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## **GPPL and WDET host *Gimme Some Truth* – how to know what’s real in the era of fake news**

- **Panel discussion at Grosse Pointe South High School October 10**

GROSSE POINTE, MI – October 1, 2018 – The Grosse Pointe Public Library and WDET 101.9 FM will host a panel discussion on Wednesday, October 10 at Grosse Pointe South High School about the potentially harmful impact “fake news” can have on our communities.

Moderated by Sandra Svoboda, formerly of WDET 101.9 FM, and currently the *Great Lakes Now* Program Director at Detroit Public Television, the panel will feature M.L. Elrick, Pulitzer Prize and Emmy Award-winning investigative journalist; Greg Bowens, Press Secretary for former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and President and co-founder of the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods NAACP; Patrick Wright, communications and media strategist and writer; the Principal of Grosse Pointe South High School, Moussa Hamka; Jessica Keyser, Director of the Grosse Pointe Public Library and Detective Lt. Anthony Trupiano from the Grosse Pointe Farms Police.

“In this era of the Internet and social media, it can be difficult to make sense of so much information and judge its accuracy,” said Keyser. “The Library is dedicated to providing complete and unbiased information to our patrons. This program will shine a spotlight on the importance of considering sources of information before we jump to conclusions.”

Since the term “fake news” surfaced during the 2016 election, there have been countless cases of “news” from social media designed to push an agenda, to outrage, or to manipulate

public opinion. Journalists, meanwhile, long regarded as the gatekeepers of information, are being regarded with contempt, suspicion, or worse.

“Gimme Some Truth” is a community conversation about how everyone, from teenagers to seniors, currently receive and interpret news and information. How good are we, really, at detecting false, biased, or harmful information? We may think we’re “informed,” but do we really know who’s informing us?

Public Libraries are inherently equipped to be neutral information hubs where anyone can hone their skills to become a more astute and discerning consumer of the vast and multifaceted bits of news we regularly encounter. WDET is partnering with the Grosse Pointe Public Library to host “Gimme Some Truth” to help the audience gain insights into the ever-changing landscape of information.

“Gimme Some Truth” events are part of WDET’s work with the Detroit Journalism Cooperative, made possible by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. The event is free. Attendees will be able to take a quiz to see how well they can spot fake news. An audience Q&A will follow the panel discussion. Please register [here](#).

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**About the Grosse Pointe Public Library**

The Grosse Pointe Public Library was founded in 1929. With three locations serving the residents of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, the mission of the library is to expand learning, inspire creativity and connect our community. For more information <http://www.gp.lib.mi.us>