Round 1

Some parents in your community have recently taken to social media to voice their displeasure with your high school librarian. Some of these posts have been extremely heated, calling for her to get fired. The parents believe that some of the selections in the library containing drug and alcohol use as well as some pertaining to issues of race, religion, and sexuality are inappropriate for their children. As members of the School Board, you have been tasked with tackling this hot-button issue. Begin by drafting a policy that clarifies how materials are selected for your school library. Next, discuss who will be making these selections. Finally, work on standardizing a process for community members to challenge these selections.

Round 2

Thanks to former President Donald Trump, the term “Fake News” first appeared in popular culture during the 2016 Presidential Campaign. The need to fact check has become a major step in our information intaking process since then, even more so in an election year. Unfortunately, not everyone has the knowledge or ability to check the validity of the information that they see online. As members of your school’s community outreach program, you have decided to create a presentation to share with various groups of all ages in your community. Your presentation should include history on the use of “Fake News,” reasons why fact checking is important, and finally guidelines on how to fact check.

Round 3

The landscape of news consumption is rapidly evolving, with a noticeable decline in newspaper subscriptions nationwide. Unfortunately, your once-thriving, daily community newspaper has not been immune to this decline. Now, the newspaper is trying to decide what can be done to stay in business. They have turned to you, a group of high school students, for help. They are asking you to look at how your generation gets their information and if print newspapers are relevant to you. If not, are there any changes in subscription models, publication frequency, or content that would make a print newspaper more appealing to you? Should the newspaper simply move away from print media and move into a digital space?