

Resources for Libraries

## Mis, Dis and Mal-information

## News Literacy Project

This project helps people develop the skills to identify dis, mis, and mal-information. It provides resources for individuals to critically assess news sources and become more informed consumers of information. The new <u>misinformation dashboard</u> reveals valuable insights into the common disinformation tactics and narratives that threaten to influence public opinion about the 2024 election.

## **ULC Leadership Brief: Explorations of Generative AI for Library Systems**

In May 2023, Urban Libraries Council convened North American Library leaders library leaders for a CEO Roundtable among many topics library leaders discussed complications around the identification of misinformation. This Leadership Brief explores Generative AI for Library Systems.

## <u>ULC Leadership Brief: The Role of Libraries as Public Spaces in Countering Misinformation,</u> <u>Disinformation, and Social Isolation in the Age of Generative AI</u>

This Leadership Brief examines how public libraries are uniquely positioned to combat both issues by promoting digital literacy and fostering community connections. The Leadership Brief guides readers through the intersection of misinformation, disinformation, and social connectedness.

## Truth in Common

Truth in Common offers workshops that focus on bridging political and ideological divides. These workshops provide participants with the tools and frameworks to engage in constructive conversations, reducing polarization and promoting a more nuanced understanding of contentious topics.

## **IREX | Supporting Information Integrity and Resilience: Tools and Resources**

A collection of tools and resources aimed at promoting information integrity and building resilience against misinformation and disinformation. It provides practical guides, training programs, and frameworks designed to help communities and individuals critically assess information, strengthen media literacy, and foster trust in accurate, reliable news sources.

## <u>Common Sense Media</u>

Help kids spot misinformation and disinformation and use resources to guide <u>how to find</u> <u>credible info about the election</u>. Common Sense also offers news literacy games, tools, & lessons through a <u>curated list</u>.



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## **Voting Resources**

### League of Women Voters

A well-known nonpartisan organization that advocates for informed voter participation. It provides educational materials on voting, hosts debates, and works to make elections accessible and fair for all.

### **National Voter Registration Day**

A nationwide, nonpartisan campaign aimed at registering as many eligible voters as possible before upcoming elections. It emphasizes the importance of voting and civic participation.

### **Register to Vote**

General guidance or a tool to help individuals register to vote, including information on voter eligibility, deadlines, and the process for registering in various states.

## Voting as a College Student

A guide for college students that addresses the specific challenges they may face when voting, such as residency issues or registration procedures. It ensures students can exercise their voting rights regardless of their location during school.

### **Ballot Ready**

An online platform that allows voters to learn about every candidate and referendum on their ballot. It provides detailed, nonpartisan information on voting options, candidate stances, and ballot measures.

### Reader. Voter. Ready.

A resource developed by the American Library Association (ALA) that offers a comprehensive toolkit for libraries to promote voter education and participation. It includes information on government documents related to voting and civic engagement.

## **Voting Rights Organizations**

## Voting Rights Lab

A nonprofit organization working to secure, protect, and expand voting rights for all Americans. It provides data, legal analysis, and advocacy support to ensure fair and accessible voting systems.

## <u>ACLU</u>

The American Civil Liberties Union advocates for the protection and expansion of civil rights and liberties, including the right to vote. It focuses on fighting voter suppression and ensuring equal access to the polls.



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## Advancement Project

A racial justice organization that works on voter protection and advocacy, among other civil rights issues. It focuses on empowering marginalized communities to exercise their right to vote and have a voice in the democratic process.

## Asian American Advancing Justice

A group dedicated to advocating for the civil rights of Asian Americans. They work on issues like voting rights, ensuring that Asian Americans can register, vote, and have their voices heard.

## When We All Vote

A national, nonpartisan initiative founded by Michelle Obama to increase voter participation in every election. It focuses on closing the race and age voting gap to ensure a more representative democracy.

