

# Sparking Change: Zines and Social Activism



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## NY Public Library Exhibits Its Recent Social Justice Zine Acquisitions



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# Writing for Social Justice: Local Issues Local Practices

- 3 hour event
- Partnership between HOWE Writing Center and the Arts and Humanities Librarian
- Goal: To bring together Miami students, student-based organizations, and writing and rhetoric professionals to share and practice strategies for reaching their local social action goals.



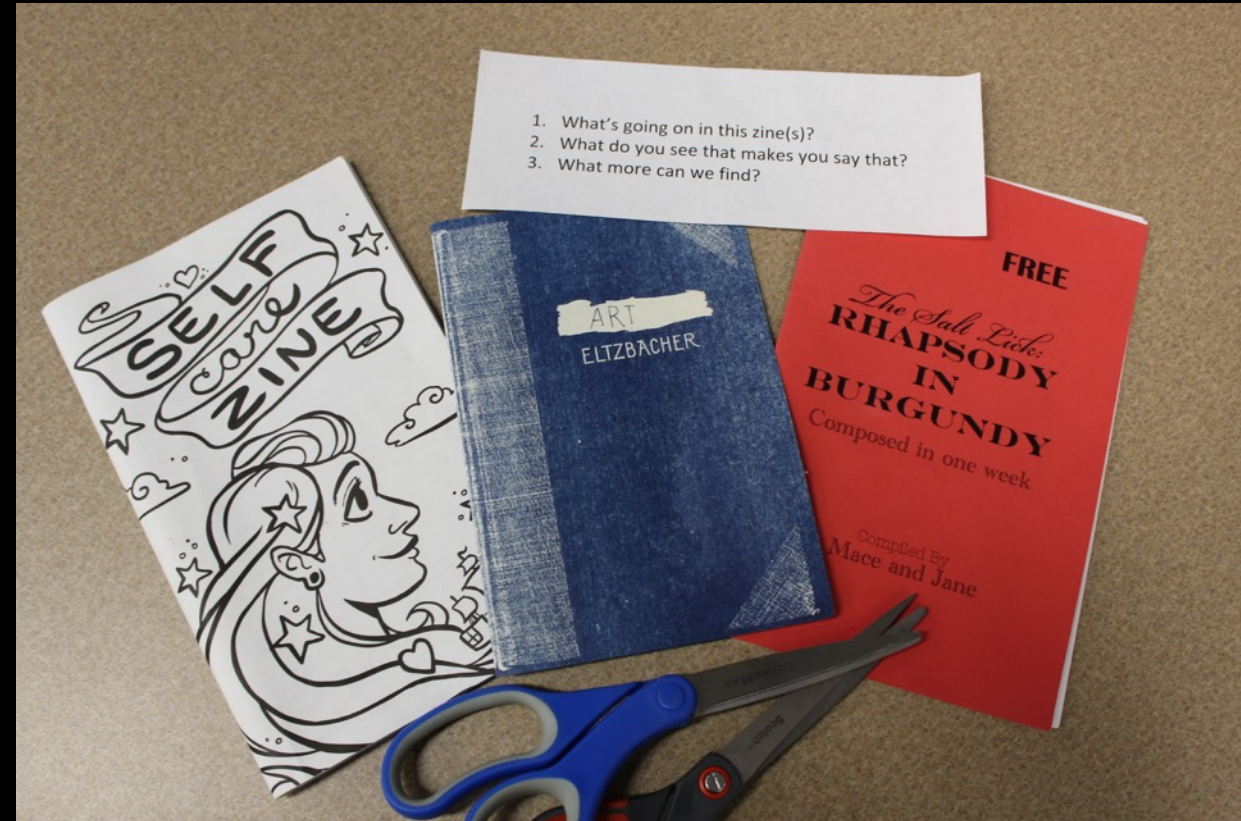
# The Event

- Hour 1: Student organization panel discussion: *Zero Waste Oxford*, *National Black Law Association (MU-NBLSA)*, *Spectrum*, *Graduate Student Pride Association (GSPA)*
- Hour 2: Zines and Social Activism/Writing Effective Letters to the Editor
- Hour 3: Zine making and letter writing



# Zines and Social Activism

- What is a zine?
  - Think/Pair/Share with zine archive
    - Students “speed date” with zines at their tables
    - Discuss the qualities they saw with their table
    - Discuss the qualities with the class
- History of Zines
  - Short lecture
  - Highlight the qualities of zines that makes them a good medium for social activism
- Zines and Social Activism
  - Back to the archives for examples!



Students interacting with the zine archive



Students making zines



# Takeaways

- 30 students attended
- Excellent networking opportunity for myself and the new archive
- Offers new opportunities to expand workshops to other disciplines

