

# KC ZINE



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# WELCOME TO KC ZINE CON #6!

KC Zine Con is... (more than) the Midwest's DIY Publishing fest!

**We're a volunteer-run collective of zinesters, writers, artists, activists, and zine-enthusiasts working to build a DIY community in Kansas City.** Welcome to our sixth-annual fest!

Our mission is to create safer spaces in Kansas City for people to connect with the DIY ethos and values inherent in zine-making. We empower individuals as auteurs in the self-published medium through the prioritization of underrepresented voices, and the facilitation and planning of an annual zine fest, workshops, and readings. Our vision is that a diverse community of zine-makers and -readers will be sustained through collaboration, DIY ethics and creative opportunities, while creating a new standard for safer spaces in KC.

This year is our first-ever virtual festival! While the circumstances that caused us to go digital are truly awful (if you haven't heard, there's a worldwide pandemic happening), we are excited by the possibilities this format has opened up for us: we've developed a virtual table system that will help people find zines from the comfort and safety of their own homes, our programming is accessible to more people, and we're able to interact and connect with zinesters WORLDWIDE! It's been an exciting experiment and we've learned so much.

We think it is important to acknowledge that our organization inhabits land stolen from the Kansa, Osage, and Shawnee Nations — the traditional guardians of the land on which we live — and that our nation was built on a legacy of chattel slavery — the brutal enslavement of Black people, whose exploited labor created this nation's wealth. Black Lives Matter.

Have fun and happy zine-ing!

# KCZC #6 VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

12:00 – 1:00 pm

## **Collage: The Art of Self-Creation**

**Presenters:** Trish (she/her, they/them) + An Sasala (they/them, ze/zir)

Collage, the process of piecing together bodies, identities, and art, has long been a part of trans and nonbinary creative and self-making practices. Join us and learn about the history of trans-artistic and zine-making practices, make a self-portrait, and tell your story.

**Tools needed:** Good attitude, glue, tape, magazines, scissors, paper, pens and markers (the usual zine-making and collage supplies)

This workshop is for All Ages

1:00 – 2:00 pm

## **Zinesters & Astrology, Herbalism, and Witchcraft Panel**

**Panelists:** Ailin Lu (Mamagui Speaks) (she/they), Neelybat Chestnut (she/her), Nikki Minor (she/they), Rayne Klar (they/them/theirs)

1:30 – 2:00 pm

## **One-sheet, Eight-Page Books**

**Presenter:** Matthew Friedrichs (any pronouns)

Every kid can be a self-published author. All they need is one sheet of paper, using photos, collage, text, drawings, a simple cut, and three folds.

**Tools needed:** One sheet of paper

This workshop is for All Ages

2:30 – 3:30pm

## **Inclusive Digital Spaces for Women-Identified and LGBTQIA Creators**

**Presenter:** Annie Brown (they/them)

Social media sucks, especially if you are woman-identified or a member of the LGBTQIA community. 73% of LGBTQ content online is flagged as inappropriate, and persons highlighting inequalities of sexuality, gender and race are removed from mainstream platforms by the thousands each day. In a socially-distanced world, this makes it incredibly hard for marginalized creators to thrive online.

A better (digital) world is possible! We'll share Lips' 10+ years of research into mental health and inclusive digital spaces, and what you can do to make the Internet a better place for all of us.

We'll also have an interactive co-design session, where creators can give their say on what a more equal sharing platform looks like! More info: [medium.com/@lips\\_/social-media-will-never-be-the-same-e365afc74969](https://medium.com/@lips_/social-media-will-never-be-the-same-e365afc74969)

**Tools needed:** Web browser! Ability to open a link for codesign session.

This workshop is for Teens and Adults

4:00 – 5:00 pm

### **Successful Comics Collaboration**

Presenters: Michael Sweater (he/him), Rachel Dukes

Michael Sweater and Rachel Dukes discuss how to start and keep a successful comics collaboration going through multiple books. From finding potential collaborators to different methods of collaboration this talk will discuss the ins and outs of team-based comics projects. This workshop is for Adults

5:30 – 6:30 pm

### **Tabling Zinester Meetup**

**Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

12:00-12:45 pm

### **Quarantine Zines at the Ohio State University's Rare Books and Manuscripts Library**

Presenter: Jolie Braun (she/her)

When COVID-19 caused the world to go into lockdown, many found solace in creating quarantine zines documenting their lives during the pandemic. This spring, the Rare Books and Manuscripts Library (RBML) began seeking out these publications, and now has a collection of more than 50 zines from the United States, Canada, England, France, and Australia. This talk will discuss how and why RBML is building a quarantine zine collection, including the process of finding and acquiring zines, highlighting items from the collection, and reflecting on some common themes and experiences.

