How to Spot Fake News Infographic – Text Version

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.