



Toronto
Zine
Library

Fall 2026 newsletter

"I'm always glad when summer ends and we move into the fall season.

I enjoy going outside and not immediately feeling too warm - it makes for better dilly-dallying around the city. It's also a season when you can stay inside reading and making zines without worrying that you're "wasting the summer away." And while some soup-lovers may claim it's always soup season, fall truly marks the start of soup season.

So cheers to that!"

here's the latest from us at the toronto zine library!

Including:

¿¿¿SUNDAY OPEN HOURS???

≈A new handy-dandy form≈

∞HIGHLIGHTS FROM RECENT EVENTS∞

* *REPORTING FROM CORK, IRELAND, BY TZL VOLUNTEER MILES FORRESTER*

&

AS ALWAYS,

SOME UPCOMING ZINE EVENTS AND SUBMISSIONS

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"Hope you enjoy the newsletter over some soup... or tea.
But don't spill anything on those zines!"

(or do, maybe it adds to the charm to have stains on the zines?)

Till next time,
Sylvia

!!SUNDAY OPEN HOURS UPDATE!!



We are now hosting open hours at the library on Sunday afternoons from 12-2pm on select Sundays this fall ONLY!

* OCTOBER 4TH *

* OCTOBER 18TH *

* OCTOBER 27TH *

Come visit us, browse some zines, & hang out with us at the Tranzac Club!

Our regular Tuesday and Friday 6-8pm open hours continue!

Recent event highlights

ZINE DREAM - AUGUST 15TH

We've been tabling at Zine Dream for several years and we're always excited when we get the opportunity to be there again. Being in Parkdale the past few years gives us the chance to reach west-enders that haven't had a chance to visit us yet - and also gives us the chance to meet new people. Thank you to the organizers, vendors, and attendees of Zine Dream 2026 for making yet another amazing fair!

<https://zinedream.com/>

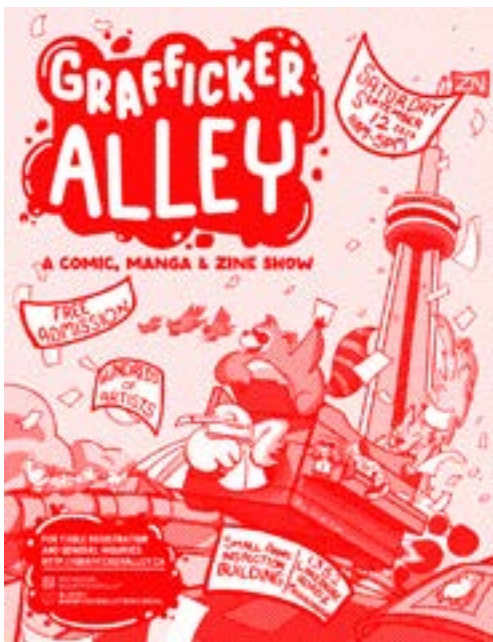
GRAFFICKER ALLEY - SEPTEMBER 12TH

This was our first time out to Grafficker Alley, and for the 3 of us, the first time out to the Small Arms Inspection Building in Mississauga. Zine Dream took us to the west-end, but Grafficker Alley took us so west we left Toronto - it was a little adventure for us! Grafficker Alley is a newer fair focused on self-published comics, graphic novels, manga, and of course zines. We met many creators, received zine donations, and had some delicious coffee. Thank you to the organizers of Grafficker Alley and of course all of the vendors and attendees.

<https://graffickeralley.ca/>

WORKSHOP & TOUR FORM

The Toronto Zine Library is often invited to facilitate workshops and host special tours. We're always happy to accommodate requests and have put together a form for folks to fill out if they're interested.



~GRAFFICKER ALLEY~

*TABLED BY
Karenna, Minh, & Sylvia*

~ZINE DREAM~

*TABLED BY
Miles & Sylvia*





Summer 2026 in Ephemera

BY MAX KOZAK

September 22

“On the first day of fall, we hosted a compilation zinemaking workshop at the Tranzac. We prompted participants to employ “junk journalling” techniques on the page using their personal ephemera from this past summer: ticket stubs, receipts, photos, and other little scraps saved along the way. Each participant was invited to design 1–2 pages to contribute to our compilation zine. We ran this same workshop last summer, and we hope to do it again! It’s got a real time capsule sort of vibe. Last year’s issue is now available to browse and/or purchase at the TZL. Our 2026 issue is coming this spring.”



ZUGZWANG, ZUGZWANG, ZUGZWANG, ZUGZWANG, ZUGZWANG

BY MILES FORRESTER

Deadline: October 21

Toronto Zine Library's writing workshop, Zugzwang, is returning for its fifth edition. 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

OCTOBER 28 – DECEMBER 2

90 MINUTES

1/2 INTENSIVE CRITIQUES FOR 1 – 3 PARTICIPANTS

2/2 FREE WRITING CUED BY WORKSHOPPED PIECES

EMAIL MILES

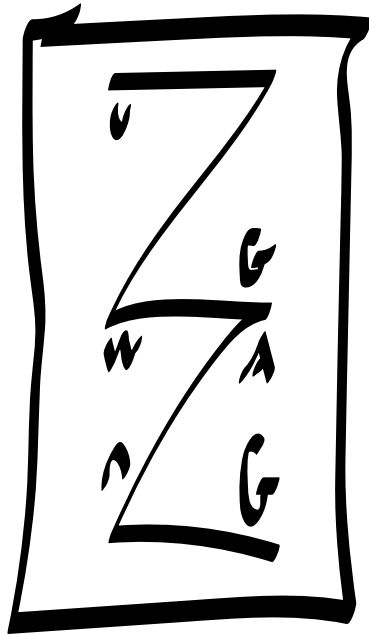
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USE THE SUBJECT LINE 'WORKSHOP'

INCLUDE A SHORT BIO & STATEMENT OF INTENT

SAMPLE PIECES ARE APPRECIATED

CRIT. PLACEMENTS ARE LIMITED



A launch and reading for Zugzwang (the zine) will be later in the winter.