1:00 – 2:00 pm

### **BIPOC Zinesters Panel**

Panelists: Alexa Lima (She/Her), Jonas Cannon (They/them (preferred) or he/him), Kayla Shaggy (She/They) Carmen Pizarro (She/They)

2:30 – 3:30 pm

### **Political Comics That Spark Conversation**

Presenter: Nhatt Nichols (she/her)

Do you want to create a comic that sparks real conversations and change in your community, but you're not sure where to start? We'll look at how to find a subject, and how to use language and visuals to that will inspire community engagement.



# PROGRAMMING PARTICIPANT BIOS

Jolie Braun (she/her) – Jolie Braun is the Curator of Modern Literature and Manuscripts in the Rare Books and Manuscripts Library at The Ohio State University, where she oversees the modern literature and history collections and provides special collections-based instruction. She is building the unit's zine collections. Her research interests include women publishers and booksellers, zines, and self-publishing.

[hcommons.org/members/joliebraun/](https://hcommons.org/members/joliebraun/)  
[twitter.com/joliebraun](https://twitter.com/joliebraun)

Jonas Cannon (They/them (preferred) or he/him) – I've made 45–50 zines, with topics ranging from punk to mental illness to parenting. I live in Chicago and am a founder and organizer of the Midwest Perzine Fest.

Neelybat Chestnut (she/her) – author of *Mend My Dress*, and *good witch/badwitch*, publisher, Mend My Dress Press, and practicing JeWitch. Instagram [@neelychestnut](https://www.instagram.com/neelychestnut)

Annie Brown (they/them)  
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[lips.social](https://lips.social)  
[twitter.com/andreafrancesb](https://twitter.com/andreafrancesb)

Matthew Friedrichs (any pronouns) – I love to read. I love works on paper. I love personal and quirky storytelling. I teach English. I used to edit. Rural. Both coasts. There are awesome people everywhere.

Rayne Klar (they / them / theirs) – nonbinary witch living in the midwest making comics and zines. [raynekclar.com](https://raynekclar.com)

Alexa Lima (She/Her) – I am a Black zinester and musician based out of Atlanta, GA. I primarily make perzines and collage zines with a focus on political and social issues that affect Black people.

Ailin Lu (*Mamagui Speaks*) (She/They) – Ailin (she/they) of *Mamagui Speaks* is a self-taught Asian American and queer astrologer, interdiscplinarian, artist, and data nerd. In addition to consulting with clients, she acts as VP of programming at the Aquarian Organization of Astrologers. “Mamagui” is a play on words that draws on Ailin’s Chinese American experience. *Gui* is the word for ghost. Mama precedes *gui* to honor the wisdom and guidance of her maternal ancestors. You can find them on IG [@mamagui\\_speaks](https://www.instagram.com@mamagui_speaks) or visit [mamaguispeaks.com](https://mamaguispeaks.com) to peruse astrology content and book a reading.

Nikki Minor (she/they) – *(chicory.)* is a zine and line of small-batch herbal goods handmade in New Orleans, Louisiana by Nikki Minor. Nikki's passion is demystifying herbalism making it accessible to marginalized people and using plants as tools for liberation. To learn more follow [@chicoryzine](#) on Instagram or visit [linktr.ee/chicoryzine](#).

Nhatt Nichols (she/her) – Nhatt Nichols is a editorial cartoonist for the *Port Townsend Leader*. Every week she researches the issues in her community and distills them down to be easy to comprehend, and conversation provoking. Nhatt has a masters degree in drawing from the Royal Drawing School in London, and is the author of *Boats, Bears, and Bad Life Choices: The Race to Alaska*. You can find more of her work at [nhattnichols.com](#).  
Instagram [@nhatt\\_attack](#)

Carmen Pizarro (She/they) – Hey, I'm Carmen Pizarro, I'm a Latinx Illustrator based in NYC. My work ranges from making illustrations to comics and creating zines and other products in my spare time!

