



Toronto Zine Library

Newsletter

Fall 2025

LIBRARY IN FULL SWING!

Zugzwang, Cataloguing and more!



Summer is over and while many of us are back to school and work, our great volunteers have been hosting events and staffing the library all summer! This newsletter is brief but includes a reflection on the success of the Trans Library Toronto Pop-Up, discussions from Zine Dream, and info about our new section:
Zines for Kids!

Of course, you will find info on upcoming zine submissions and zine-related events, including our first ever Public Cataloguing Party and info about Zugzwang 3!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the newsletter, especially McKenna who provided many of this issue's articles! And, as always, happy reading and go make some zines!

-Karennna

TRANS LIBRARY TORONTO POP-UP



May through June, the Toronto Zine Library graciously hosted the Trans Library Toronto Pop-Up. After soliciting temporary donations via Instagram and Tiktok, the pop-up received over 300 books and zines authored by or carrying significance for trans people and made them available for reading during open hours.



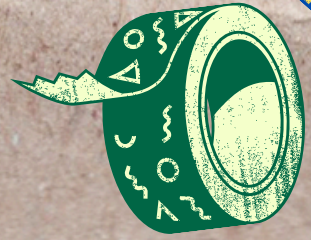
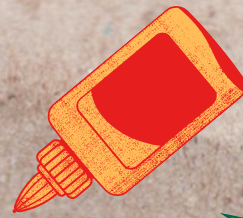
It was a runaway success, not only expanding access to trans literature, but also bringing the trans community together to share creative projects, services, and events. The connections extended farther than just Toronto, with TZL volunteer Miles facilitating an exchange with the Trans Library Helsinki, as well as a volunteer from the Ottawa Trans Library donating a few Dragonflyer zines when they visited!

On one of the hottest days of the summer we hosted a trans collage workshop. It was so nice to create together with other trans folks who expressed an interest in more trans-focused programming in the future. While this chapter of the Trans Library Toronto has closed, it is now accepting submissions of reviews of trans literature to post on Instagram and is seeking opportunities for new pop-ups and chances to proliferate trans lit!



TZL EVENT

Public Cataloguing Party!



One of the library's ongoing tasks is processing donations, making them easy to search for on the shelves and in our catalogue. Join us for an evening of reading zines and filling out catalogue fields to add more zines to the library's collection!

TZL volunteers will provide a brief orientation to our cataloguing practices and some common tips and tricks before having unstructured reading and social time. Registration is full but we are looking forward to reading with those who did respond!



October 1st (tonight!)
6pm-9pm
Living Room, Tranzac Club



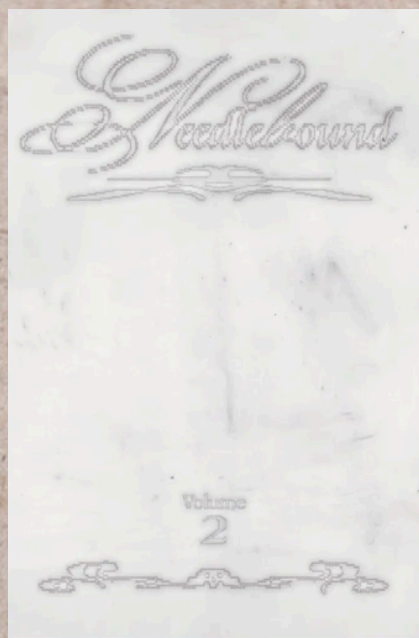
ZINE DREAM

By McKenna

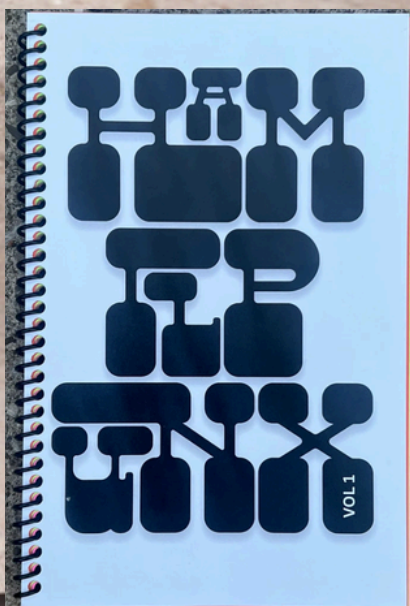
On August 16th TZL tabled at Zine Dream 2025! Packing tons of vendors slinging zines and prints into Parkdale Hall, there were all sorts of small press offerings to choose from. Here are a few highlights I stumbled across when I roamed the aisles:



