

Zine Submission Guidelines

Submissions to Hackley Public Library's, *West Michigan Voices Zine Collection* are FREE and open to individuals aged 18 and up, residing in West Michigan. Please read the following submission guidelines before submitting your zine for consideration. Submissions that do not follow our guidelines will not be considered for inclusion in the collection.

- We accept original work only
- Zines must be at least 5 pages in length
- Please note that a submission does not guarantee inclusion into our collection
- Please include your name or pen name somewhere on the zine
- Each submissions must be accompanied by a completed HPL Zine Submission Form; 1 form for each submission
- Please use discretion about using the names of real people in your work
- If your work contains sensitive material, please include content warnings as necessary
- **Include attribution for all data, quotes, and outside content reference**
- Writers keep all rights to their work, but by submitting your zine, you give Hackley Public library permission to use photos of your printed work in our social media or other promotional materials

Things we are *not* looking for:

- Plagiarism
- Extreme profanity
- Explicit sexual content
- Explicit political views, as HPL functions as a non-partisan entity
- Gratuitous violence
- Explicit imagery
- No hate speech/content.

*** **What is hate speech/content?** Any content that promotes violence, racism, or even mild negativity towards marginalized groups of people on the basis of religion, gender identity/expression, race, ethnicity, nationality, sexual preference, etc.

FAQs

Q: What is a zine?

A: A *zine* is a self-made, non-commercial print-work that is typically produced in small, limited batches. *Zines* are created and bound in many DIY ways, but traditionally editions are homemade and photocopied. *Zines* can touch on a variety of topics from music and art, to poetry, humor and personal memoir. Their content may be written, drawn, printed, collaged, or any other form of combining words and imagery—a *zine's* structure may be narrative, journalistic, comic-like, or completely abstract. (binderymke.com)

FAQs Continued

Q: What kind of zines does HPL accept?

A: We accept all kinds of zines including (but not limited to) stapleless, stapled, sewn, and digital. If you want to submit a digital zine, please be aware that it will only be available in digital form. **Zines must be at least 5 pages long.**

Q: When is the submission period?

A: Submission is open year-round!

Q: Can I submit more than one zine?

A: Sure you can! Just be sure each submission has its own HPL Submission Form.

Q: Is there a fee to submit?

A: Nope. It's free!

Q: Does Hackley Public Library pay me for my submissions?

A: No. Our *West Michigan Voices Zine Collection* works on a donation basis.

Q: Can anyone submit a zine?

A: Anyone aged 18 and older, living in West Michigan can submit their work.

Q: If I have a question, how can I get in touch?

A: You can email us at zines@hackleylibrary.org or you can call 231-722-8000 and tell them you have a question about zine submissions.

Q: Will my zine be found in the library's catalog?

A: Yes. All zines in the *West Michigan Voices Zine Collection* will be scanned and there will be a digital copy available online and cataloged in HPL's Local History Department. The actual zines will be pinned to a display board at Hackley Public Library, and available for people to read while visiting. Even if your zine wears out, it will always be available online!

Q: Can I re-submit a zine you already accepted?

A: If your original zine is no longer in the collection, we will happily take another copy. You must include an HPL Zine Submission Form with it, just be sure to mark the "Re-Submission" box.

Q: Where can I get a submission form?

A: You can request one from the service desk of any Muskegon County library or print one from our website: <https://www.hackleylibrary.org/local-history-genealogy/zines/>

Q: Where do I turn in my zine and submission form?

A: You can turn them in at any Muskegon County library or mail them to Hackley Public Library.

Q: What happens if my zine is not accepted?

A: You can indicate on the submission form if you want it returned to you in case it is not included in the collection.