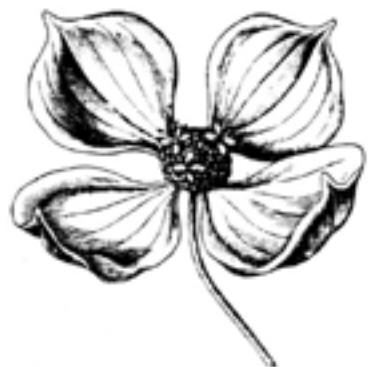
Kayla Shaggy (She/They) – Kayla Shaggy, a Two-Spirit woman of Dine and Annishinabe descent, is an artist specializing in illustrations and comic books. Her artwork is inspired by personal experiences and stories from her Indigenous heritage. She also tries to bring awareness to Indigenous and LGBTQ issues within her art as well.

Michael Sweater (he/him), Rachel Dukes – Michael Sweater and Rachel Dukes met at the Center for Cartoon Studies and are working together to create *The Wizerd!* For Oni Press. Volume one is available this fall!

[www.michaelsweater.com](#)

[www.mixtapecomics.com](#)

Instagram [@MichaelSweater](#) & [@MixtapeComics](#)



# KCZC 6 TABLERS

Abba  
Adam Gnade  
Al Polston Illustration  
Alex Wrekk & PBW Zine Distro  
Allison Morris Lesch  
Amanda and Nadia  
Anna Jo Beck  
Art by MEH  
Art of Jake Meyer  
Ashley Caswell  
Austin Wilson  
Ben Biersmith  
Ben Lee  
billups shepard allen  
Billy McCall  
Britain Bray  
Carmen Pizarro  
Casey Babb  
cat moth crow  
Charlie Vicars  
Chloe Henderson  
ChrryArt  
Coin-Operated Press



CRAPANDEMIC  
Dean Summers  
diasporan savant press  
easy paradise  
Ejen Chuang  
Emily Altman  
eri sakata  
Esther Greenwood  
School for Girls  
Eternia Press  
Explore Your Own Garden  
Extra Tender  
+ Mutual Exchange  
FanMinnetastic Zines  
Forever Incomplete:  
Perzines and Fanzines  
Frank Myles  
GABO  
Gerard Dalbon



Get Gnar Zines  
Girls, on Film  
gutwrench press  
H Simon  
Hamilton Six Zines  
Hatchcomic  
Heather Andhercats Press  
heysoupface  
Ilish Echols  
James & John Coats  
JCDS Emerging Artists  
Jenna Appleseed  
Jessie Lynn McMains  
/ Bone & Ink Press  
Jonas Cannon  
Kaley Bean  
Katherine Montalto  
KC Tenants  
KC Zine Con Merch  
KC\_Codex Gaming  
Zines and  
Collectables  
KCAI GD  
Kirixin  
Kirsten Robb  
kradeelav  
Kyra Gross  
L. Kozak  
Linnea Nierman  
Long Arm Stapler  
Luke Vermin  
Lydia Langebach  
Mackenzie Cole  
MacKenzie Illustration  
Mara Gervais

Marina Graves  
Michael Herring  
Mo Klos  
Moosader  
Neither/nor Zine Distro  
Nika Winn  
No Good Zines  
No Scene Zine  
NoRespassing  
NOS Press  
Oddities Prints  
Olivia Fredricks  
Pocket Thoughts  
Pretty Good Co.  
Rachael Wojdyla  
Rachel Bard



Rat Hands Press  
Ray Nadine  
region journal  
Richard Pepper  
Saber Blazek Art  
Sale Into the 90s  
Sean Dempsey  
Shawnee Mission  
East High School  
Zine Club



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Shuttlecock Music Magazine  
Sleuthy Saturn  
Spicy Boi/ Buttman World  
Sweet Universe Studios  
Tabletop Zines by TYAB  
Taco Tuesday Comics  
Thayer NG Bray  
The 816 Bicycle Collective  
The Beautiful Worst -  
a digital zine curated by Katie Li  
The Liberated Liberator:  
Absolute Veracity since 1647  
the pain u feel is capitalism dying  
Tim Brown  
Tori Holder  
Triangle Head Universe  
Triple Jeopardy Zine + Comics  
Ulterior Zines  
Warnerburg  
Wildridebooks  
Will Cardini  
Zayne Eris Chrysanthemum

# KC ZINE CON CLASSIFIEDS

## SIGN OUR GUESTBOOK



Leave your mark on KCZC #6 by signing our digital guestbook!

You can leave your name or a cool doodle!

[CLICK HERE FOR OUR GUESTBOOK](#)

## GET YOUR OFFICIAL KCZC MERCH

Our t-shirts are gorgeous and perfect to wear while reading zines at home!



Get yours at the link below!

[SHOP NOW BY CLICKING HERE](#)



## FRESH BOPS 4 U!

We made a playlist with all of the songs you recommended in our community yearbook survey!