Trans Feminist Self Help Zine



Needlebound Vol. 2



Hamilpunx Vol. 1



This One's For Us

NEW COLLECTION ALERT!

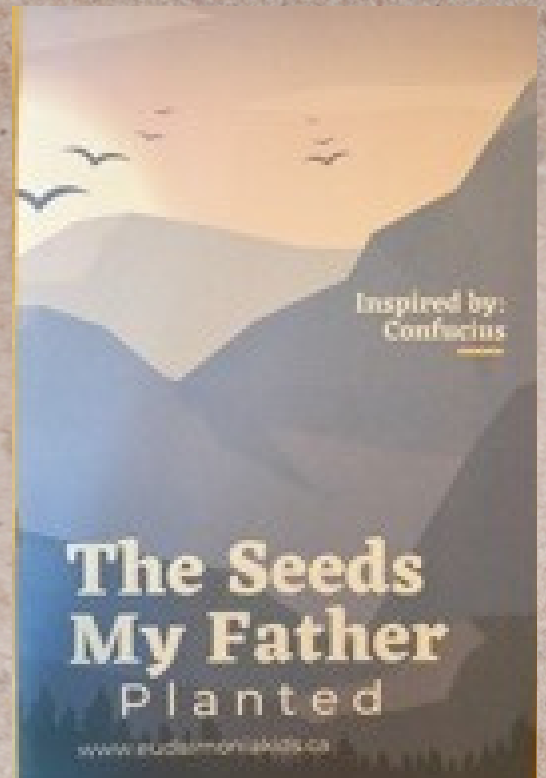


Zines4Kids makes its appearance!



TZL is excited to announce a new category called Zines4Kids!

This category will house zines created by kids (typically age 13 and under) and zines to be enjoyed by kids. This collection is a great start for children who are interested in the DIY aspect of zine-making.



ZUGZWANG



Wednesday nights

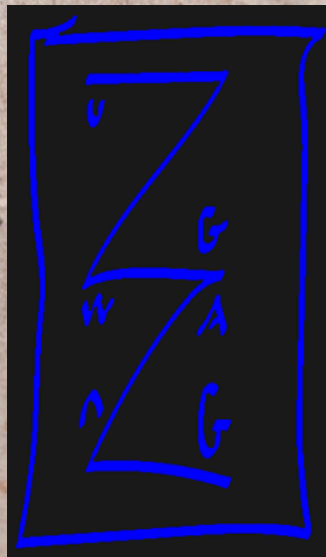
October 29–December 3

First half: intensive critique for 1–3 participants

Second half: free writing cued by workshopped pieces

launch & reading for Zugzwang (the zine) later in the winter

Zugzwang invites local writers to share their own work (verse prose, experiments) for constructive critiques that can provoke a collective zine



You polish your poetry,
we print the residuum

Email Miles

(Mi.St.N.For.Rest@gmail.com)

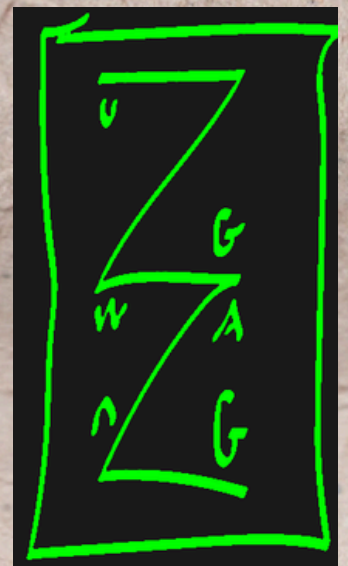
Use subject line "WORKSHOP"

