

# THE MISINFORMATION AGE

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The West Los Angeles Regional and Venice Branches of the Los Angeles Public Library announce the launch of the community-wide Book to Action (BTA) program, *The Misinformation Age*, which runs from July through August of 2020. Supported by the California Center for the Book, the "Book to Action" project brings literature to life by inviting the community to read "*The Misinformation Age: How False Beliefs Spread*" by Cailin O'Connor and James Weatherall and take action to become more critical consumers of news and other media information.

As stated by Kevin Kelly, co-founder of WIRED, "Truth is no longer dictated by authorities, but is networked by peers. For every fact there is a counterfact..." Truth is surrounded by misinformation, disinformation and fake news. This phenomenon is impacting some of the most important issues in our society, from COVID-19 and BLM to the 2020 election.

"The library has always been trusted as a reliable gateway to access valid information. This summer, we focus on this important role of the library and encourage our patrons to pause and validate information before they react to what they hear or see on social media," said Ramin Naderi, Acting Senior Librarian.

To register for this Book to Action program, please email [cdavies@lapl.org](mailto:cdavies@lapl.org). Participants will receive Zoom invites to the online events, weekly InfoLit Tip of the week, and a free copy of the book, "*The Misinformation Age: How False Beliefs Spread*" by Cailin O'Connor and James Weatherall, while supplies last.

Featured Book to Action events will take place online this year and include:

- Intergenerational Storytime on Misinformation and Fake News o July 16, 4 PM via Zoom
- Book Discussion, option 1 (West LA Library Book Club) o July 16, 6 PM via Zoom
- Book Discussion, option 2 (Venice Library Book Club) o July 28, 5 PM via Zoom
- Meet the Authors of *The Misinformation Age* o August 19, 6 PM via Zoom
- InfoLit Tip of the Week o Weekly posts on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @westlalibrary and @venicelapl o Weekly InfoLit Tip of the Week email for subscribers

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