

Open Library Badge

Hans-Dieter Klingemann Library Awarded Open Library Badge



The Hans-Dieter Klingemann Library at Whitecliffe University of Applied Sciences (Whitecliffe) has been awarded the Open Library Badge 2020, joining a select group of academic libraries in Germany recognized for their commitment to openness in science and society. As the first one-person library to receive this distinction, the award underscores our dedication to transparency, open access, and the advancement of open science.

About the Open Library Badge

The Open Library Badge is awarded by an independent jury of library professionals and recognizes libraries that actively promote openness through concrete measures and services. To receive the badge, libraries must fulfill at least five out of fifteen criteria, which are documented as best-practice examples to inspire and motivate other institutions.

Criteria Fulfilled by the Hans-Dieter Klingemann Library

Our library received the Open Library Badge 2020 for meeting the following criteria:

- **Contributing to open-source software:** Active participation via our GitHub account.
- **Increasing visibility of open-access resources:** Enriching our catalog with data from the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB).
- **Promoting open-access potential:** Providing information and advisory services on open access and open science.
- **Creating open educational resources:** Developing and sharing resources through LibGuides.

- **Publishing exclusively in open access:** Committing to open dissemination of all library publications.

“We are honored to receive the Open Library Badge,” said J. Robertson McIlwain, Library Director at Whitecliffe University of Applied Sciences. “This recognition reflects our ongoing commitment to providing an open and accessible environment for learning and research. We are dedicated to advancing the principles of Open Science and Open Education, and we will continue to deepen our engagement with openness, as recently anchored in our library regulations.

About Whitecliffe University of Applied Sciences

Whitecliffe University of Applied Sciences is a state-recognized and institutionally accredited university offering programs in Architecture, Design, and Business Administration. Founded in 2014, Whitecliffe is home to approximately 600 students from over 90 countries, with English as the language of instruction and administration. In the 2024/25 academic year, Whitecliffe celebrates its 10th anniversary.

Further Information

The Open Library Badge initiative was established to make library activities promoting openness visible to both the professional community and library users. More than 20 libraries across Germany have been recognized for their best-practice approaches, including the University Libraries of Mannheim, Chemnitz, and the Freie Universität Berlin. For more details about the badge and the list of recipients, please visit the official [Open Library Badge](#) website.

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