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'Signal & Noise': KC Journalists Talk Tech, Media Literacy

Library Video Series, Panel Event Explore Journalism, Tech, and the Rise of Misinformation

Kansas City, MO – **On Wednesday, November 12, at 6:00 p.m.**, Mid-Continent Public Library will host the panel discussion **Signal & Noise: Conversations About Digital Media Literacy** at the Auditorium at Woodneath Library Center (8900 NE Flintlock Road, Kansas City, Mo.). The program will feature a panel of local journalists, including Charlie Keegan from KSHB 41, Carlos Moreno from KCUR, and former Kansas City Star columnist Dave Helling. The three will discuss the evolution of news and the impact of emerging technologies, such as AI and social media algorithms, on the spread of misinformation. The event follows the recent release of the Library's two-part video series of the same name.

"Navigating the enormous amount of information we encounter online each day can feel overwhelming, and with the emergence of technologies like AI, it can be difficult to know what's true and what's not," said MCPL Digital Innovation Manager Erin Kennedy. "As journalists, our panel members know this issue better than anyone and will share their insights on how we can find the facts and avoid misinformation that is rampant online."

The panel is free to attend, and <u>registration is available online</u>. A brief Q&A will follow the program, which will be moderated by MCPL Community Relations Manager Emily Becker. MCPL's Digital Innovation Department regularly offers free classes on technology and internet safety. For a full list of upcoming programs and related resources, visit <u>mymcpl.org/Innovation</u>.

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