approval of the minutes of the May 25, 2018 Meeting
- Deb Weltsch--News Literacy and Critical Thinking Skills Development
- Selection Committee—Vote to subscribe to LibraryAware for Ulster County
- Selection Committee—MarvelR from RB Digital
- Ulster County Loan Rules
- Nomination of MHLS Trustee from Ulster County
- UCLA Annual Meeting planning

Selected Fact-Checking Resources

Facts Matter! - conquering "Fake News"

Non-partisan fact-checking

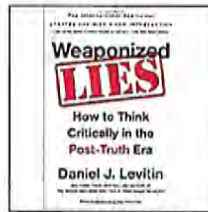
- snopes.com – Urban legends/ viral rumors, etc.
- politifact.org – From the Tampa Tribune. Non-partisan "Truth-O-Meter" – Rates lies with worst score of "pants on fire"
- factcheck.org – Annenberg Public Policy Center
- opensecrets.org – Center for Responsive Politics. Non-partisan. Source for information on lobbying and money in government
- [Washington Post Fact Checker](http://WashingtonPost.com/fact-checker) – Home of the "Pinocchio Test"
- [Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting](http://FairnessandAccuracyinReporting.org) (FAIR)

Partisan and 'blended' news sites

- Mediamatters.org – Left-leaning watchdog of right-leaning media.
- Newsbusters.org – Right-leaning watchdog of left-leaning media.
- Allsides.com – Attempts to break through 'filter bubble' and introduce other viewpoints.
- Mediabiasfactcheck.com – Ranks media sites on a left to right continuum and presents various views.

Selected Bibliography

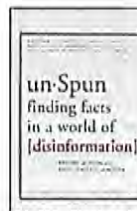
Just the Facts-Recognizing "Fake News"



Weaponized Lies : How To Think Critically In The Post-Truth Era
Daniel J. Levitin. Dutton, 2017 (Updated edition).



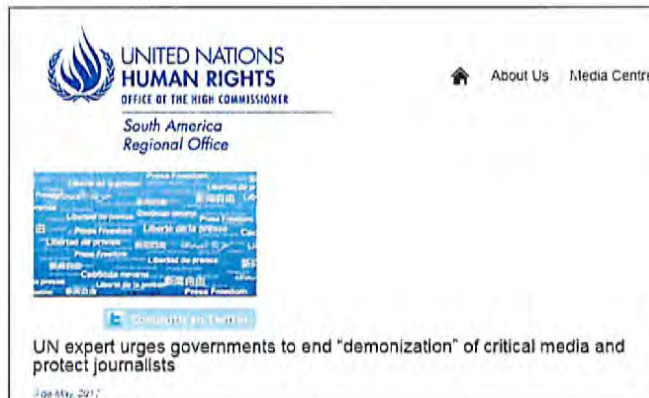
The Truth Matters : A Citizen's Guide To Separating Facts From Lies And Stopping Fake News In Its Tracks
Bruce Bartlett Ten Speed Press, 2017



Unspun : Finding Facts In A World Of Disinformation
Brooks Jackson and Kathleen Hall Jamieson. Random House, 2007.



Blur: How To Know What's True In The Age Of Information Overload
Bill Kovach and Tom Rosenstiel. Bloomsbury, 2010.



<http://acnudh.org/en/un-expert-urges-governments-to-end-demonization-of-critical-media-and-protect-journalists/>



<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2017/09/04/the-fake-news-fallacy>



<http://www.pewresearch.org/topics/state-of-the-news-media/>

<https://fair.org/take-action-now/media-activism-kit/how-to-detect-bias-in-news-media/>

Evaluating a News Article

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Does the headline match the content?

Read the entire article before deciding to trust it or not as headlines are sometimes fabricated to grab your attention.



Are there references, links or citations?

These validate the author's information and allow us to easily access and explore more about the information in the article.



Are there spelling or grammatical errors?

Errors of this nature show that the author might have hastily posted the information or they may not be an authoritative expert in the content they're writing about.



<http://whatcontent.org/pigs-fly-over-new-york-city>

Net Now News

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By Curry Adams



About Net Now News

What is this website?

Find the mission and goals of the website by looking for its "About Us" section.

This information will help you to determine the website's purpose and credibility.



Who is the Author?

No author listed is a red flag! It means you can't investigate them to see if they are credible or not.

When there is an author, do a Google search to locate other articles they've written, credentials, and if they can be contacted.



Are there any direct quotes that are incorrectly used or taken out of context?

Are you able to find the same quote on another website? Or did a Google search of the quote produce something different? Writers can modify quotes to change their meaning and to make you believe something that isn't 100% true.

Does the article only showcase one side of an argument?

If an article only features one viewpoint, the reader should remind themselves that they're not seeing the full picture. Be cautious of news articles that only report one side of the story.

Is the story completely outrageous?

If the story is unbelievable, chances are it is! Trust your gut instinct and check for many of items discussed in this article.



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