

Resources for Community Journalists

Community members who aim to be more involved in the news-gathering process will find many free or low-cost journalism resources available online. Here is a sample of reliable sites that can help with everything from news literacy to basic reporting skills to advanced fact-checking and source verification. This is not an exhaustive list because, as you will see, one click leads quickly to many topics.

Associated Press

The Associated Press Stylebook and Briefing on Media Law: 2022-2024. This foundational text is now in its 56th edition. The digital version is an investment, but it is continuously updated. Learn more at <https://www.apstylebook.com/> Used print copies are widely available at good prices.

Poynter Institute resources

www.poynter.org (main page)

<https://www.poynter.org/mediawise-education-resources/>

<https://www.politifact.com/>

<https://www.poynter.org/shop/> (journalism webinars, many free or low-cost)

Neiman Foundation resources

<https://niemanreports.org/>

<https://www.niemanlab.org/>

<https://niemanstoryboard.org/>

Society of Professional Journalists

<https://www.journaliststoolbox.org/>

University of Missouri Libraries Information-gathering tools for journalists:

<https://libraryguides.missouri.edu/j2100/j2100news/tools>

Investigative Reporters and Editors

<https://www.ire.org/resources/>

DataJournalism.com

<https://datajournalism.com/>

Book recommendations

(article) Cunliffe-Jones, Peter and Lucas Graves

Misinformation: how fact-checking journalism is evolving – and having a real impact on the world

<https://theconversation.com/misinformation-how-fact-checking-journalism-is-evolving-and-having-a-real-impact-on-the-world-218379>

Associated Press Guide to Newswriting 2019 (4th edition)

Clark, Roy Peter. 2008. *Writing Tools: 50 Essential Strategies for Every Writer*

DeGregory, Lane. 2023. *"The Girl in the Window" and Other True Tales: An Anthology with Tips for Finding, Reporting, and Writing Nonfiction Narratives*

Hart, Jack. 2021. *Storycraft: The Complete Guide to Writing Narrative Nonfiction*

Knight, Robert M. *Journalistic Writing: Building the Skills, Honing the Craft*

Kovach, Bill and Tom Rosensteil. 2021. *The Elements of Journalism: What Newspeople Should Know and*

the Public Should Expect. 4th edition

Nelson, Dean. *Talk to Me: How to Ask Better Questions, Get Better Answers, and Interview Anyone Like a Pro*

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