

Library Information Session CAPPS Evaluation Activity

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 Publisher: Who is responsible for publishing this source? Is the publisher's mission to inform, entertain, or persuade the reader? How do you know? 	
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 Sources: What evidence is provided for the claims that the author makes? Can you determine where the author got their information? Are outside sources cited in references, footnotes, or in the text? If so, are they from trustworthy publications? 	



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