## Información Electoral Que Necesita (Election News in Spanish)

## <u>Vote 411</u>

Presentado por el de Educación de League of Women Voters. Encontrar información de votación personalizada por estado. // Brought to you by the League of Women Voters Education Fund. Find personalized voting information by state.

## **Be Informed: Your Elected Officials**

### **Ballotpedia**

A "digital encyclopedia of American politics" which includes political news, voting records, and ballot/election information, including both candidates and ballot measures for federal and local elections. They do an annual survey of all candidates that can be a source of information about different policies and values for each candidate (when they fill it out, not all do).

## 2024 Presidential Election Interactive Map

A tool that provides real-time updates on the 2024 Presidential Election. It allows users to visualize electoral votes, state-by-state results, and potential paths to victory for candidates.

### How They Voted

A resource that offers detailed information on how members of Congress voted on key pieces of legislation. This tool helps constituents hold their elected officials accountable by showing their voting records.



## **U.S. House of Representatives**

A link to the official webpage of the U.S. House of Representatives, where users can find information about representatives, bills, and committees.

## **U.S. Senate**

A link to the official webpage of the U.S. Senate, offering details about senators, legislation, and Senate activities.

## **Thurgood Marshall Institute Local Elections Guide**

Explains the role and power of all elected officials beyond the well known ones – and why it's important to weigh in on them. (Via the Legal Defense and Educational Fund from the NAACP)

## **History of Bills**

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A tool or resource that provides the legislative history of various bills, helping voters stay informed on the progress of legislation through Congress and how it impacts them.

## Get Involved

## **ULC's Democracy Webpage**

A webpage by the Urban Libraries Council that offers tools, resources, and information on promoting democracy, civic engagement, and informed participation in the democratic process through libraries.

## **ULC Leadership Brief: Libraries as Cornerstones of Democracy**

Libraries, bastions of democracy, were found to suddenly be in the middle of attacks democracy. This Leadership Brief focuses on the importance of public libraries as leaders in democracy and civic engagement, ensuring all community members have the ability to exercise their fundamental rights. It calls on library executives to embody the values of ULC's Declaration of Democracy and join a collective of leaders to educate the public about their rights and encourage active citizenry.

## **Run for Something**

A platform designed to encourage and support young progressives in running for local offices. It provides guidance, resources, and mentoring for new candidates aiming to make a difference in their communities.



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## **National Issues Forum**

This initiative promotes public deliberation on key national issues by providing forums where people can discuss and address challenges in a non-partisan, collaborative manner. They focus on creating a space for constructive dialogue on critical civic matters.

## **Civic Health Project**

The Civic Health Project's solutions page provides a range of approaches to addressing civic polarization and fostering a healthier democracy. It offers initiatives, tools, and partnerships designed to build understanding, reduce division, and enhance civic health.

## **Essential Partners**

A resource hub focused on personal and community well-being, highlighting key practices, stories, and tools to help individuals reconnect with themselves, their communities, and the larger world. It centers on mental, emotional, and societal essentials, aiming to build a more compassionate society.

## **Bridgebuilding Resource Hub**

WebJunction's Bridge Building Resource Hub offers libraries and their communities a collection of tools and resources aimed at promoting community cohesion. It helps bridge divides through public programs, dialogues, and services that support inclusion, trust, and shared understanding.

## **Democracy Policy Network**

A nonprofit network focused on sharing and supporting locally grown policies that increase democracy and civic participation in communities – "more power, to more people, in more ways."

## **Futures Happening: Playbook**

The "Futures Happening" playbook provides actionable steps, strategies, and activities designed to help individuals and organizations plan for the future collaboratively. It focuses on co-creating better futures through systems thinking, innovation, and inclusive dialogue.

## Vote Forward

Vote Forward trains and supports volunteers to write and send handwritten letters to potential voters to encourage increased turnout, particularly among likely Democratic voters. However, the letters are required to be non-partisan and democracy focused rather than party or policy-centered.