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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 5th

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
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 6th

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.

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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. Instragram [@neelychestnut](https://www.instagram.com/neelychestnut)

Annie Brown (they/them)
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lips.social
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. rayneklar.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, interdisciplinarian, 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 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!

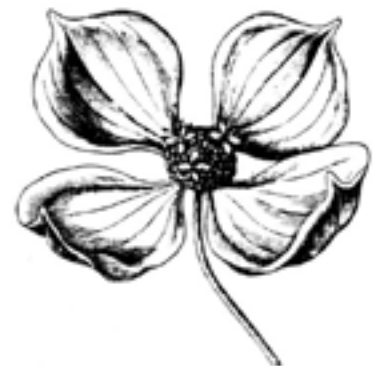
Kayla Shaggy (She/They) - Kayla Shaggy, a Two-Spirit woman of Dine and Annishinabe descent, is an artist specializing in illustrations and comic books. Her artwork is inspired by personal experiences and stories from her Indigenous heritage. She also tries to bring awareness to Indigenous and LGBTQ issues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

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KCZC 6 TABLERS

Abba
Adam Gnade
Al Polston Illustration
Alex Wreck & 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



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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!



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**FRESH
BOPS 4
U!**

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

[SPOTIFY PLAYLIST AVAILABLE HERE](#)

PANELS & WORKSHOPS

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

See pages 4-6 for details!



[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)

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](#)

Did you know KCZC hosts a virtual Zine Club?

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

MAKE YOUR OWN ZINE!

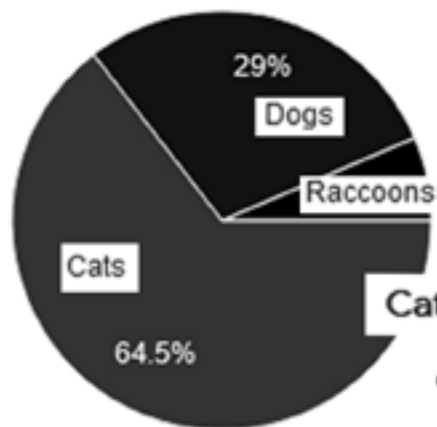
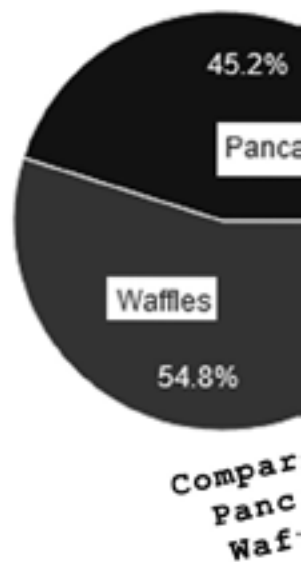


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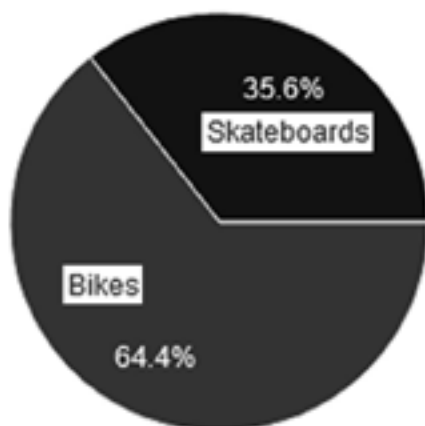
Back in 2018, we put out our first KC Zine Con Yearbook survey. We asked zinesters for their thoughts about a bunch of things and made graphs out of the data. This year for the program, we asked those same questions, so you can see how folks' opinions change over time! #DataIsCool