[SPOTIFY PLAYLIST AVAILABLE HERE](#)

## PREORDER OUR COMMUNITY ZINE

Over 60 zinesters from around the country have contributed to our Exquisite Corpse zine, and now you can preorder your copy!



[PREORDER BY CLICKING HERE](#)

## PANELS & WORKSHOPS

Don't forget to tune into our panels and workshops!



See pages 4-6 for details!

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## MAKE YOUR OWN ZINE!

Did you know KCZC hosts a virtual Zine Club?

Register to come and work on your next zine with us!

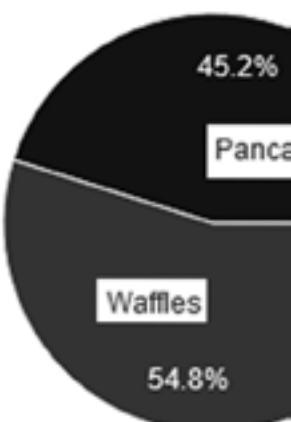


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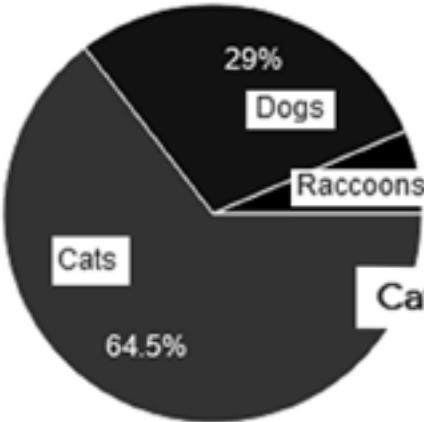
# THIS OR THAT

Back in 2018, we put out our first KC Zine Con Yearbook survey. We asked zinesters for their thoughts about a bunch of things and made graphs out of the data. This year for the program, we asked those same questions, so you can see how folks' opinions change over time!  
**#DataIsCool**

Waffles vs. Pancakes



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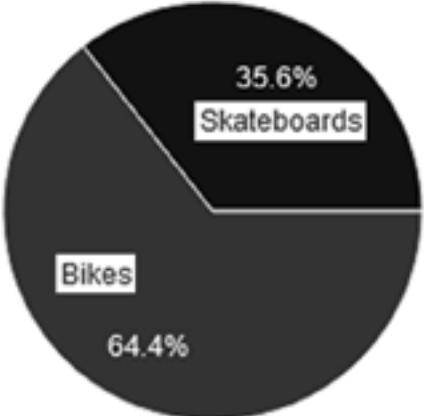


Cats vs. D

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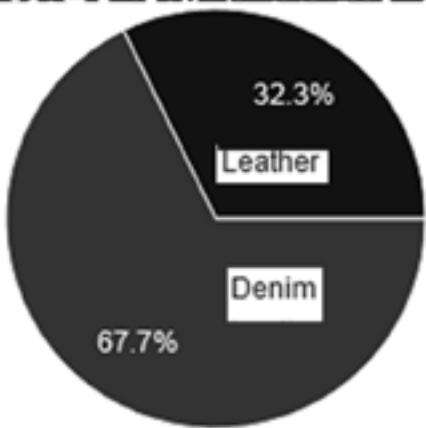
Bikes vs. Skateboards

Compared to 2016:  
60.7% Bikes  
26.8% Skateboards  
12.5% Bird Scooters



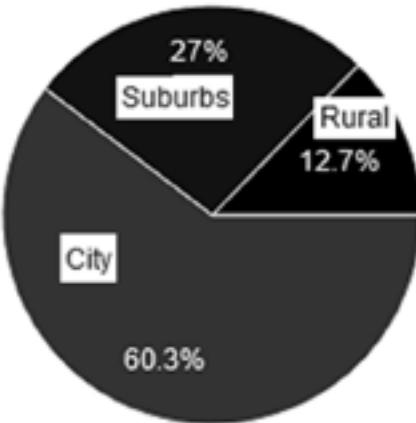
### Denim vs. Leather

Compared to 2016:  
Denim 77.2%  
Leather 22.8%



### Where do you live?

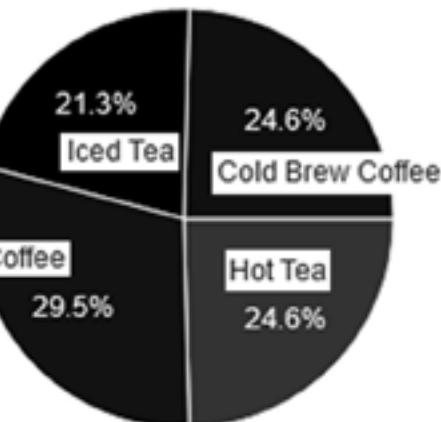
Compared to 2016:  
Suburbs: 22.8%  
City: 64.9%  
Rural: 12.3%



