



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.

WHY A SOCIAL JUSTICE ZINE?

2020 was a tumultuous year with the pandemic and various social justice protests around the country. As we turn the page on a new year, these issues are likely to remain with us. The Social Justice Zine is a platform for teens to reflect on social justice issues through written and visual art. In the spirit of making this world a better place, we encourage positive submissions that inspire kindness, hope, empathy, and understanding.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

All teens in the Carmel community are welcome to participate in the Social Justice Zine. We will be accepting submissions from January 10 through March 31, 2021. Submissions will be compiled into a digital zine at the end of the submission period.

GUIDELINES

1. Each submission must address a social justice issue. There are creativity prompts listed below that will help you explore these issues
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 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 and include your first and last name with your submission. 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

CREATIVITY PROMPTS

- Design a protest poster in support of a social justice cause.
- Create a drawing or painting in honor of Women's History Month.
- Create a work of art in honor of Black History Month.
- Create a written or visual work about Black Lives Matter.
- Make a recipe that celebrates another culture, and send us a photo of the dish.
- Create a written or visual work that supports the LGBTQ community.
- Write a poem or short story that inspires hope or change in the New Year.
- Create a piece of art from upcycled materials that addresses climate change.
- Take a photograph of nature that addresses climate change.
- Describe through written or visual art what it means to be a teen activist.
- Use craftivism to address a social justice issue (women's rights, poverty, immigration, diversity, hunger, etc.).
- Create a collage encouraging peace and unity.
- Paint a portrait or make a drawing of a civil rights leader.
- Mix and match any of the prompts to explore a social justice issue.