Waffles vs. Pancakes



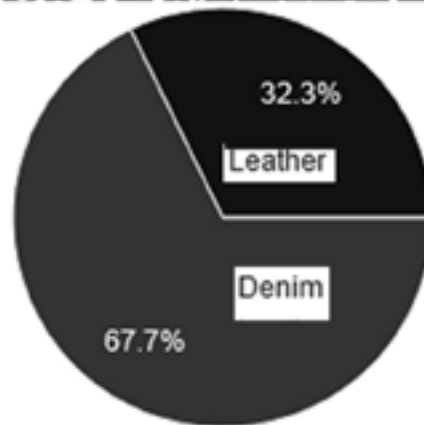
Bikes vs. Skateboards

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



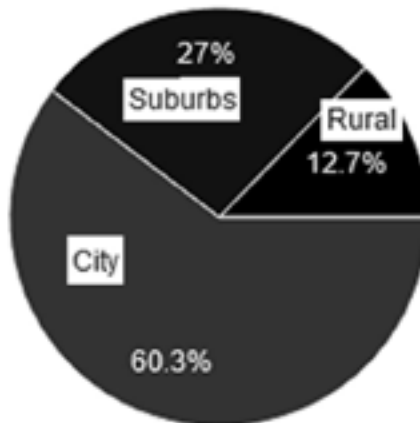
Denim vs. Leather

Compared to 2016:
Denim 77.2%
Leather 22.8%



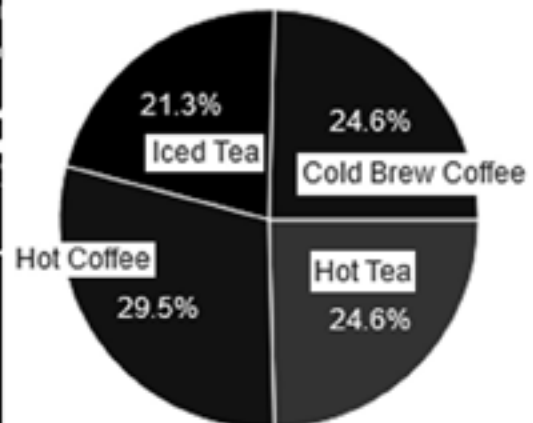
Where do you live?

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



Tea vs. Coffee

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



OR

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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?



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

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

"Those old hockey goalie masks from the 70s"

"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.

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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."

"Black and white pattern"



Video call
drawing hang
outs

Playing
keyboard.

reading
tarot

Have you started a new hobby?

chess!

I am
teaching
myself how
to DIY

Making a
long furby

Archery

Foraging for
wild foods!

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

playing
pokemon
online

Does keeping
tarantulas
count?

Modeling and
painting
miniatures and
landscapes.