# OR

# ???

### Tea vs. Coffee



Compared to 2016:  
Cold Brew 29.3%  
Iced Tea 12.1%  
Hot Coffee 39.7%  
Hot Tea 19%

# Quarantine Quiz Highlights

or Quaranzine, if you will ;)

Outstanding  
mask-  
wearing,  
kitty!

What's been your favorite way to relax and take care of yourself during the pandemic?

Mailman! hasn't gotten to relax or take care of themselves (except for scotch). Please take care, and thank u for ur service!

Keeping a clean room and sitting in it listening to podcasts

fishing!!!!!!

oui'  
d

music!

geocaching

reading  
and  
drawing

Nostalgic media

tea

baking

a daily photo, a daily thought

cats

chocolate

video game

watching the sunset with dogs

long walks in the evening

SLEEP

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT FANFICTION

Do you have a favorite facemask? What does it look like?

"Those old hockey goalie masks from the 70s"

Mr Burns as an alien with "I give you love" underneath him I think I got it off of red bubble.

"probably the ones with aliens on them"

"WTF"

"It's rainbow striped with unicorns on it and a sewn-in filter, truly the best of all worlds."

"Facemask of the Winter Soldier"

"My regular one."

"It's a victorian-esque print with bones and potions"

"Elastic around the back of my neck, two ties that go up over the top of my head. Black fabric with gambling symbols all over it (slot machines, chips, etc)"

"Black and small and fits well with a little flap around the nose so glasses don't fog up."



Video call  
drawing hang  
outs

Playing  
keyboard.

reading  
tarot

## Have you started a new hobby?

chess!

Foraging for  
wild foods!

I am  
teaching  
myself how  
to DIY

Making a  
long furby

Archery

Does keeping  
tarantulas  
count?

playing  
pokemon  
online

kinda? I sew a  
lot more than i  
used to!

I  
rediscovered  
entomology

Modeling and  
painting  
miniatures and  
landscapes.



Honorable  
mention



## Have you made a zine about the pandemic?

Yes- 39%



No- 61%

## What is the first place you're going to travel once the pandemic is over?



New York!

To see my parents

sushi!!

Oregon

Santa Fe

ANYWHERE BUT HERE

IKEA

My tattoo artist

The concerts that got canceled

Yosemite

Hopefully a pool

Disneyland?

Denver

probably greenbay, wisconsin

KC or LA

Anywhere!

