

Zine-Making 101: Zip, Zap, Zine – Chat Log

Charlie she-her Amiot

Kelly, can we pause on Slide 2 for now?

Charlie she-her Amiot

Thank you!

Thomas Lynch

WebEx has extra audio and mic controls for volume that do things in addition to the local audio control

Daniel Cornwall

Waves from Juneau!

David Cox

+1 @Daniel! Hi from Juneau :)

Selena Lee

Hello from Anchorage

Brandon Aglio

Sniffin Glue!

Jenny Groome

So if circulation of 2 counts?

H Caroline Hassler

Hi Juneau friends!

Daniel Cornwall

I'd welcome a future presentation on fanfiction. I saw a Star Trek / Nixon crossover once. Not quite fanfic though.

Cassandra Wenzel

@Daniel, I was thinking about the Star Trek fan community when Charlie mentioned the scifi and fan communities of the 1930s-1970s.

Jenny Groome

My friend and I used carbon paper! hard for 11 years old to find photocopier in 1975

Jessica Robinson

A fanfiction presentation would be so interesting! Fanfiction is really having a moment with prolific fanfic writers like Ali Hazelwood and Tamsyn Muir going mainstream.

Daniel Cornwall

Star Trek / Nixon - https://memory-beta.fandom.com/wiki/Too_Many_Presidents

Jenny Groome

Cassandra - mine was called the Spock Variety Show and my friend's was the Bones Trek Hour

Bernadette Johnson Bernadette

I am loving this!

Cassandra Wenzel

@Jenny, that's really cool!

Jenny Groome

Does anyone have tips for finding 1990s punk zine? In Connecticut? I got a question about that

Cassandra Wenzel

@Jessica, I was explaining fanfiction to someone recently, including its, origins. I agree.

Cassandra Wenzel

@Daniel, thank you!

Daniel Cornwall

@Cassandra, you're welcome!

Daniel Cornwall

There's a bunch of great Stargate SG-1 fanfic out there.

Jenny Groome

@Cassandra I found an "issue" a few years ago when moving - but the basement had flooded, so I had to toss it.

Cassandra Wenzel

@Jenny, that's really sad. It sounds like that was part of your childhood.

Bob Cullen

The comments here about Nixon and Star Trek remind me of the following Vulcan proverb: "Only Nixon can go to China."

Cynthia Etkin

Cha<https://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository-item/zine-making-101-zip-zap-zine-slides>rlie's handout:

Daniel Cornwall

Thanks Cindy!

Cynthia Etkin

Let me do that again ... Charlie's handout: <https://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository-item/zine-making-101-zip-zap-zine-slides>

Daniel Cornwall

Zines at a LAW LIBRARY? WOW!!

Jenny Groome

Thanks Cindy

Jennifer Lindley

DC Punk Archive: <https://digdc.dclibrary.org/do/5a4fb481-be26-44bb-8bc4-077f3b28dfb3>

Ella Shurr

It never occurred to me to use a zine for gov docs-brilliant!!!

Charlie she-her Amiot

Kelly, I can't figure out how to turn it over...

Charlie she-her Amiot

I got it!

Cassandra Wenzel

That actually looks doable for those of us who aren't visually minded too!

Ariella Mason

+1 Cassandra Yes it is!

Angie Bonnell

+1 Cassandra

Elisabeth Garner

These could be great for a first year, University Studies course, that all first year students have to take..."UNI 101" is what it's called at UNC-Wilmington

Charlie she-her Amiot

@Elisabeth YES! It would be great in an Info Lit course, which ALL freshmen should be required to take, no testing out.

Cassandra Wenzel

This would be good for Law Day or Constitution and Citizenship Day activities as well.

Susanne Caro

These could be fun to give away at library table

Cassandra Wenzel

+1 Susanne

Charlie she-her Amiot

@Susanne Send me a Smokey Bear one when you make it!

Andie Craley

+1 Cassandra

Susanne Caro

@Charlie Sure! I'll send you one for my cult too.

Charlie she-her Amiot

@Susanne I'll send one back for my cult. ;D

Charlie she-her Amiot

For those that have .edu emails, which sadly public libraries don't have, you may have free access to Adobe Creative Suite.

Cara DeSimone

Heads up, Publisher is nearing EOL soon. convert your files now

Amanda Carter

Who is the primary audience for zine use?

Susanne Caro

This would be a great way to include activities for kids. You could do a little ben

Elisabeth Garner

@Charlie, I work with a librarian here who is heavily involved in the Zine scene! Their name is Shira Pilarski...I could talk to her about that at some point for sure. I don't teach UNI or anything, but I have the opportunity to do so if I choose to!

