

Week 1: Welcome to Library Freedom Institute!

Real time lecture: June 6, 8:30 am Pacific/11:30 am Eastern

Overview

Welcome everyone! We're so thrilled to be starting Library Freedom Institute with such an excellent cohort! This week, we'll be getting acquainted with the course, including curriculum, technology, goals, and each other.

- Outcomes for this cohort
 - Learn to use privacy software that can be installed on both patron machines and public library workstations
 - Teach your own train-the-trainer workshops to other librarians in your region.
 - Approach members of your community regarding privacy concerns and teach privacy-related community workshops.
 - Use your new role as a Privacy Advocate to influence policy and infrastructure.
 - Encourage community engagement with privacy policy issues
- Syllabus and weekly layout
 - Undergo intensive training (6 months, 5 hours/week)
 - Weekly commitments: lecture, discussion, readings, and assignments
 - Assignments are due the week after they're assigned, so for example the assignments for the week of June 11-17 can be submitted during the week of June 18-24. If you need more time, just say so.
 - Let Alison know if you need to be absent from one of the real-time lectures, or if you need to miss a whole week for any reason.
 - Assignments get submitted to the Github repo, but should be linked to from the messageboard in the "assignments" category so that we can easily discuss them with the rest of the cohort.
- Review code of conduct:
<https://github.com/alisonLFP/libraryfreedominstitute/blob/master/coursedocs/LFI-coc.docx>
- Class technology
 - Discourse messageboard: libraryfreedom.chat (register an account)
 - Zoom video/audio chat/recordings: <https://zoom.us/j/931145679> (these will be recorded)
 - Riseup mailing list: library-freedom-institute@lists.riseup.net
 - Github repo : <https://github.com/alisonLFP/libraryfreedominstitute> (register an account)
 - Please note that all class technology is publicly accessible! That means that the mailing list archives, messageboard, and Github repo can all be viewed by anyone. I've set it up this way so that the materials we create can easily be shared, but also, I understand that sometimes we might want to talk amongst ourselves, so I've created a "private" category on the Discourse messageboard that's only viewable to our group. You can use this category whenever you want to talk about something that you don't want the whole world to see.

Learning objectives

- Meet other members of the cohort
- Review themes and outcomes
- Set personal goals

Readings

- Read through Tactical Technology Collective's website, especially the Data Detox Kit: <https://datadetox.myshadow.org/en/detox> and <https://tacticaltech.org/>
- Read EFF's privacy advice to librarians <https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2016/12/librarians-act-now-protect-your-users-its-too-late>

Discussion

- What are your personal goals for this course?
- What did you learn from the Data Detox Kit/Tactical Technology Collective's website?

Assignment

- Complete Day one of the Data Detox Kit <https://datadetox.myshadow.org/>; and
- Write five personal goals for this course.