Mexico City

My favorite japanese food eatery

My best friend's couch

florida

Montreal

To a zine fest

Berlin

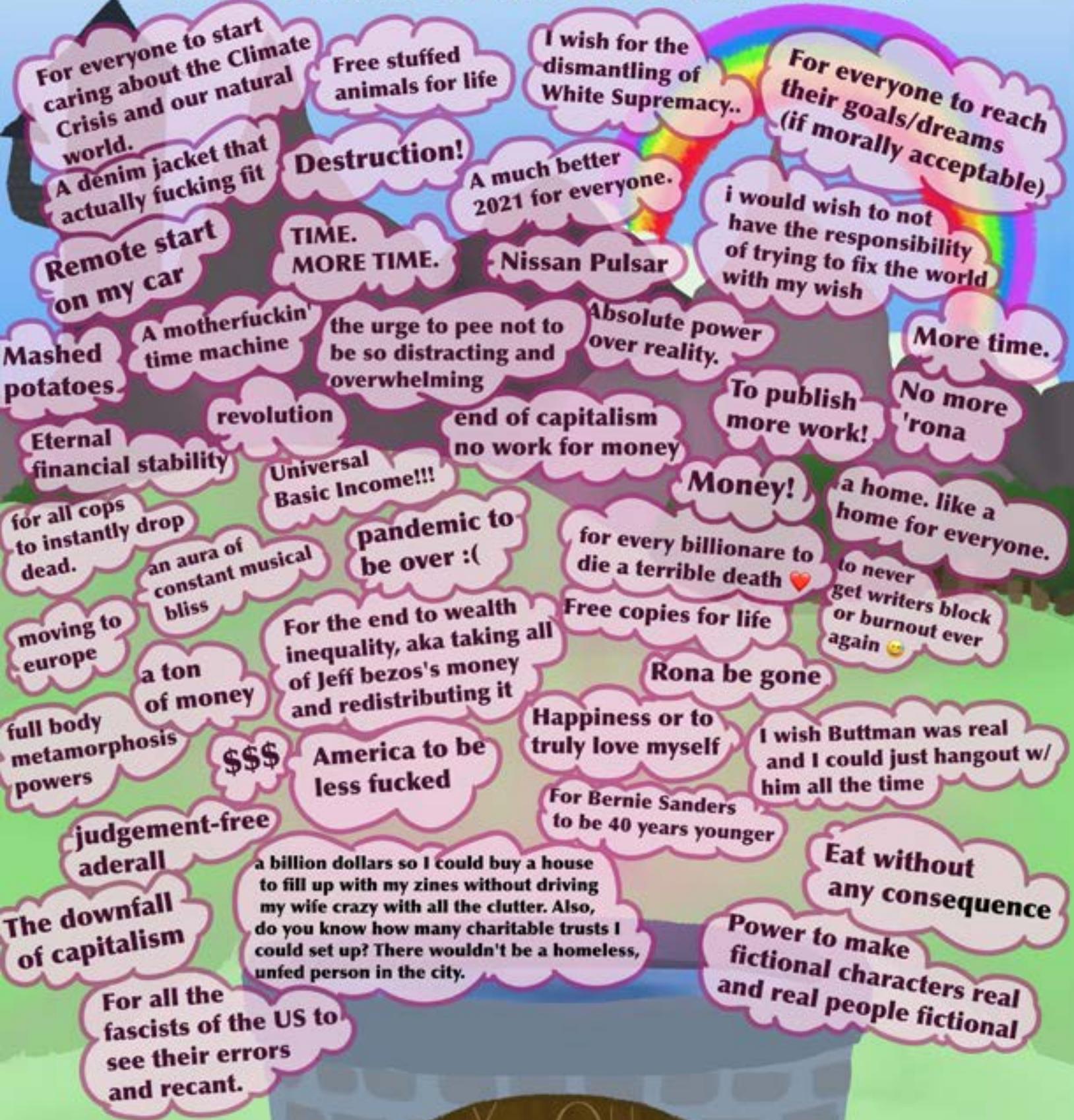
Nordic countries. Or maybe just Ikea



Runner-  
up.  
Great  
job!

Thank you for  
responding! 😊

# Zinesters wished for:

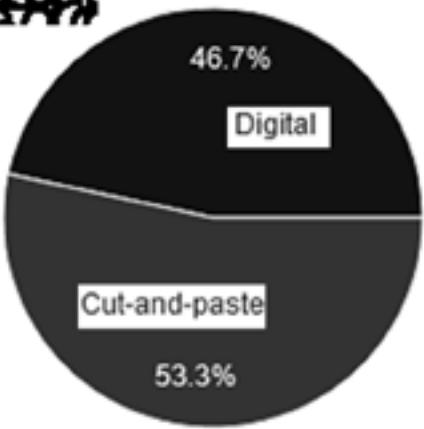


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Wishing Well

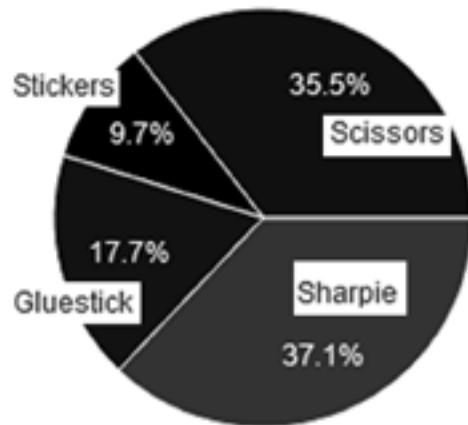
# What is your astrological sign?



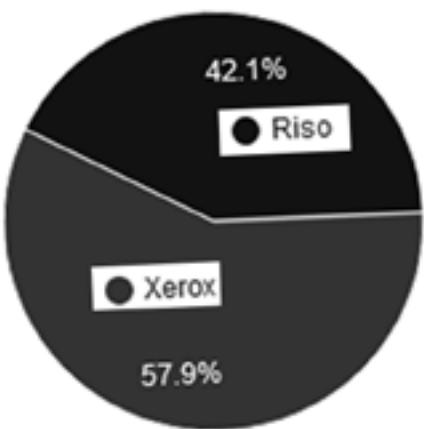
Cut-and-pasting your zines vs. Digital design



Favorite zine-making tool?