Cassandra Wenzel

@Cara, wow, is there a specific date?

Charlie she-her Amiot

Oct 13, 2026.

Daniel Cornwall

A little ben talking about gov chemistry resources would be a BenZine? Benzene?

Catherine Carra

I made a zine with pictures of all the different Little Ben outfits I've done

Cara DeSimone

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/microsoft-publisher-will-no-longer-be-supported-after-october-2026-ee6302a2-4bc7-4841-babf-8e9be3acbfd7>

Cassandra Wenzel

@Charlie, for the end of Publisher?

Charlie she-her Amiot

@Cassandra yes

Cassandra Wenzel

@Charlie, thanks!

Ella Shurr

BenZine?! I love it!

Daniel Cornwall

@Ella - It's got a [benzene) ring to it.

Kaylee Kern

+1 Amanda. I work in an academic law library, and while I would love to create engaging zines, it has been difficult to garner student interest with handouts so far. They are already quite aware of certain legal resources. I would love suggestions for different approaches, if anyone has some!

Tiffany Panzarella

Is there a link to Benzine?!

Charlie she-her Amiot

@kaylee You should try a zine. They're very popular among Gen Z, and the fact that it's a zine alone may do the trick.

Susanne Caro

Ooooooh, with two sides you can have bilingual one!

Amanda Carter

@Kaylee - that is largely why I asked! I manage a small, specialize (state DOT) library and we don't get many youth, if they are typically the interested audience.

Amanda Carter

but perhaps it's got a wider audience than I realize

Jennifer Morgan

I think this would be a great assignment for my LIS gov info class – have my students create a zine on a gov info tool or resource.

Tiffany Panzarella

That would be a fun assignment Jennifer

Bob Cullen

Good idea, Jennifer!

Daniel Cornwall

+1 Jennifer for LIS student project!

Susanne Caro

@Jennfier Yes! that sounds great!

Charlie she-her Amiot

Odds are too you have someone very creative in your department who would jump at the opportunity to try this.

Charlie she-her Amiot

We'll address audience again in the Q&A Panel, first question up!

Christy McCall

@Amanda Carter I think that zines are good for more than just students and younger folks -- a lot of folks can benefit from a small, approachable publication

Jennifer Morgan

My teenage son has advised me to incorporate more whimsy into my teaching.

Selena Lee

@Kaylee Would a zine work for the clinics -- information for clients, prompt clinics to the community?

Kaylee Kern

@Charlie Thank you for the encouragement! This is a new medium for me, so I should give it a try and see if it lands with students.

Tiffany Panzarella

The world needs more whimsy

Selena Lee

*promote

Lisa Pritchard

+1 Tiffany

Jennifer Creevy

+1 Tiffany

Becki White

Publisher support is ending in October. Have you found anything else that works as nicely for this?

Charlie she-her Amiot

@Becki, yes, we'll also address this in the panel. But the handout has MANY options.

Bernadette Johnson Bernadette

Since Publisher support is ending, what program should we convert our Publisher files to?

Jenny Groome

@Daniel I looked away and missed your great comment!!

Charlie she-her Amiot

Testing will save you every time.

Charlie she-her Amiot

Canva owns Affinity now as well.

Catherine Carra

A Ben for All Seasons - my Benzine

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xQ9ho0R6TtyzDTuH623oI7ZoSo1WpEbv/view?usp=sharing>

Lux Howe

I used to work at Office Depot, definitely test before printing a big batch! lol

Amy Fitch

I created mine in Canva.

Tiffany Panzarella

@Catherine! Thank you

Lisa Pritchard

Will you change access Catherine?

Catherine Carra

I tend to use Canva for my digitally made zines

Daniel Cornwall

@Catherine Carra - Ben google doc says I need access.

Jenny Groome

How is Canva for accessibility?

Susanne Caro

Can we get a libguide where people can share the zines we make?

Catherine Carra

Access should be available for everyone now

Jenny Groome

Now if this was in-person - we could continue conversation at the conference center!

Jennifer Morgan

+1 Susanne

Daniel Cornwall

GOT IT Catherine! Thanks!

Jenny Groome

Thanks Catherine

Angie Bonnell

@Catherine Carra Thank you!!

Ella Shurr

@Catherine- I LOVE your BenZine!!!! <3

Lisa Pritchard

Thanks, Catherine! It is darling.

Lisa Pritchard

Zine template for the next FDLP meeting!

