HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS

1. CONSIDER THE SOURCE
   Click away from the story to investigate the site, its mission and its contact info.

2. READ BEYOND
   Headlines can be outrageous in an effort to get clicks. What’s the whole story?

3. CHECK THE AUTHOR
   Do a quick search on the author. Are they credible? Are they real?

4. SUPPORTING SOURCES?
   Click on those links. Determine if the info given actually supports the story.

5. CHECK THE DATE
   Reposting old news stories doesn’t mean they’re relevant to current events.

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

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

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

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