

Two of our librarians – Kiki Butler, Head of Adult Services and Lauren Walker, Assistant Director – sat down to discuss the issue of fake news, why it’s important, and how to tell whether or not a source is reliable. The Zoom conversation was broken down into segments and can be found [on our YouTube page under the “Fake News” playlist](#).

As of November 3rd, this discussion will also be available as a podcast on [Rhody Radio!](#)

Listed below are the sources that were mentioned during the discussion as well as a list of further reading resources.

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Test your ability to spot fake news!

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