Celebrating National Library Week, April 9-15

Each April, libraries around the country celebrate “National Library Week.” This year’s NLW theme is “Libraries Transform.” The American Library Association explains, “Libraries and librarians transform their communities by opening a world of possibilities” through providing access to resources, information and education in the digital age. Access equals opportunity. MassBay Libraries have many events for “National Library Week.”

Finding the Truth: Reliable News

**Article By: Nina Oria-Loureiro**

Determining what is a reliable news story has been a hot topic this year, but is not new. “Fake news,” more commonly called propaganda or misinformation, is the misrepresenting of facts in the media with the purposes of creating controversy, making money, sensationalizing, and/or catering to biases. Distinguishing fake news from real facts can be difficult, but so long as you look at a story with a critical eye and ask the right questions, picking out fake news is possible.

**What news outlet are you using? Does it have a good track record?**

Some sources lean strongly to the left or right, giving their readers a very biased look at the world and function mostly as clickbait. Even news outlets like Fox News and Huffington Post are catering to specific political groups. Check out sources like AP and Reuters to simply get the facts without the bias.

**What is the purpose of the article? Are they trying to report news? Or sell an idea, position or product? Do they seem to attack an enemy or try to create controversy?**

**Are multiple perspectives being portrayed in the article?** The arguments need to go beyond an “us versus them” style. For the source to be credible multiple perspectives need to be in conversation with each other.

**What sources does the news outlet use to confirm its facts?**

Make sure the facts being presented are coming from reputable sources (i.e. AP, Reuters, BBC, NPR, to name a few). When in doubt check out fact checking sites to evaluate for yourself and remember to think critically about what is being presented in the media. Fact checking sites include: [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/fact-checker/] and [http://www.factcheck.org/].

Library Collection Spotlight: April is National Poetry Month
New Sections in Early Childhood Education: Curriculum and Language

Article by: Anne Guterman
We have two new sections in the ECE collection: Curriculum; comprehensive lesson plans, ideas, and Language: books in languages other than English. These sections are located on the shelving next to the Juvenile books. The book spines are labeled with “ECE Curriculum” or “ECE Language” on their spines.

The curriculum books range from art and music to math and science such as, “Kids Make Music” and “Much More Than Counting.” Another curriculum book is “Bet You Can!” which is geared to older students. The 62 experiments, or “tricks” as the book calls them, teaches science in two paragraphs; one for how to do it and one for the “why’s” behind each trick.

The language books include Chinese, French, Spanish, Sign Language and Vietnamese. The genres include picture dictionaries as well as storybooks. We have bilingual books, like “Once in Vietnam,” which tells fairytales in Vietnamese and English. Sign Language for Kids has photos of children signing words. These circulating books provide stimulating ideas for making learning exciting. Stop by the ECE section towards the back of the library to see for yourself. These books can be checked out and borrowed outside of the library.

Featured LibGuide: Nursing & Allied Health

Article by: Shannon Weeks
New to one of our Health Science Programs? Been here awhile but still struggling with homework? Well struggle no longer, help with your homework is here. Check out the Nursing & Allied Health LibGuide! There are many useful tools to be found from homework and research tips all the way to career assistance. Topics range from Contemporary Nutrition, Emergency Medicine, Evidence-Based Practice, Health Issues and Statics, Radiologic and Surgical Technology, Researching a Disease Disorder or Condition, to Career Collection – MassBay Framingham. Many of the topics have links within to find books, journals and articles, websites, videos, exams-study guides, researching tips, medical encyclopedias, and more. For further information and to access the Nursing & Allied Health LibGuide go to http://massbay.libguides.com/nursingalliedhealth