

AN INVITATION TO JOIN The Library of Babel Group

We call you to join forces with us through the Library of Babel Group. This group is a nascent coalition of educators confronting and resisting the incursion of “AI” technologies into spaces of teaching, learning, research, knowledge and creative expression. We aim to amplify and extend the work that is already being done to push back against the co-optation of education by technology companies, and to bring the insights from a generation of critical tech research, advocacy and organizing to bear on this specific struggle.

The initial work of the group will be hosted by the [Center on Privacy & Technology](#) at Georgetown Law. Through this collective, we hope to:

- build a **community of solidarity** and practice
- **amplify the reach** of members’ work to colleagues across geographies and disciplines
- create opportunities for **resource-sharing and collaborative inquiry**
- establish and pursue a **shared vision of education** that is not bounded by algorithmic logics but shaped through collective humanist goals.

This moment represents an inflection point in the relationship between education and digital technology companies. We need urgently to hold space to conceptualise and defend a future we want more than the one now being touted as “inevitable”.

Join the Library of Babel Group and help us shape this space.

To get started, join the listserv here:

lists.mayfirst.org/mailman/listinfo/assembly

Post your first message, sharing your name, your role in education, and your reason for interest in the group.



Shape the path forward

Resistance is not a monolith. It comprises a diversity of concerns, priorities, disciplinary perspectives and values including legal advocacy and action; technical and sociotechnical analysis; philosophical examination; critical communication about the workings and harms of “AI” technologies; creative media production; education leadership and governance.

The actions we undertake together will be shaped by the needs and priorities of the group as they emerge, but might involve:

Publishing projects

to disseminate critical information, celebrate human creativity and scholarship, and expand access to resistance discourse

Interdisciplinary collaborations

to pursue shared values and outcomes in alliance with communities critical of “AI” technologies

Educational resources

which honor a pedagogy of invasive-tech resistance and human capability development

Community events

such as conferences, forums and workshops

Policy and advocacy strategies

for restraining corporate power within educational institutions

Engagement beyond academic settings

to develop a collective vision for post-algorithmic educational models that our communities want and need.

What is the Library of Babel?

“The Library of Babel” is a short story by Jorge Luis Borges which is about, among other things, the dangers of “words without thoughts.”