**OPEN LIBRARY OF CRITICAL THINKING**

**Community Guidelines**

The **Open Library of Critical Thinking** is an inclusive and progressive space dedicated to knowledge-sharing, critical discourse, and community engagement. We are committed to fostering a welcoming, respectful, and accessible environment for all.

**Respect & Inclusivity**

Our library is a space free from discrimination and oppressive behavior. We do not tolerate **sexism, racism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, classism, or any other form of exclusionary or harmful language or conduct**. Everyone—regardless of gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic background, disability, age, education, or religious belief—should feel safe and valued here.

We particularly encourage and support those who have been historically marginalized within society and intellectual spaces. **Respectful debate and discussion are welcome**, but they should always be conducted with consideration for others.

**Shared Responsibility**

This library belongs to its community. All visitors, whether in our physical space or engaging with us online, are responsible for ensuring it remains **a safe and inclusive place for learning, sharing, and reflection**.

* **Be mindful of language and behavior.** If someone points out that something you’ve said or done is inappropriate, please take their concerns seriously.
* **Hold each other accountable with care.** If you witness behavior that goes against this policy, try to address it thoughtfully or seek support from the library team.
* **Respect the space.** Help us maintain a welcoming atmosphere by keeping the library clean, handling books with care, and treating the space as a shared resource.

**Safeguarding & Conflict Resolution**

The Open Library team is responsible for maintaining a space where all feel secure. If necessary, we may intervene to **address harmful behavior, diffuse conflicts, or ask individuals to leave** if their actions compromise the safety and well-being of others. In online spaces, we reserve the right to moderate discussions and remove harmful content.

If you have concerns, need support, or would like to suggest improvements to this policy, please reach out to us. Our guidelines are **part of an ongoing dialogue** and will evolve to best serve our community.

**Using the library & its resources**

Our collection is a shared resource for all, and we ask that books be handled with care. To ensure their longevity, please keep them clean and intact. When borrowing materials, please return them on time so others can access them as well. The library operates on a **trust-based borrowing system** that allows members to borrow books for up to two weeks. If more time is needed, we ask that you request an extension before the due date.

To help grow and diversify our collection, we also encourage visitors to recommend or donate books that align with our mission of critical thinking, social and environmental justice, and progressive discourse.