

Developing the Lambert House Library

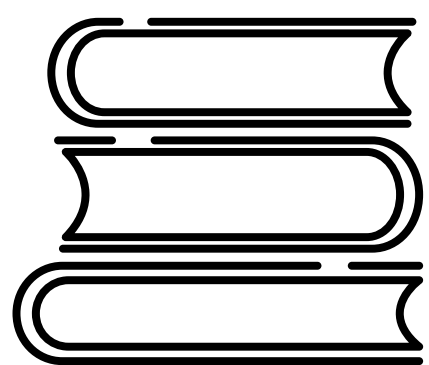


What is Lambert House?

Lambert House is a non-profit organization based in Seattle that acts as a safe space for LGBTQIA+ young adults ages 11-22. Lambert House also has a robust collection of LGBT-focused media and books available for reading and personal use. This large collection is rich in valuable resources for young adults trying to learn more about themselves but lacks any sort of cataloging infrastructure.



Why make a Library?



To establish an accurate and functional catalogue of all of Lambert House's current books.

To assess what material to add, what to remove, and what to replace.

To create a space that promotes equity, inclusion, and intellectual curiosity for LGBTQIA+ youth.

How do we make a Library?

1. **Find** simple, affordable cataloging and circulation software and implement it.
2. **Evaluate** material and remove books that are in poor condition.
3. **Incorporate** material into new catalog software over the course of a year.
4. **Create** barcodes for materials that are self-published or lack ISBN barcodes.
5. **Advise** on the addition of new and popular material based on what the catalog is missing.

What are the Results?

Over 2,100 books cataloged and sorted based on genre and relationship to gender and sexuality.

A simple circulation system through TinyCat that only requires minimal personal information to promote equity and ease of access.

Over 300 books removed based on condition or obsolescence.

An accurate account of material collected, which opens the door to acquiring new and valuable books and material.

