What is the Organization for Transformative Works (OTW)?

Founded in 2007, the OTW is a nonprofit organization created and run by fans. Our projects are dedicated to preserving, protecting, and advocating for fan culture and fanworks.

What are our projects?

Fanlore

Fanlore is an open-source wiki project run by fans which documents and collects fandom history and knowledge. Add to the project at fanlore.org.

Legal advocacy

The OTW’s legal committee works to provide legal assistance for fans, to advise on copyright law, and protect and defend fanworks from commercial exploitation and legal challenge. Visit us at transformativeworks.org/legal/.

Open Doors

Open Doors provides a home for endangered fan archives and fan collections, online and off. Learn more at opendoors.transformativeworks.org.

The Archive of Our Own (AO3)

With over 4.5 million fanworks and counting, AO3 is a multi-fandom fanwork archive run by and for fans. For fanfic, fanart, fanvids, podfic, and more, check us out at archiveofourown.org.

Transformative Works and Cultures

TWC is an international, peer-reviewed journal of fandom studies. Read it at journal.transformativeworks.org. For additional academic discussion, visit our Fanhackers blog.

How can I get involved?

The OTW is always in need of support and volunteers! To find out more, visit transformativeworks.org, and click on "Get Involved" in the menu header.

Where can I follow you for updates?

Find us on social media!

Tumblr and Facebook: transformativeworks

Twitter: @otw_news, @fanlore_news, @ao3org, and @ao3_status

Dreamwidth and Livejournal: otw_news

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