A Black August of Transition

This August has been a time of transition. Our beloved, inimitable Communications Director, Kendra Bozarth, is leaving LibGen. This month, our staff said “see you later” to Kendra with Robinson, gratitude, and best wishes for rest ahead of her next endeavors. She leaves behind a legacy of narrative brilliance, editorial wizardry, and empathic intentionality—and big shoes to fill.

We’re embarking on a search for a Communications Director to build on Kendra’s work at LibGen. Please take a moment to consider if you know anyone who might be interested in joining our team in this role.

HEED Us for Justice

We've recently renamed our column with Next City to correct for our ableist/audist oversight in naming it “Hear Us.” This month in #HeedUs4Justice, LibGen’s Grassroots Relationships Manager Adrien Weibgen offers an absolutely vital piece on why scapegoating transgender people—in the immediate aftermath of the Uvalde shooting, for example—endangers everyone and hides the ways that conservatives “use transphobia to hide their broader ideology of exclusion, scarcity and deprivation.”

Calling on Congress to Address the Housing Crisis

"Every eviction is an act of violence," Tara Raghuveer, Director of the #HomesGuarantee campaign, in her recent interview for Democracy Now. "Relief to tenants was really a bailout to landlords. The abomination in all of this is that none of that public money came with strings attached. None of that actually built in any structural shift of power." We—again (and again and again)—call on Congress to address the ongoing housing and tenant crisis, which disproportionately impacts Black and brown people.

Black August from Black Visions

Our friends at Black Visions have been powerfully commemorating Black August, centering the fight for Black liberation and recognizing our fallen freedom fighters. For one, they taught us that Sundiata Tate cherish this month-long celebration as an opportunity to “embrace the principles of unity, self-sacrifice, political education, physical training, and resistance.” Visit their website or Twitter for more.

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