# PHOTOCOPYING REVOLUTION

Librarians
Making Zines
and Changing
the World

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#### Who Are We



Kassi Grace is a library technician from the State Library of Victoria . Her experience is in the processing of special collections . She is also a zinemaker and tries to insert zines into every aspect of both her personal and professional life .



Alissa McCulloch is a cataloguer and professional zine pest. She has acquired, catalogued and written about zines for her workplace. She also creates zines for Saorsa Free Press, in all that spare time she doesn't have.

"What do any of our written efforts matter? What is worth archiving? What do zines matter to those outside our immediate circle? ... Why have I donated my Friday afternoons for the last five years to our zine collection? ... Because we must record the human, the personal and the political voices that are largely silent and silenced in our society. Because if we don't document these attempts at history and culture, who the hell will?'

- Travis Fristoe

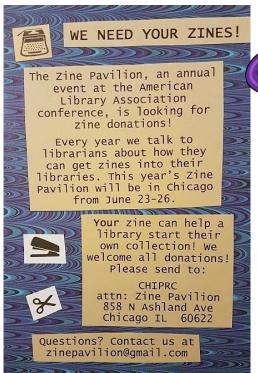
# Librarians Making Zines



Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress, at the ALA Annual 2018 Zine Pavilion



Zine cataloguing workshop run by UK and Ireland Zine Librarians



#### ZINE LIBRARIANS



Zebra Pizza, zinemaking Librarians from California

The folks from the New Paltz Zine Library at SUNY New Paltz in New York













- 2009 Seattle, WA
- 2010 Portland, OR
- 2011 Milwaukee, WI
- 2012 Pittsburgh, PA
- 2013 Iowa City, IA
- 2014 Durham, NC
- 2015 Austin, TX
- 2015 Olympia, WA
- 2016 Boston, MA
- 2017 Long Beach, CA
- 2018 Minneapolis, MN
- 2019 Salt Lake City, UT

#### ZINE LIBRARIANS UNCONFERENCES

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"Some myster ious link exists between zines and librarians.... Are librarians drawn to zines because they recognize in these bizarre, photocopied publications the passion for freedom of expression that they themselves so proudly stand for?"

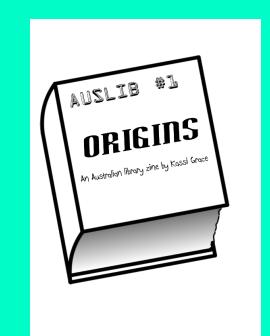
- Sean Stewart

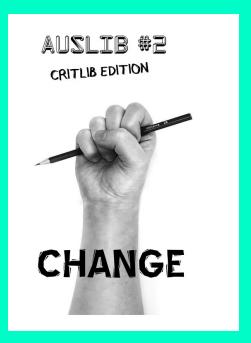


## Kassi's Library Zines

#### THOUGHTS FROM #APLIC18

July 31 – August 2, 2018 Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia





# Libraries Collecting Zines

#### **Australian Zine Libraries**

#### Major collections:

- National Library of Australia
- State Library Victoria
- Monash University (Melbourne)
- City of Sydney
- Murdoch Uni (Perth)
- Geelong Regional Libraries

Plus a smattering in other libraries across Australia

Does your library have zines? Let us know!



Self - made: zines and artist books is an exhibition curated by Monica Syrette that opened at State Library Victoria in 2017.

It's been touring regional Australia since March 2018, visiting locations in Victoria, NSW and Queensland.



## A Question of Privilege

"Zinesters shouldn't feel privileged that their zines are collected by museums and galleries, in fact those institutions should recognise what a total privilege it is for those zines to be used or collected in their organisations in the first place."

—Holly Casio



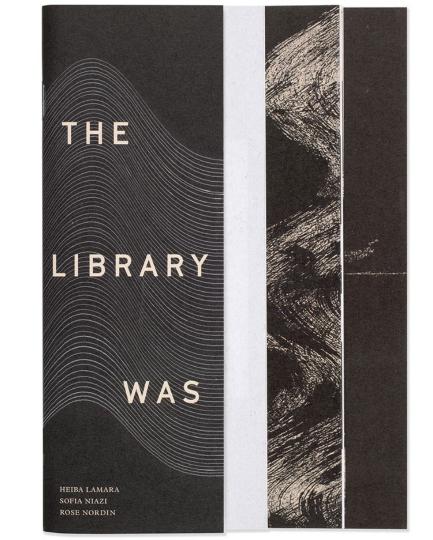


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## Five Suggestions for Zine Libraries

- Protect the identity of the zine creator
- 2. Balance access for all with consideration
- 3. Ask questions, don't assume
- 4. Don't aim for neutrality
- 5. Keep learning, sharing and collaborating

—Leila Kassir, *The library was...*, OOMK, 2018



'Zine cataloging is, at its best, an exercise in radical empathy' (Fox et al., 2018)

## SHARED AUTHORITY



ZINE UNION CATALOG FOR BEGINNERS

# Zine Cataloguing For the People

#### **xZINECOREx**

A metadata schema designed for zines

#### Zine Union Catalog

Shared catalogue for zine libraries <a href="http://browse.zinecat.org/">http://browse.zinecat.org/</a>

#### 'Cutter and Paste' (2014)

NB: based on AACR2, so a little dated

### Anchor Archive Zine Library Includes great subject thesaurus

# NLS9 Conference Zine

Collaborate - Deviate - Innovate in zine form!

Be a part of the (unofficial)

NLS9 collaborative zine!

See the Pop - up Zine Library in

the breakout space, Level 4.

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