

Zine Exchange Policy

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Purpose

The Fenton Free Library's Zine Exchange is a community-driven space where individuals can freely share and take self-published zines. This initiative encourages creativity, personal expression, and community dialogue. While the exchange is not part of the official library collection, we ask all participants to follow the guidelines below to ensure the space remains inclusive, respectful, and welcoming for everyone.

What Is a Zine?

A zine is a self-published work that can include personal writing, art, comics, poetry, how-tos, and more. Zines are often informal and DIY in spirit, reflecting diverse perspectives and unique voices.

Exchange Guidelines

We welcome zines that are:

- Creative, personal, or artistic in nature
- Respectful of diverse identities and experiences
- Appropriate for a general audience (including teens and families who may browse the space)

We ask that contributors **do not include**:

- **Political advocacy or partisan messaging**
- **Religious proselytizing or doctrinal promotion**
- **Content that is discriminatory, hateful, or promotes violence**
- **Pornographic or graphically explicit material**
- **Materials that violate copyright or intellectual property laws**

Important Notes

- All Zines **must be reviewed** by the Library Director prior to placing in the exchange.
- Zines in the exchange **are not cataloged or archived** by the library
- This is a **self-service, honor-system exchange**: take a zine, leave a zine—no checkout or return required.
- The library **reserves the right to remove any zine** that violates these guidelines or is otherwise deemed inappropriate for the space. Zines removed from the exchange will not be returned to the contributor.

I agree to comply with the above policy: Name: _____

Signature: _____