Susanne Caro

Catherine! You can make a caendar!

Angie Bonnell

Wow! All of the examples!

Ariella Mason

I was aiming to make a zine of zine making, but my library's move ended up a pile of chaos

Lisa Pritchard

I'm inspired by the Benzine!

Catherine Carra

Ooh a calendar might have to be my next project! Thanks Susanne!

Jenny Groome

Um, 1970s fan zines predate GenZ

Sarah Guthrie

very cute Benzine!

Cassandra Wenzel

@ Jenny, exactly!

Amy Lovell

Anyone remember MAXIMUM ROCKNROLL? Feeling nostalgic

Andrea Stelljes

I think a zine for America 250 would be fun. I'd have to get my younger creative colleagues involved ;)

Cynthia Etkin

I have a list of questions I've grabbed from the chat. Can someone please unblock my mic?

Charlie she-her Amiot

We're going to talk Publisher and archives too. Any additional questions I'm missing that haven't been answered?

Katie Springer

Yes - a zine for America 250 sounds great!

Lisa Pritchard

We just had amazing luck with 300 8th graders by passing out Jolly Ranchers with our library info.

Susanne Caro

Voting zine! Bill of Rights zine, health zine, so many options! 250! yes Katie!

Cara DeSimone

pdf for backup copies, but active working docs, up to you

John Olson

Use Adobe InDesign

Jenny Groome

Could a America's 250 zine be collaborative? (Be careful America 250 was registered either as copyright or trademark)

Susanne Caro

I've done the 8 fold by putting a table in a word doc.

Kelly Seifert

Zine Resources: A Curated Reference Guide handout: <https://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository-item/zine-resources-curated-reference-guide>

Lisa Pritchard

@Jenny What?

Becki White

One of the benefits of Publisher was exporting as either jpg or pdf, but you could also still make changes to the original publisher file. Haven't found a great alternative yet for these functionalities but will keep looking. Local small public libraries are dependent on publisher so I'm trying to help them as well.

Jenny Groome

Lisa are you asking about the term "America 250"? While working on a GODORT guide, I came across the issue that the commission told people to stop using that unless an official affiliate

Kaylee Kern

What are everyone's favorite methods of distributing zines in their libraries? Do you like to use them as supplements to physical displays, or do you leave them on surfaces? Has anyone found particularly advantageous locations to leave them?

Cassandra Wenzel

@Becki, this is the issue that I think we'll have.

Lisa Pritchard

Hmmmm....thanks, Jenny.

Daniel Cornwall

Thanks for the presentation!

Amanda Carter

I mean, government documents belong to the people anyway, don't they? Therefore, they copyright would belong to the people, right?

Jenny Groome

I'm only reporting what I came across while working on the GODORT guide - Am250 was also registered or something

Lisa Pritchard

Rubber cement!

Amy Fitch

@Kalee - we have our zines on a counter by the entrance.

Jenny Groome

And Dover clip art

Lisa Pritchard

Yep.

Lisa Pritchard

Wow, Ariella!

Scott Matheson

I've seen brochures in the stacks (for docs stuff, in the docs area) - so maybe that too?

Jennifer Morgan

Leaving zines on tables and other places around the library reminds me of the religious tracts that we find hidden around the library. :-)

Lisa Pritchard

LOL, Jennifer.

Jenny Groome

If there are other repositories - could you please share? Because so many were underground, they were lost. It would be nice to see the ones saved

Kaylee Kern

Thank you all for your suggestions!

Jenny Groome

Thanks!

Susanne Caro

other options: semiquincentennial, CCL, (latin) \$2.50

Kelly Seifert

Since the chat is long, here is a repeat post: Zine Resources: A Curated Reference Guide
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Cynthia Etkin

Handout: <https://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository-item/zine-making-101-zip-zap-zine-slides>

Alex Taylor

New Orleans Public Library Alvar Branch has a zine collection.

Ellen Wrede

University of Iowa has a collection of zines!

Ellen Wrede

actually a very sizeable one haha

Jenny Groome

Wait - GODORT DttP have a zine issue?

David Cox

self-publishing is awkward for libraries now, and I'm sure has been for a long time, and Zines are kind of self-published serials, so I get the awkward relationship with libraries.

Andrea Stelljes

Hennepin County--Minneapolis Central has a zine collection also.

Bernadette Johnson Bernadette

Much of what we put in our libguides can be shared with zines.

Cassandra Wenzel

Sycamore Library at UNT did the Fall presentation.