I
rediscovered
entomology



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

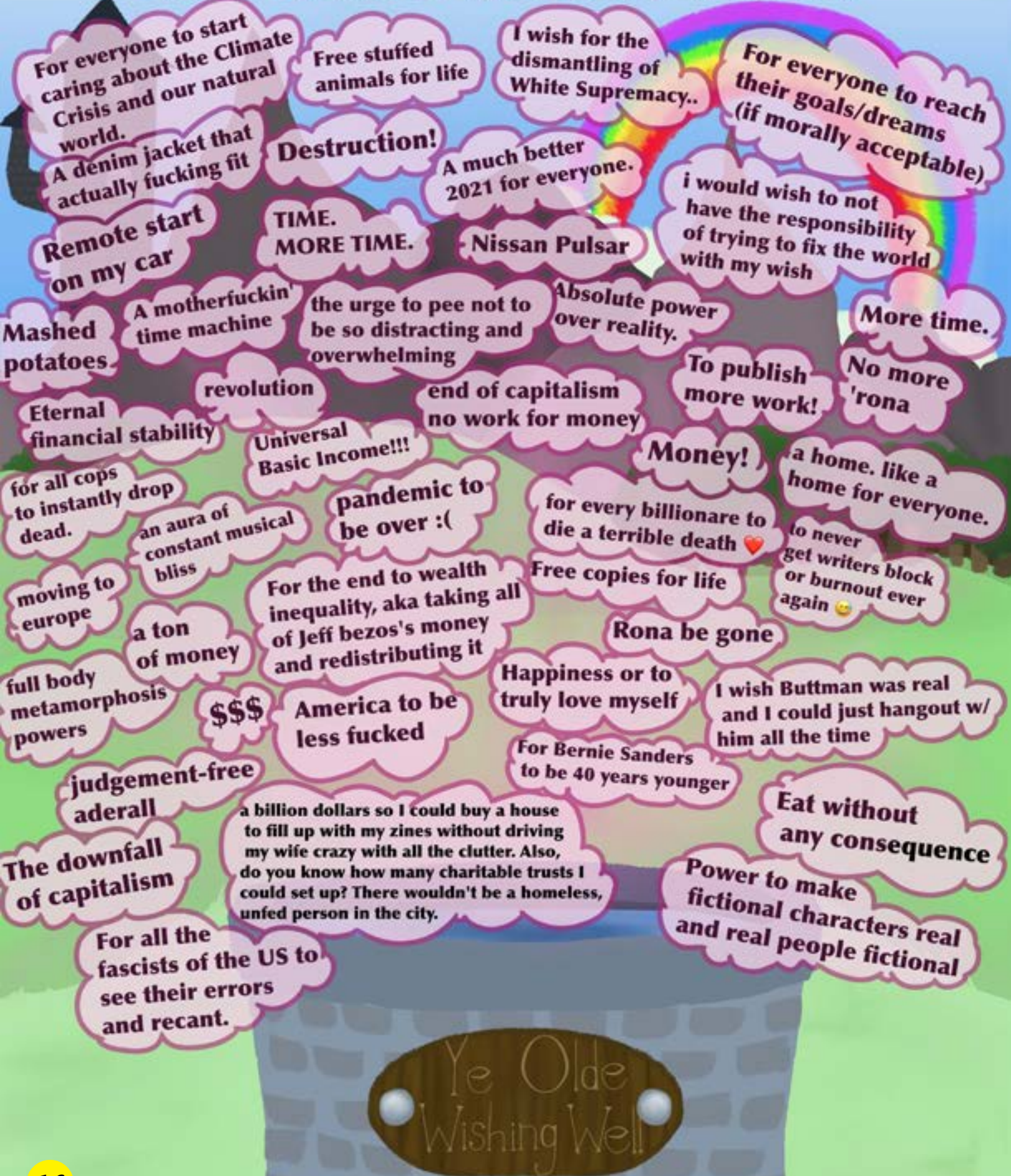
Nordic countries. Or maybe just Ikea



Runner-
up.
Great
job!

Thank you for
responding! 😊

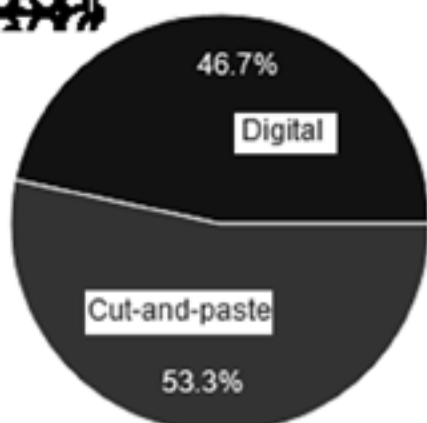
Zinesters wished for:



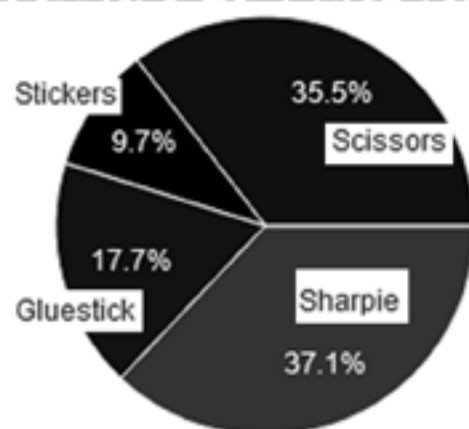
What is your astrological sign?



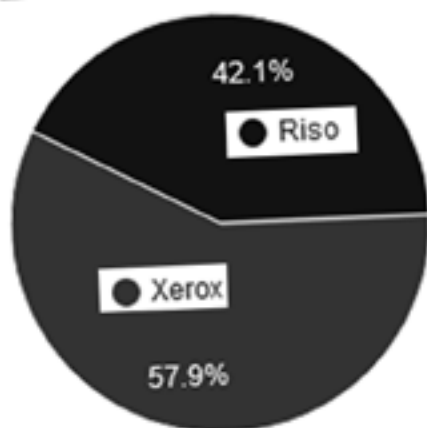
Cut-and-pasting your zines vs. Digital design



Favorite zine-making tool?

