



# HOW TO BECOME A RESOURCE MAGPIE

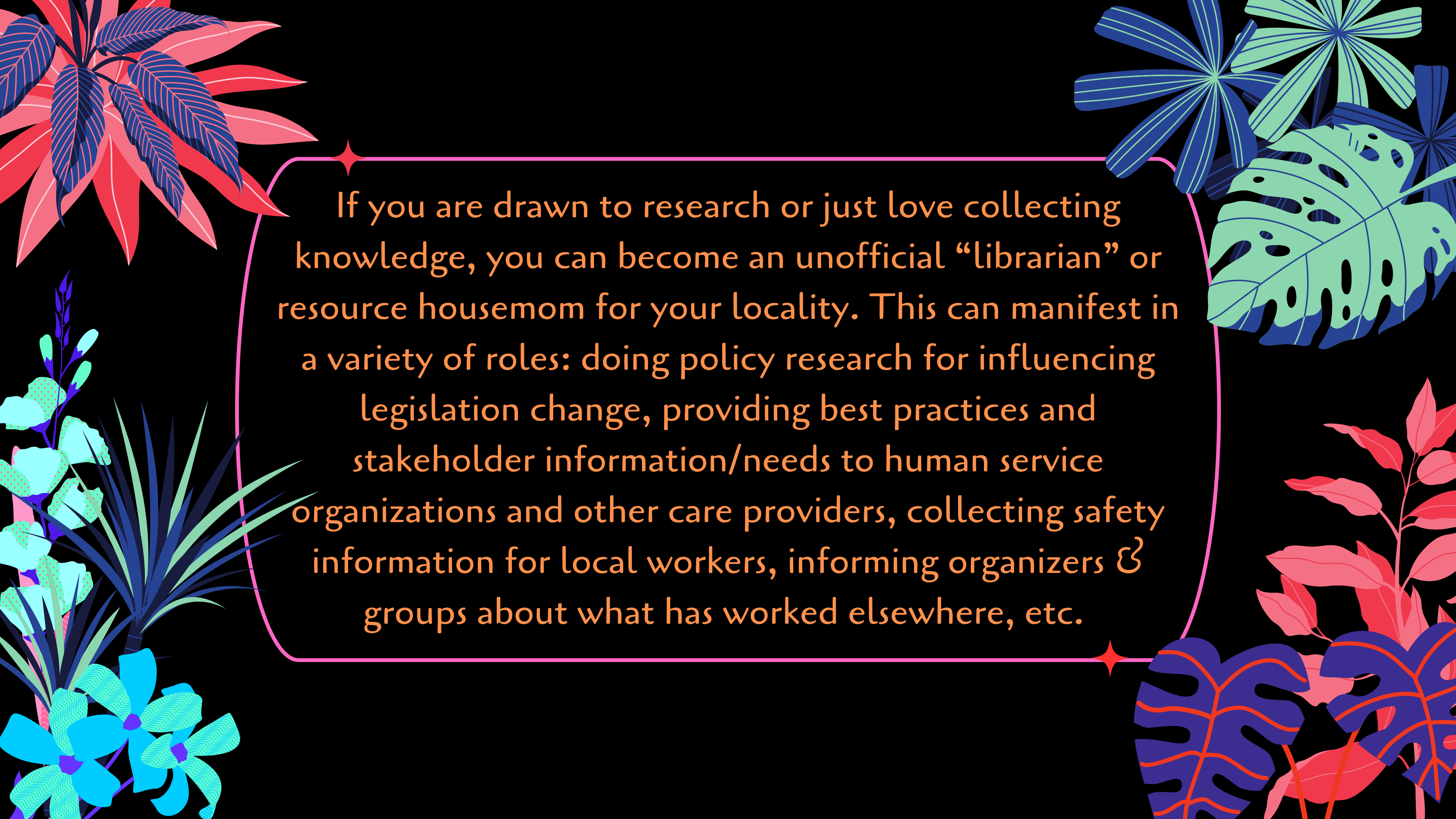
Collecting information for the collective

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# INTRODUCTION

The internet has provided sex workers with a level of resource sharing and connection previously relegated to whisper networks & dressing rooms. Despite legal challenges that have tried and in some cases succeeded in removing information from the web, there are more resources available to us than at any other point in history.

The background features a variety of stylized tropical plants. In the top left, there are large, pointed leaves in shades of red and orange. In the top right, there are palm fronds in shades of blue and green, along with a large, perforated green leaf. In the bottom left, there are blue flowers with yellow centers and green foliage. In the bottom right, there are more green and blue leaves, including another large perforated leaf. A central white rounded rectangle with a black border contains the text. The text is in a black, sans-serif font and is centered within the rectangle. The text reads: "If you are drawn to research or just love collecting knowledge, you can become an unofficial 'librarian' or resource housemom for your locality. This can manifest in a variety of roles: doing policy research for influencing legislation change, providing best practices and stakeholder information/needs to human service organizations and other care providers, collecting safety information for local workers, informing organizers & groups about what has worked elsewhere, etc."