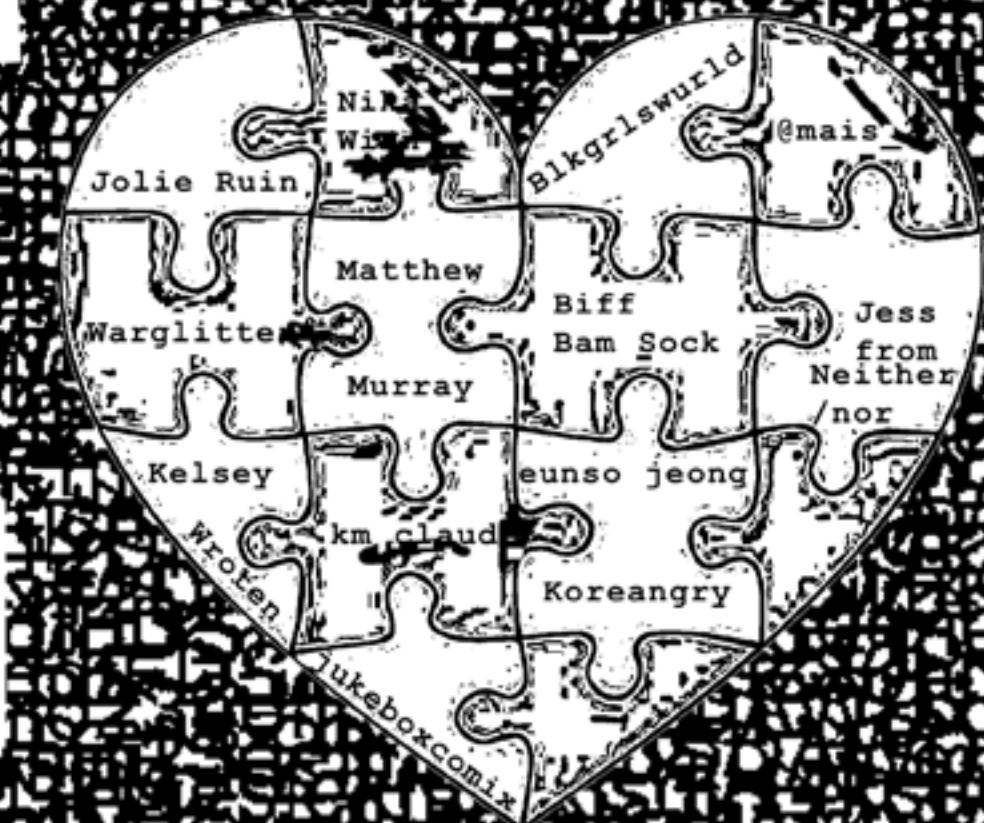


Xerox vs. Riso



# ZINES

anonymous  
zinester  
crushes  
<3



Guards! Guards! By Terry Pratchett  
Red Love by Maxim Leo  
Any of the Halo novels  
"rust belt femme" by raechel anne jolie  
A Darker Shade Of Magic  
Girl Skin's 'Tomorrow Is You Day'  
Alex Trebek biography.  
Superman VS The Clan  
Sapiens by Yuval Harari  
The Lottery by Shirley Jackson

# READ

## Fanfiction!

luster--raven leilani

Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs by Caitlin Doughty  
the warrior cats series. its just talkin cats killing each other lol

Protector of the Small quartet, Tamora Pierce

A Generation of Sociopaths: how the Baby Boomers Betrayed America

"Posters For The People: The Art of the WPA"

House of Leaves

Just read "The First Rule of Punk" by celia perez. excellent.

Letters From Tove - Tove Jansson

carmen maria machado - in the dream house

# what to

Crab cakes, Boston style

soya milk, marg, melted vegan chocolate bars, flour  
(it's the only kind of cake I can make, I'm sorry!)

i know it sounds weird but white cheddar cheez-its in creamy chicken  
ramen S L A P S I call it Savory Cereal



Polenta + cheese + honey (+ bacon if you're really feelin it)

Tiramisu is easy once you make it, and so effing good.

<https://www.littlesweetbaker.com/easy-eggless-tiramisu-video/>

I wrote my vegan chili recipe but then I had  
a formatting issue. I am so sorry but I wont write it again.