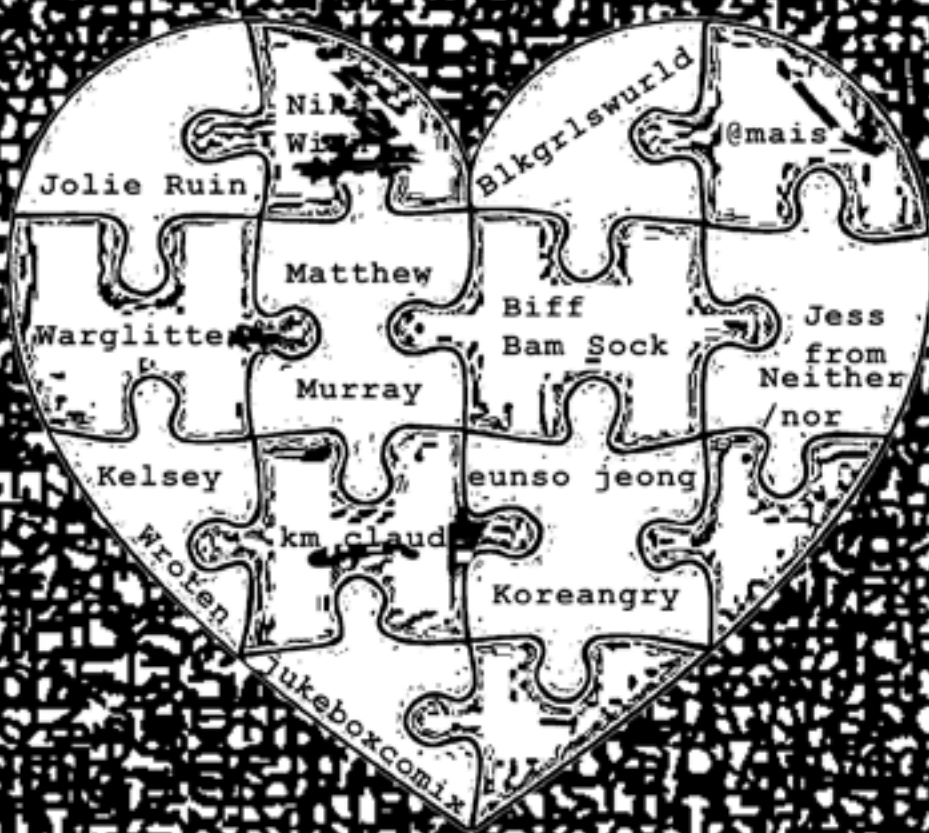


Xerox vs. Riso



ZINES

anonymous
zinester
crushes
<3



Guards! Guards! By Terry Pratchett
Red Love by Maxim Leo
Any of the Halo novels
"rust belt femme" by rachel 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.

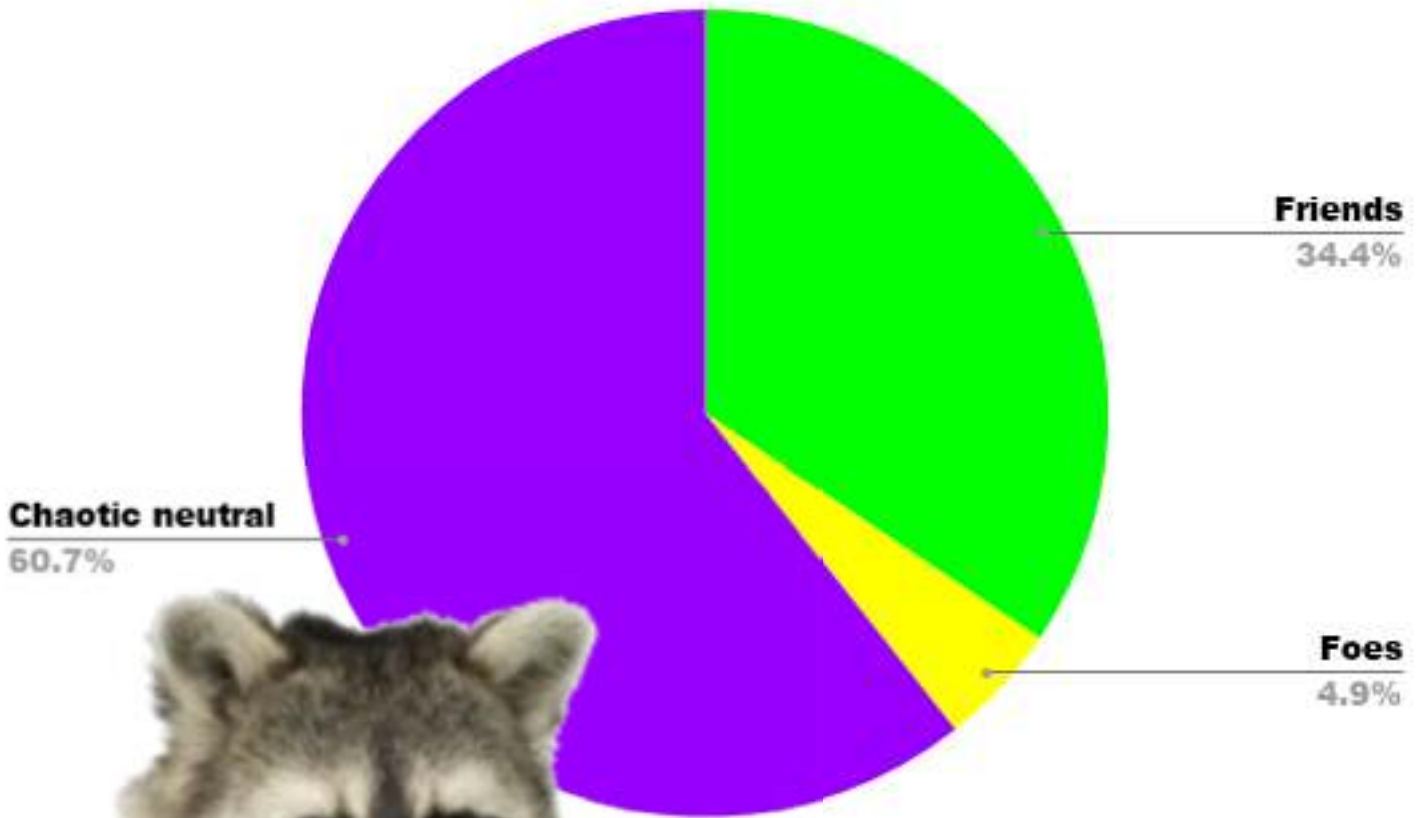
cheesy gougères

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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