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# GENERAL TIPS

## ORGANIZATION

- Make use of web bookmark folders to organize the resources you find
- Backup your bookmarks!
- Rename and organize downloaded files
- Information you can't find/forget about is the same as not having it



**Screaming Pectoriloquy**  
@Caulimovirus

Accidentally closed a browser with  
20+ tabs opened ... this must be  
what the scholars of Alexandria felt  
when their great library burned.

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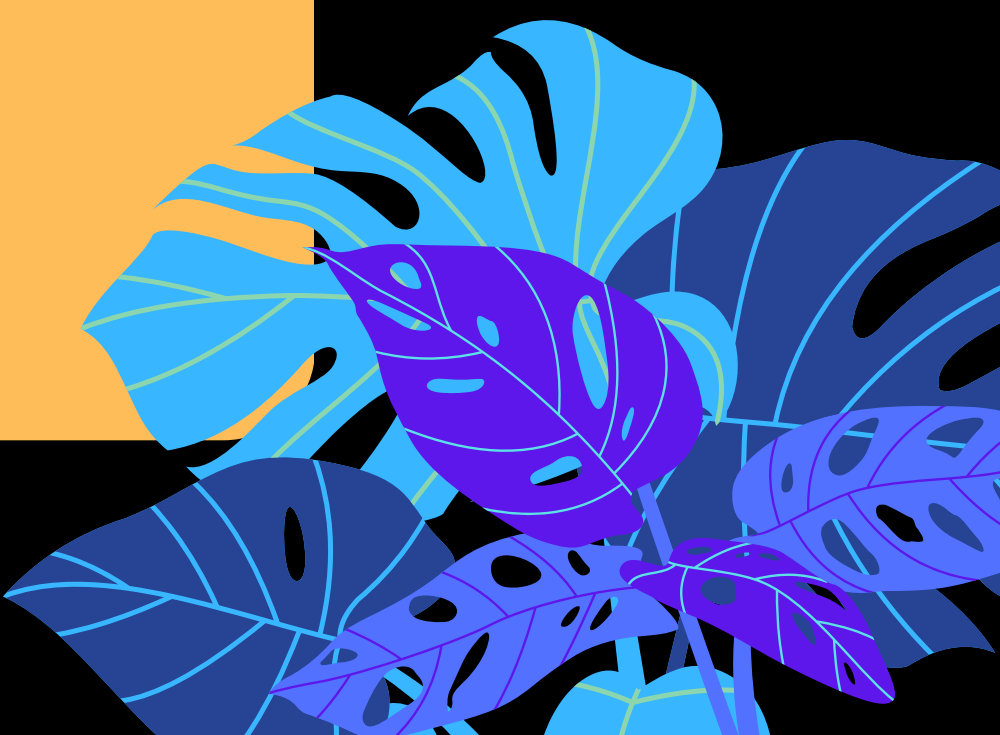


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## PRESERVATION

Unfortunately, websites go down all the time.