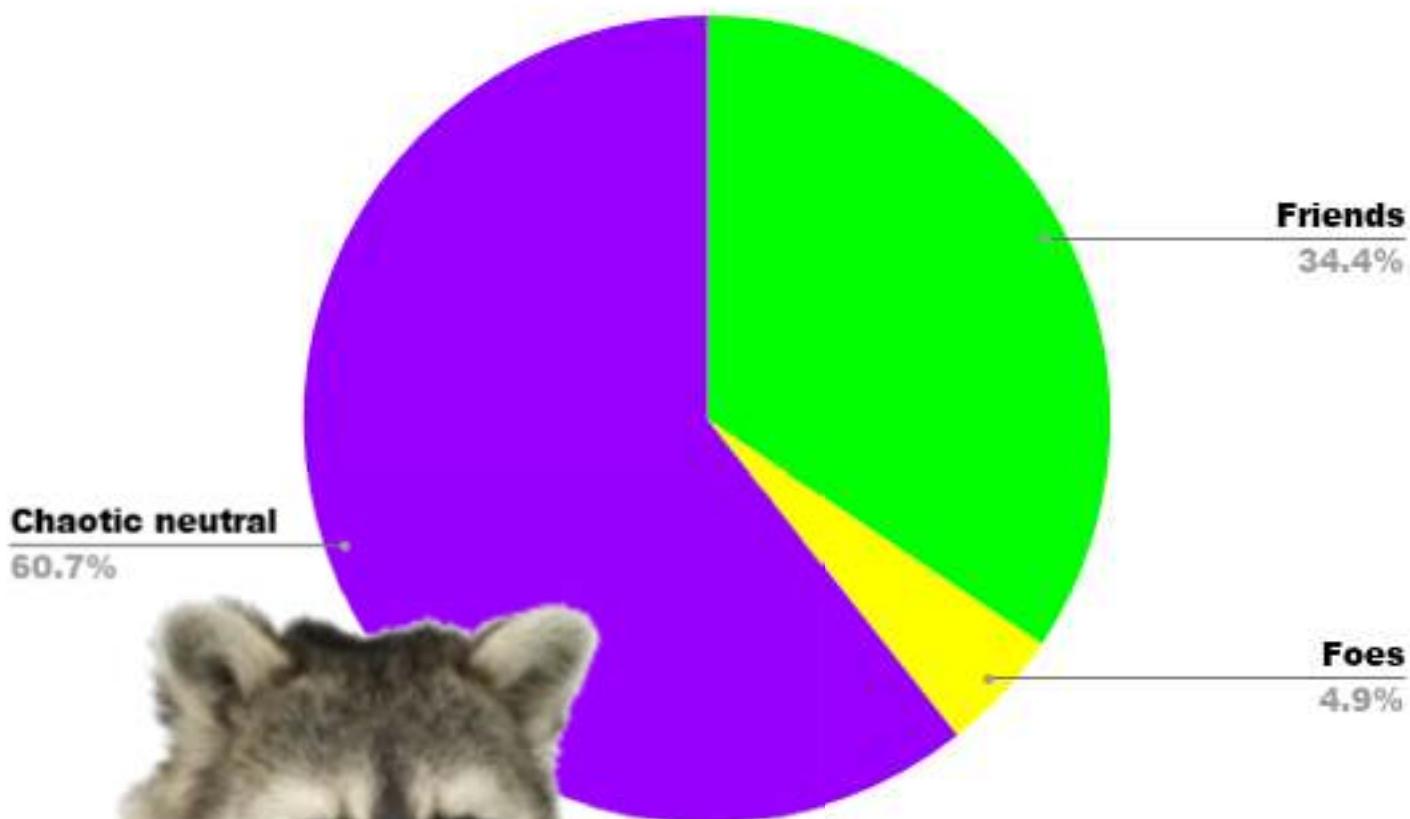
cheesy gougeres

Water sandwich

Oreos in the freezer!

# COOK

## Raccoons: friends or foes?



# RACCOON

This year's yearbook survey included a record high of THREE questions about raccoons (up from one in 2018). Turns out: y'all like raccoons way more than anyone expected! Less than 5% of you consider them foes!

# Average score for this hungry critter:

**8.4**



And the median score was 9 for any big time data nerds out there— wow!

**CERTIFIED SNACC**

ns????



**How much would you have to be paid to quarantine with this handsome creature for two weeks?**

**\$217,278,212**

One smart zinester told us that raccoon poop is a deadly toxic nerve agent so maybe everyone who offered to do it for free (or even PAY to hang with this cutie) should think about the litterbox situation...

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