Julia Ezzo

Michigan State University has a large zine collection (and a Zine Librarian)

<https://libguides.lib.msu.edu/zines>

Becki White

At one point the Univ Wisconsin Madison has a historical zine collection. I remember learning about it in library school in the 90s.

Susanne Caro

This would make a good FDLP academy workshop (hint hint)

Jenny Groome

No - I'm suggesting DttP zine issue. This session could make an interesting article for DttP

Sara Caldwell

Not really a formal archive, but one person's project online: some of the periodicals featured on Luminist Archive would qualify as zines. <https://www.luminist.org/archives/PR/>

Charlie she-her Amiot

@Becki I think they still do

Ariella Mason

I'm stuck on the words Zine Librarian ?!!

Cassandra Wenzel

@Jenny, that's a good idea.

Mia Steinle

Someone earlier mentioned the DC Punk Archive, which you can view in person in DC at the People's Archive, which is on the fourth floor of the MLK Jr Public Library:

<https://digdc.dclibrary.org/do/2b8435ca-71ba-4674-b3a4-7da2ed280c5e>

Jenny Groome

I've been asked about Connecticut and New York punk rock zines of 1970s-1990s.

Alex Taylor

where is the handout, again?

Julia Ezzo

@Ariella MSU's Zine Librarian is also our Head of Cataloging but zines are his passion

Kelly Seifert

Zine Resources: A Curated Reference Guide handout: <https://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository-item/zine-resources-curated-reference-guide>

Ariella Mason

That sounds like an awesome job!

Jennifer Lindley

Here's a link to UNT Digital Library:

https://digital.library.unt.edu/search/?fq=str_title_serial:%22Series%2023%3A%20Queers%20and%20Allies%20Zine%20Making%22

Cassandra Wenzel

Government comics from UNT: <https://guides.library.unt.edu/government-comics> may not be considered zines though

Andrea Stelljes

Hennepin County Zine Collection from BiblioCommons, 600+

Andrea Stelljes

<https://hclib.bibliocommons.com/v2/search?query=zines&searchType=smart>

Mia Steinle

The University of Maryland also has several punk-related zine archives:

<https://lib.guides.umd.edu/c.php?g=1378775&p=10809481> -- There are more resources at this link.

Becki White

Or at least they did once upon a time. :)

Jenny Groome

UNT started on internet before the web! Their Serial Set index was so helpful before it was online

Chris Chang

Sounds like a good idea!

Cassandra Wenzel

@Jenny, I didn't know that!

Cassandra Wenzel

@Chris and Charlie, it does sounds like a good idea.

Jenny Groome

Grace York at UMich and UNT were our early online gov doc reference sites

Amy Ruhe

This was great!! Thanks!

Ellen Jones

Thanks for the ideas!

Susanne Caro

This has been a great session! Thank you!

Lisa Pritchard

Thank you!!! That was fun.

Jenny Groome

Thanks!!

Bernadette Johnson Bernadette

This was awesome! Thanks so much!

Rob Callaghan

Thanks!

Bob Cullen

Thanks for a great presentation!

Cassandra Wenzel

Thank you, a lot of great ideas!

Channa Cajero

Thank you!

Kaylee Kern

Thank you so much, this has been incredibly helpful!

Rhonda Murphy

Thanks, everyone.

Angie Bonnell

What a great presentation! I'm inspired! Thank you Charlie, Selena and Ariella!

Catherine Carra

Thanks!

Mark Hamilton

Very fun!!

Carolyn Frenger

Thank you all for such a great session! So colorful and inspirational! :)

Alex Taylor

appreciate y'all

Jenny Groome

I want in person - because I don't want to go back to work for 24 minutes

Jose Torres

Thanks so much!

Lori Driver

This was great! So many ideas

Andrea Stelljes

This was a great presentation! Thanks Team :-)

Bob Cullen

I now feel like I have become a zine-ager!

Sandra Himel

Thank you!

Susanne Caro

We options for creativity and fun. I know I needed this

Jenny Groome

@Bob - good one

Amy Fitch

Great presentation! I really enjoyed it.

Jenny Groome

Or I bring back my 1970s Spock zine

Min Shaheen

Thank you for a fun session.

Charlie she-her Amiot

Thank you everyone!

Perveen Rustomfram

A fun presentation! Thanks!

Angie Bonnell

Council is Listening slides for tomorrow <https://www.fdlp.gov/file-download/download/public/28136> :)

Chris Chang

Thank you!

Brent Abercrombie

Thank you!

David Cox

Thank you!

Andrea Stelljes

Thank you!

Angie Bonnell

Thank you!!