Include a short bio and statement of intent

Sample pieces are appreciated

Crit. placements are limited

Deadline: October 22



CALLS FOR SUBMISSION

Zine Submission

Name: Hallow Zine 2025

Deadline: October 10

1-2 pages in GRAYSCALE

https://www.instagram.com/p/DOziYCMkcan/?img_index=3

Zine Submission

Name: Bangs Zine

- Bangs is a literary zine hot for big feelings, emerging writers, and lazy Sunday readers. We are passionate about creating a space for raw emotions, diverse voices, and compelling storytelling
- Please see the website for submission guidelines:

<https://abothley.wixsite.com/bangs/submissions>

Zine Submission

Name: Cake Zine: Steak Zine

Deadline: October 15, 9am

Requirements:

- We are specifically looking for imaginative and unexpected non-fiction stories somehow exploring steak culture.
- We are not accepting fiction or poetry for this issue, we are also not accepting stand-alone visual art or recipes.
- Instead, we are accepting portfolio submissions from recipe developers and visual artists that will be paired with editorial content in the issue.

<https://cakezine.com/pages/pitch-guide>

ZINE DUMP!

TZL will be tabling at a new zine fair: Zine Dump!



What? "Zine Dump is a new Toronto zine fair that aims to provide a venue for the open expression for independent publications, radical art and ideas."

When? November 9, 12:00–5:00 p.m.

**Where? Cecil Community Centre, 58 Cecil St,
Toronto, ON**

**Swing by our table and come check out a new
Toronto zine fair!**

UPCOMING ZINE EVENTS/WORKSHOPS



Event: AroAces Market

Date: Sunday, October 5 1-4pm

**Location: 519 Church St, Toronto
Room 200 (Ballroom, 2nd floor)**

PWYC for tabling

Notes: masks required for event (unless communicating by ASL)

<https://www.instagram.com/toronto.aces.and.aros/p/DN1LloZUq4W/>

**Event: On Our Shelves, On Our Terms Zine Archives Montreal
2025, Zine Archive Conference**

Date: November 12-14

**Location: Montreal, part of Nov 11-16 International Independent
Publishing Festival and Fair**

<https://arcmtl.org/en/>

<https://expozine.ca/en/>

Event: T.E.A.M.

Trans Erotic Art Market

Date: Thursday, November 20, 7-11pm

Location: Net Plaza 267 College St 2nd Floor

<https://www.instagram.com/transeroticartmarket>

UPCOMING ZINE EVENTS/WORKSHOPS



Event: Fall LGBTQ+ Mixer

Date: Saturday, October 11 2-5pm

Location: InterAccess, 32 Lisgar St, Toronto

Free with option to donate

Note: Featuring a mini-zine-making workshop, zine table and zine show and tell!

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/interaccess/1822847>

Event: Youngplace Material Library - 12 Hours of Making Art

Date: Saturday October 4, 7pm-7am

Location: Youngplace, 180 Shaw Street, Toronto

- Join our team in creating 12 different pieces of work, crafts, and poems, and more over the 12 hours of Toronto Nuit Blanche 2025.
- Using recycled, and upcycled supplies from the donation-based Material Library, participants will have a chance to try something new!
- The Material Library will also be accepting donations while open.

**[https://culturedays.ca/en/events/
b4a4d73e-5d85-4113-9fb7-9a8994883a4d](https://culturedays.ca/en/events/b4a4d73e-5d85-4113-9fb7-9a8994883a4d)**

Event: Anti-Capitalist Book Fair

Date: Sunday October 19 10-6pm

Location: Tranzac! 292 Brunswick Ave, Toronto

**[https://www.instagram.com/
anticapitalistbookfair/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/anticapitalistbookfair/?hl=en)**

WHAT'S NEXT?



- Have something zine-related (e.g., workshop, call for submission, event) that you would like to promote? Reach out to us through email at torontozinelibrary@gmail.com and we'll post it up on our next newsletter
- Look out for our Winter 2025 newsletter, coming in ~January!
- Reach out to us! Email us to tell us what you like about our newsletter, things that you think we should include, and things you think we can do better

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