A Dispatch from the World of Zines

CORK ZINE FEST *by Miles Forrester*

Cork's the realest city in Ireland. Dublin's great and you should go to Galway — now that I think about it, Limerick's really cool too — but Cork fucking rules. Could be because my partner's from there (actually she's from Mayo and born in Sligo, but Cork's where we go). Maybe it's the Beamish (imagine Guinness with deeper dark chocolate notes). I think there's actually a posture that people have, the whole city's a labyrinth of insane hills so folks look super casual and intrepid at the same time. For the purpose of this article, it's the zine and small press scene. I've been collecting chapbooks from Ireland since I first encountered [Judy Kravis' Road Books](#) (you can find them in TZL's tiny litzine section) at the Crawford Art Gallery gift shop* a decade ago.

When the folks at Cork Zine Fest reached out to us about a possible collab, I was delighted by the chance to act like *Mr. Big Shot Liaison*. I was double-delighted to actually already know one of the organizers. Based on the recommendation of my common-law nephew (thanks, Connor), I met with Annie Mar last year to bring some of her work (some really lovely and artfully made perzines like [Bath Time](#) and [Not Everything Has to Have Eyes](#)) back to Toronto. She and her co-organizer Justine Lepage, whom I met on the computer, are currently trying to secure funding from Culture Ireland and the Embassy of Ireland of Canada for a cross-Canada tour hitting Montreal, Toronto, and Vancouver. They'd bring a trunk of Irish zines for pop ups, workshops, and perhaps some readings, perhaps at our beloved Tranzac.

They're a younger org than TZL, having been founded in 2018 but they have a collection of fanzines, folklore, football (!), and, naturally, Palestine-solidarity materials. As of yet, they don't have a regular locale but they've had a residency with the Triskel Art Centre as well as running their annual Zine fest and upcoming workshops with [the Crawford](#). This September, I met with Justine in person at the Roundy Castle** to get more zines from their collection and even some stuff she brought from a zine fair in Limerick (see, cool city). In exchange I was able to give some TZL originals: *Zine-o-files*, *Zugzwangs*, *Hauntings*, and an *Ephemera* (also, a couple of my own *Slow Towns*). Come around to TZL to see our new Irish materials, as soon as my suitcase is recovered from a Danish conveyor belt (Copenhagen wishes it was as cool as Cork).

**While the Crawford is undergoing repairs, you can find her chapbooks and many others' at the Cork Quay Co-op*

***Nice pub north of Grand Parade bus stop in Cork city centre. I need you to know that I know where things are*

UPCOMING ZINE (and adjacent) EVENTS

TERRORONTO X HORROR ART MARKET

October 9th (4pm – Midnight)

Tranzac Club

(292 Brunswick Avenue)

TORONTO QUEER FILM FESTIVAL

October 14th – 18th

Tranzac Club

(292 Brunswick Avenue)

ISSUES COLLAGE WORKSHOPS

Multiple dates from September
15th – November 17th

(6:30pm-8:30pm)

Issue Magazine Shop

(1489 Dundas Street West)

\$45 per person

ZINEPOSIUM

November 7th

Central Library, Hamilton, ON

(55 York Blvd.)

EXPOZINE 2026

November 14-15th (11am – 6pm)

Montreal, Quebec (location tbd)

ZINE LIBRARIAN UNCONFERENCE

FEATURING A TALK ON TRANS

PUBLISHING BY McKENNA FROM TZL!

November 7th - 8th

Held virtually over zoom

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SHELF LIFE BOOKS ZINE PARTY

November 7th (11am – 5pm)

Shelf Life Books, Calgary AB

ZINEDUMP 2026

November 8th (1 – 6pm)

Cecil Community Centre

(58 Cecil Street)

A MOMENT IN AUTUMN: A THREADED MEMORY ZINE WORKSHOP

— HOSTED BY KAYLA FROM TZL! —

October 24th (2 – 5pm)

Xpace Cultural Centre

(303 Lansdowne Avenue)

*limited to 20-30 participants!

Upcoming zine submission & fair deadlines

HAVE ANY OPIRG ZINES?

OPIRG has been developing a zine
and archive project to collect and share
works created by, with, and for local
PIRGs and community networks.

MONCTON PUBLIC LIBRARY ZINE COLLECTION

Moncton Public Library is looking for
your zines!

LE __ COUR(R)IER P1G3ON TRAVELING ZINE LIBRARY

Le __ Cour(r)ier_P1g3on is a mobile
library that holds a collection of zines
and unconventional publications.

Your zine will be published in the
library catalogue and will be digitally
archived to ensure the protection of
zines as a body of work.

SHEERSPIE DIGITAL DISTRO

Sheerspite Distro is accepting
submissions for the digital distro!
Submissions open until December 31st.

EXPOZINE 2026

Applications Deadline: October 11,
2026