

Do you have a zine collection you want to share? That rocks!

Zine libraries are great spaces to organize, educate, and create art with artists, neighbors, and teachers in your area.



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How to Start a ZINE LIBRARY!!



by the House of Catharsis

First, evaluate:

① What are the limits of your space?

Are there stairs? Pets or other allergens?

Ample seating? Are masks required?

What's the parking situation?



② What do you want to provide?

Zines for reading? A DIY zine station?

Zines for lending or giving away?

A quiet, relaxed atmosphere for people to socialize and read together?

Is the space all-ages? Dry? Free to attend?

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The more you host your own events, the more you'll learn about what you'll need as a host and what your community needs from you.

don't forget to have fun and be yourself!

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Once you understand your logistics, spread the word!

I like to print out flyers and pass them out to individuals, leave them at small businesses, community centers, bus stops, libraries, friends' houses, and the occasional mailbox in my neighborhood. I also send the flyer through my mailing list and post it to social media platforms.



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If you want to provide duplicate zines for attendees to take home, a source for free/cheap printing is essential and possible.



Does your friend have an office job? Ask them for help!

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I include accessibility information and COVID-19 precautions on the back of printed flyers & in the caption of social media posts/emails.

I find that word of mouth is always the most effective way to get people in the door! If the event is all-ages, dry, and/or free, make sure that information is easy for attendees to find!

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For a DIY zine station, I find it's pretty easy to gather free/cheap craft supplies, like old magazines and paints.

Just ask around!

To cover the basics, I suggest:

- Glue
- Pencils
- Paper
- Tape
- Pens
- Scissors

Or ask people to bring their own supplies!

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