

Membership Policy
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Membership Policy: General Policies and Requirements

Introduction

Queer Liberation Library (QLL) is a free digital library. Anyone with a US mailing address can apply to become a member and receive access to our digital library collections.

- Submitting an application does not guarantee access to Queer Liberation Library's Digital Collection. QLL endeavors to give access to all applicants, but has contractual limitations with our digital library providers. In these cases, we will add names and emails to a waitlist and email potential members when we are able to accommodate more users.

1. Data Collection & Privacy Policy

- In order to provide digital platforms and services, QLL will require some personal information from you. This includes:
 - Name (*This name does not have to be the legal name on your ID card.*)
 - Email address
 - Confirmation of a US mailing address
- Library members may occasionally receive email communications from the library or its digital library platforms. Ensure that you use an email address at which you are comfortable receiving these kinds of communications.
- All use of the data you provide to us will be used to provide library services digitally.
- Any other data you choose to provide will be used in internal usage reporting. This reporting will be used to make decisions about collection development, library growth, and areas of focus. None of this information will be shared externally.
- QLL will not give, sell, or distribute your personal information with any third party unless required by law, with the exception of the library service providers.

2. Behavior & Interaction Policy

- All of QLL's events, campaigns, and social media feeds are hate-free zones. QLL does not permit homophobia, transphobia, racism, sexism, ableism, colorism, xenophobia, or any other type of discrimination or hate speech.

3. Repercussions for Non-Compliance

- Temporary Suspension: Users found violating these policies may face temporary suspension of access to the OverDrive/Libby Service and digital content.
- Permanent Termination: QLL reserves the right to terminate accounts and remove access from any user who violates these policies.

Platform Use Policy: Digital Content Usage and Compliance

Introduction:

This policy outlines the acceptable use of digital content provided through OverDrive/Libby's service. It is crucial that all users adhere to the guidelines below to ensure fair and lawful use of digital resources.

1. Usage of Digital Content

- **Personal Use Only:** Digital content is strictly for personal, non-commercial use. Users are allowed to access and download content for reading, listening, or viewing without any intent to profit or commercially exploit the material.

2. Restrictions on Content Sharing and Distribution

- **No Unauthorized Sharing:** Users cannot share, distribute, or make the digital content available to others in any unauthorized manner.
- **No Alteration:** Modifying, adapting, translating, or creating derivative works of the digital content is not allowed.
- **No Redistribution:** Selling, renting, or reassigning the digital content to others is strictly prohibited.

3. Device and Access Limitations

- **Authorized Devices:** Users may access and/or download digital content on shared computers with individual unique user accounts, or personal devices directly.
- **No Multiple User Access:** Do not use shared computers or devices for accessing digital content under a single login or account unless the device is restored to its original configuration after each use.

4. Respect for Copyright and Intellectual Property

- **Adherence to DRM:** Respect the Digital Rights Management (DRM) settings on the digital content, which may restrict copying, sharing, and/or printing of materials.
- **No Misuse of Content:** Engaging in activities that infringe upon the intellectual property rights of the content owners, such as unauthorized reproduction or distribution, is strictly forbidden.

5. Lending Period Adherence

- **Timely Return:** Ensure that all borrowed digital content is returned or deleted after the specified lending period has expired.

6. Repercussions for Non-Compliance

- **Temporary Suspension:** Users found violating these policies may face temporary suspension of access to the OverDrive/Libby Service and digital content.
- **Permanent Termination:** Repeated or severe violations may result in permanent termination of access to the OverDrive/Libby Service and digital content.
- **Legal Consequences:** Engaging in unlawful activities, such as unauthorized distribution or commercial exploitation of digital content, may result in legal action by copyright holders.

7. Terms and Conditions

- Users attest that they have read and will comply with OverDrive's Terms and Conditions, as outlined here: <https://company.cdn.overdrive.com/policies/terms-and-conditions.htm>
- Users attest that they have read and will comply with OverDrive's Privacy Policy, as outlined here: <https://company.cdn.overdrive.com/policies/privacy-policy>

Conclusion

Adherence to this policy ensures a respectful and lawful digital environment for all users. It is imperative to respect the rights of content creators and distributors by complying with these guidelines.