ZINES AS COMMUNITY PRAXIS:
Reading, Making, and Collecting Zines at SUNY New Paltz

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Outline

1. Who we are
2. 24 hour zine challenge
3. Campus compilations
1.
WHO ARE WE?

Zines @ the Sojourner Truth Library
GOALS

Engaged
zine readers
who become
active zine
makers

Integrated
into the
campus culture
in classroom
instruction and
utilized by
student clubs

Local / Low
Barrier to
Access
growing our
collection of
locally
produced zines
through
programmatic
outreach
While I already know there are non-monetary and alternative anti-capitalist ways in which people can create things, I didn’t know there was a term for it... *Making a Zine definitely broadened the ways in which I think about media.* I just find it interesting that the composition of a zine can take multiple forms while its typographical portion can be aligned in any which way its creator chooses...

--Patrick Derilus, author of Black Existentialism
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Zine Library Intern
20+

Instruction Sessions in 2017
600+ Circulating Zines
2.

24 Hour Zine Challenge

Supporting zine-making from start to finish
Workshop

Copying

Distribution
Solving the “Master Copy” problem
As an indecisive person, who is also a master at procrastination, an event like the 24 Hour Zine Challenge, with a set start and end time that also limited the number of hours I had to make a thing, put me out of my comfort zone while also forcing me to be to stick to a project and finish it...

It is also awesome that a copy of the zine I created is now part of the Zine Library in the STL, so even though I graduated, something I created is still physically at New Paltz.

--Rachel Trusewicz, author of Neon Fish Dreams
It's not about fashion. It's about being female, and the future is female. It's all about the attitudes.
**STEP 1:**

**AWKNOWLEDGE**

that they are going through something that they can not control, or that they may not fully understand.

**STEP 2:**

**PERSIST**

and make it known that you care. Check up on them, ask them if there is anything you can do to help.

Sometimes, there is nothing that can be done, but knowing someone still cares is what will get them through the night.

**DEDICATED TO:**

- d brother
- a sister
- a son
- my heart
Black Existentialism

"I, the man of color, want only this: That the tool
never possess the man. That the enslavement of
man by man cease forever. That is, of one by
another. That it be possible for me to discover and
to love man, wherever he may be, of human trauma incomparable in scope, duration
and consequence to any other incidence of human enslavement."

Although slavery has long been a part of human
history, American chattel slavery represents a case
Man is nothing else but that which he
makes of himself.
BRIGHTEN UP!

REFLECTIONS ON MENTAL HEALTH THROUGH A SEMESTER OF SYMBOLIC LOGIC

Sanford M. Fels
Maybe because I carry on my shoulder the innocent blood shed by the horrors of my country. Maybe because I carry on my shoulder the sacrifices of my mom & dad or maybe because I carry on my shoulder the "American Dream" of millions of people around the world...
3. CAMPUS COMPILATIONS

Co-creating = collection building
DO NOT BEND!

People were afraid
WATCH OUT FOR
THE PRICE OF SILENCE
Belief in traditional manhood
SECRETS AND LIES

The pain is never gonna go away

This must direct our attention
Hundreds of years of oppression and
And misplaced and
Wounded and
Battered and

Let us run toward each other
With open arms
And a will to construct
A world where love
Justice and reverence
For each other overcomes
All fear.

Every time you turn on the news,
you see this rampant misinformation
And as if it's the new rebellion.

let's listen more
let's listen more
let's listen more

let's listen more
NewPaltz ZineLibrary @npzines · 2 Dec 2016
Look what’s finished! The pages of this zine were made by @newpaltz students after the #election last month. #npzines #nplibrary #npsocial
Quick Activity (15-20m)

Document what self care is for you in a single page.

Think:
What is self care for you? What are your needs?

Make a list of 3 self care strategies and write them down. (This one is for you to take home)

Make a list of 3 self care strategies and write them down. (This one is public and for a compilation zine that will be added to the zine library)

Now add color and/or collage to make the page pop!
Take Aways

1. Authorship → critical thinking about the information ecosystem
2. Inclusion / Home in the Library
3. Collaboration as default
Thanks!

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