



## **Library Freedom Institute 12: Advanced Knowledge for Digital Resistance**

### **Frequently Asked Questions and More Information**

- **What can I expect to find on the curriculum?**
  - LFI 12 will be a more advanced training than previous LFI cohorts. We kick off with exploring the current threat landscape of surveillance capitalism and defining your personal and professional values and mission. We'll then move from theory to practice in skilling up around community organizing with asset mapping and guest speakers from frontline groups. We'll return to themes of tech resistance by looking at strategies and doing the hands-on work of breaking up with BigTech. Our work together will include strategies and methods for talking back to power—whether internal to our institutions or to larger institutional bodies. Our sessions will also return to themes we find ourselves encountering in our communities: increased demands for critical literacy, combating evolving scams, and moving critical AI resistance forward. Finally, we'll revisit the basics of librarianship that support our work, such as program development and project planning.
- **What are the logistics for LFI 12?**
  - This version is scheduled for 10 weeks online.
- **How many participants will there be total?**
  - Previous LFI cohorts have started with between 25 and 35 people.
- **Do you accept all applicants?**
  - No—we usually get dozens more applications than we have space for, so we can't accommodate all applicants. If you don't get accepted to LFI this

round, please try again in the future. This LFI round will prioritize applicants who have either taken a previous LFI training, or can otherwise demonstrate some existing commitment to this work.

- **What are your priorities for accepting applicants?**

- This training will be a deeper dive and extend the content from previous LFI learnings. Being an alum of a previous LFI cohort isn't required, but is recommended. In your application, we'll look forward to reading about how your experience makes you a good fit for LFI 12. We also seek to build a diverse cohort of library workers, in many senses of the word. Racial and ethnic diversity, gender diversity, class diversity, and geographic diversity are our main priorities. We also appreciate applicants with deep community connections, either through their libraries or where they live. Every cohort is a bit different.

- **Is this only for public librarians? Is this only for academic librarians? Are school librarians welcome?**

- Library Freedom Institute is for library workers in all settings. It's one of the only professional development opportunities where you meet colleagues from across the field.

- **What dates will the Institute take place?**

- We are still solidifying exact dates, but it will start sometime after February 1st and conclude sometime in April (the schedule is 10 weeks long).

- **How much does LFI cost?**

- We offer LFI on a sliding fee scale from \$0 - \$1000. Your ability to pay does not impact your acceptance into this program. But if your work has professional development funding, we very much need and appreciate that support as we are a tiny nonprofit, and even the highest end of the scale does not cover everything that goes into this program.