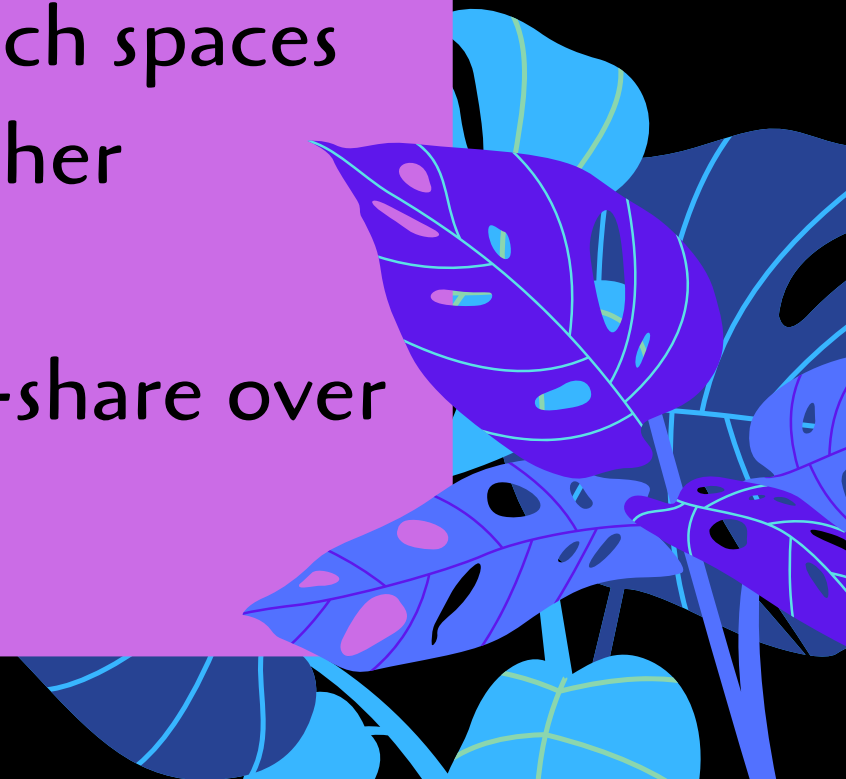
- Download PDFs
  - Pull important information into a local file
  - Store information on hard drives
  - Print out hard copies when possible
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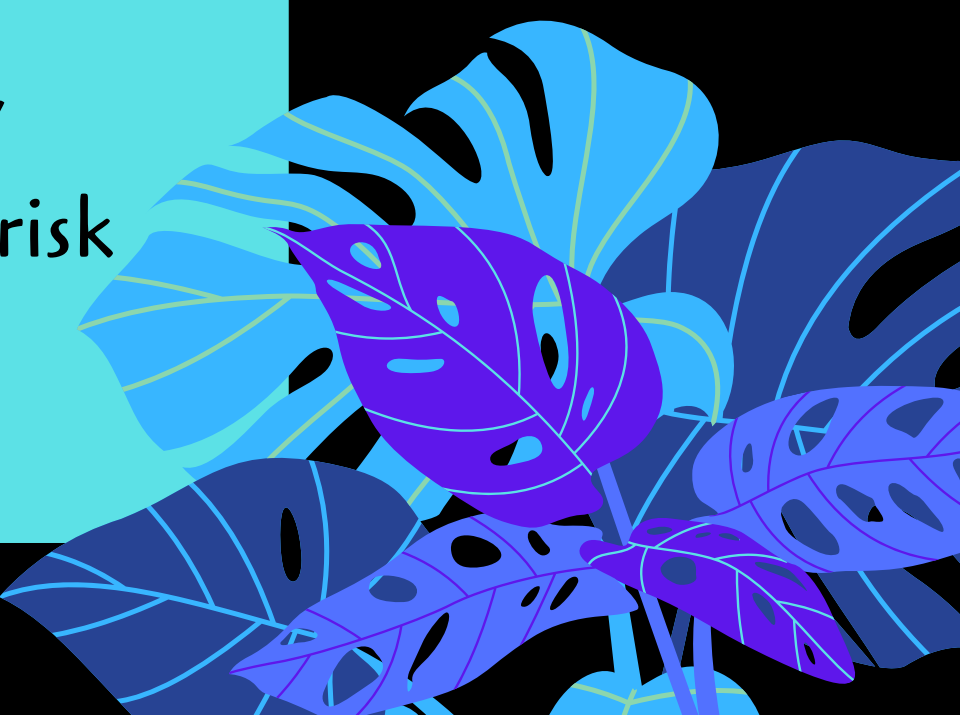
This can look differently depending on your goals, community, and type of information.

- Print zines & fact sheets to have available in community/MA/outreach spaces
  - Provide policy recommendations and research to policy-makers & other stakeholders
  - Share safety information to workers (\*be mindful of privacy/safety—share over secured networks only)
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# GENERAL TIPS

## DIGITAL HYGIENE

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- Safety tools: VPN, end-to-end encryption (proton, signal, jitsi)
  - Do not use work credentials for signing up for services
  - Consider what information makes sense to store locally and what might be better to keep on a hard drive only (risk assessment for travel, shared computers, hackers, etc)

# RESEARCH

Jstor

WorldCat

Internet Archive

Libraries

Libby

Amnesty International

NSWP

Hacking//Hustling

- Newspaper archives
- Email the authors of journal articles for access!

l2ft.io

Scribbr





# PUBLIC & PERSONAL HEALTH

World Health Organization

National Harm Reduction Coalition

Finding a SW-allied mental health professional

Screening a therapist

# SAFETY

Zines

Publications from SW orgs

Electronic Freedom Frontier

Digital Defend Fund

- We keep us safe--connect with other workers on- & offline
- Have non-social media methods of contact (in case of account deletion)

# LEGISLATION, SYSTEMS, & POLICING

US Congressional Legislation

GovInfo

Rate That Rescue

- Pay attention to city council agenda items
- Make friends with a paralegal
- Learn to FOIA
- Familiarize yourself with city/county/state legal codes
- Learn to navigate publicly available information: real property records, public index, court dockets, campaign contributors, etc



# SEX WORKER JOY!

Whores on Film

Bluestockings Bookstore

AK Press

Working Girls Press

Jo Weldon - Sex Worker Style

SW-run businesses, art, services, etc!





**HAPPY  
RESEARCHING,  
Y'ALL!**