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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date:** May 4, 2017  
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**Re:** Media Literacy: Thinking Critically about News and Other Resources

Today's information-filled world can be challenging to navigate, but librarians are experienced in examining all types of information resources for authenticity, relevance, and authority. Join NOLS Librarians Danielle Gayman and Sarah Morrison at the Port Angeles Main Library of the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) for a 2-hour workshop on Media Literacy. The workshop will be held on Thursday, May 18 at 6pm.

### **Developing a Critical Eye**

Information is everywhere. Sometimes it's overwhelming! Making sense of it all can be hard in today's fast paced, digital world. According to the Pew Research Center, a majority of US adults and youth are getting their news in real time from their social media feeds. How do you choose what to believe? Why *can't* you trust that link, this video, an article shared by a friend or family member? What is "truthiness"? How do you identify bias?

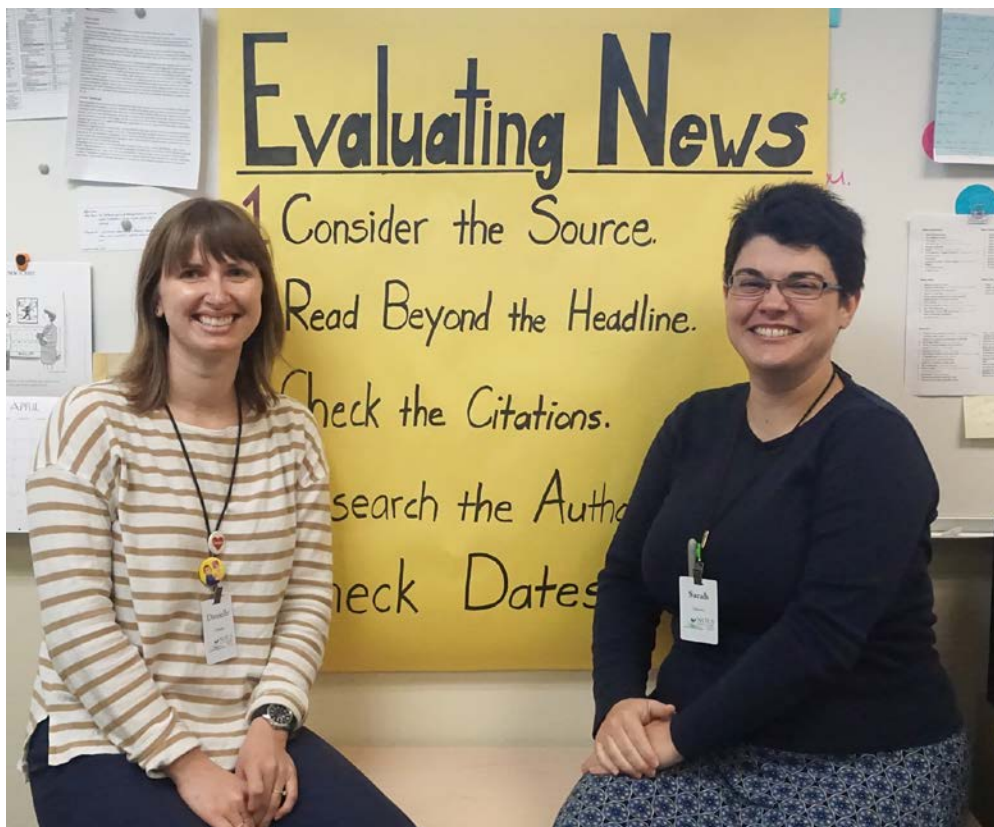
Media Literacy workshop attendees will learn how to examine and analyze their information sources, and leave more confident of their ability to find reliable, evidence-based information, and to avoid being "faked out" by false or fabricated news.

### **What is Media Literacy?**

Today's media landscape and technologies mean that misinformation or disinformation can be widely shared and disseminated, accidentally or purposefully, regardless of the facts. The

number of sources and formats make it difficult to consistently choose unbiased, accurate outlets. A Media Literate person can analyze the relationships among media, audiences, information, and power to decode where truth lies within a story.

For more information about this event, contact Librarians Danielle or Sarah at 360.417.8500, ext. 7706, send an email to [Discover@nols.org](mailto:Discover@nols.org), or visit [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org) and select “Events” and “Port Angeles.” The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street.



*NOLS Librarians Danielle Gayman and Sarah Morrison to offer workshop on Media Literacy.*