Getting Past “Post-Truth”: Librarians Respond

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What does “post-truth” even mean?

“adjective defined as ‘relating to or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief.’”

- Oxford Dictionaries Word of the Year 2016 -

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What does “post-truth” mean to us?

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What are some of the formal things you’re doing to move past “post-truth”?

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What are some of the informal things you’re doing to move past “post-truth”?

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Can you speak to some of your missteps, mistakes, and/or failures along the way?
How do you address the concept of “neutrality in libraries”?

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Reflection time

← Rutland State Park, if anyone is wondering

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Thank you! We look forward to continuing the conversation with you.

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