



## WHAT IS A ZINE?

Zines are self-published works of art, poetry, and other media that are created by hand or digitally and distributed to an audience. They have their literary roots in fanzines and magazines and are typically produced in small batches.

## WHAT IS THE ECO ZINE?

This spring and summer, the library will be accepting submissions for its Eco Zine. The Eco Zine is an issue of the CCPL Teen Zine with a focus on environmentalism, climate change, and nature. We encourage submissions that celebrate the beauty of nature and wildlife, including written or visual works that inspire people to reduce their ecological footprint.

## HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

All teens in the Carmel community are welcome to participate in the Eco Zine. We will be accepting submissions from April 1 through June 30, 2021. Submissions will be compiled into a digital zine at the end of the submission period.

## GUIDELINES

1. Each submission must be inspired by nature or address an environmental issue. There are creativity prompts listed below that will help you with your submission.
2. All submissions must be original works.
3. Submissions cannot contain offensive language or images and must adhere to the library's [Standards of Conduct](#).
4. For each submission received, teens can receive 3 hours of community service.

If you would like to receive volunteer credit, please make sure you are a member of the library's Teen Volunteer Corps. If you are not a member of the Teen Volunteer Corps, we encourage signing up at [carmelclaylibrary.org/teen-volunteer-corps](https://carmelclaylibrary.org/teen-volunteer-corps) so that we can record your community service hours.

5. There is a limit of 3 submissions per student.
6. Please submit your work as a JPG (1–2 MB) by photographing or scanning the original work. Email your submissions, along with your first and last names, to [youngadult@carmel.lib.in.us](mailto:youngadult@carmel.lib.in.us). Additionally, please include 2–3 sentences describing your piece.
7. Your piece may appear on our social media sites. If you do not wish your submission to be published, please specify this in your email.

## Questions about this project?

Contact [youngadult@carmel.lib.in.us](mailto:youngadult@carmel.lib.in.us)

## CREATIVITY PROMPTS

- Create a written or visual work that addresses climate change.
- Create a portrait of an environmental activist.
- Create a work of art from natural materials such as flowers, twigs, stones, or leaves.
- Describe through poetry the beauty of nature.
- Create a pen and ink drawing of a flower.
- Draw or paint your favorite natural landscape.
- Create a wildlife portrait capturing the personality of animals or insects.
- Visit a national park and photograph your most memorable site.
- Create a written or visual work about the changing of the seasons.
- Create a written or visual work in celebration of Earth Day.
- Make a nature-inspired cyanotype using light-sensitive paper or fabric.
- Press flowers and other natural materials to create a nature-inspired collage.
- Create a two-dimensional or three-dimensional work from upcycled materials.
- Capture the night sky using long-exposure photography.
- Attend a CCPL nature workshop and create your submission at the park. ([Refer to the library's Events calendar for dates and times.](#))