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Collection 3
New Jersey Zines ["Jer-Zines"] Collection

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History

Short for "fanzine" and pronounced "zeen," zines are do-it-yourself, self-published, and usually made on paper and reproduced with a photocopier or printer. Zine makers are often motivated to share knowledge or experience on whatever topics interest them, such as music, art, politics, poetry, comics, personal thoughts, and reviews.

Scope & Contents Note

The titles in this collection all originate from New Jersey or have New Jersey as a topic. Most of the older zines [acc. #2017.27] were collected for a Zine Fest curated by *Laugh Clown Laugh* and held in Red Bank, N.J., June 8-15, 1996 [the program is filed in the *Laugh Clown Laugh* folder]. Many of the non-Jersey zines from this show are located in the circulating zines collection at the Library, along with newer zines currently being collected. "Extras" (artwork, letters, etc.) have been filed together in the last box if they are not connected to a particular title. An attempt was made in 2021 to contact all addresses in order to notify them of the creation of the collection, and to ask for more if they had any. Those marked with an * were returned as "undeliverable."

Contents – By Title [each in its own folder]

Box 1

- *A Letter from Kyle,* Adelphia, 2021, 2023
- *A Trenton Zine: Snippets from a Local Scene,* Ewing [TCNJ], 2023
- *Beach Badge,* Maryland, 2022-2024 [about the Jersey Shore]
- *BNM on the Street,* Clifton, 1991 [note: address UNK 2022*]
- *Cettle Kooked,* Ramapo College, Mahwah, 2021 [with decorated envelope, sticker]
- *Christian*New Age Quarterly,* Clifton, 2019, 2023
- *Cosmic Peas,* Englewood, c.1995

- *Craziest Movies You Never Saw,* Edison, 2023
- *Daily Cow,* Passaic, 1993, 1997
- *Dangerous Rhythms,* New Brunswick, 1988-1989
- *Danny Says!,* Old Bridge, 2010-2011
- *Davoid,* Hawthorne, 1989
- *Empty Spaces,* Lyndhurst, 1996 [note: address UNK 2022*]
- *Hardware,* Maplewood/Linden, 1996
- *Kaka Collective,* Jersey City, 1995 [note: address UNK 2021*]
- *Lampshade,* Hazlet/Red Bank, 1995

Box 2

- *Laugh Clown Laugh,* Red Bank, 1996
  Alizarin Crimson: Postcards; Letters & Envelopes; Mail Art; Misc. (1990-1999)
- *Luxury Space Transmissions,* Princeton [WPRB], 2021
- *Malcontent,* Leonardo/Navesink, 1985-1996, 2021, 2024 [also includes *Assembling Magazines* (1996) and *Books on Fire: The Documentation of the Renegade Library* (1998); mail art]
- *MBCBS Ex-Press,* Red Bank, 1996 [note: address UNK 2021*]
- *New Brunswick Underground,* New Brunswick, 1998
- *Not Like You,* New Mexico, c.2020 [lengthy interview about City Gardens]

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- *Rag,* Red Bank, 1996-1998 [adult content]
- *Science Geek,* Trenton, 1995-1996 [note: address UNK 2021*]
- *Shoelace,* Trenton, c.1991-c.1997 [note: address UNK 2021*]
- *Spooky Stories About Insane Asylums,* Massachusetts, c.2021 [mentions Trenton Psych]
- *Spray Cheese Diaries,* Denville, 1996
- *Teen Scene,* Rutherford, 2000
- *This Zine Sucks,* Trenton, 1987-1988
- *Truth Effort,* Mount Holly, 1988
- *Tutti,* Trenton, 1988
- *TV Mis-Guide,* Elmwood Park, c.1985 [folder also includes various flyers; *The Art of Bruce; The Prose and Cons of Wingate* (1996); Adrenalin O.D. sticker; various doodles]
- *Under the Auspices,* New Jersey, 2022
- , Texas, 2023 [about New Jersey]

Box 4

Contents – By Creator [each in its own folder]

- 8th Street Publications, Jersey City, c.2010, 2015, 2018-2020, 2022-2023 [includes *Cigarettes I've Smoked; The COVID Cookbook; Ed Reviews Stuff; I F#cking Love This Album; Pencil of the Week 15.5; Petula Clark's Downtown Changed My Life; Soap Dish;*

Spellcheck; Touring America: Fall in New England, Up the Punx!, Second to No City, Eddie Goes West; 2022 Wordie Awards]

- Binsol, Paula Danika, Livingston, 2020-2021 [includes *Island MD; Verses*]
- Brzycki, Angi, (moved to NJ in high school, went to William Patterson College), 2023 [includes *Face Against the Machine; Milwaukee Churches & Bars; Southern California Library Card Collection of Todd Lerew*]
- Caparros, Sophia, c.2024 [includes *Careful; The Sihorn Library ch.1*]
- Choyce, Jeremy, Absecon, c.2024 [includes *Depression Porn; Past & Present Holiday Traditions, St. Patrick's Day*]
- Chu, Ren, New Jersey, c.2024 [includes *When the Sun Comes Up*]
- Federal Association of Knowledge & Experimentation (F.A.K.E.), Milltown, c.2021
- Freehold Public Library, "Little Books," 2015, 2019-2022
- Hankins, Dave / Lazer Attack, Las Vegas, 2023-2024 [includes *Dinny, Mr. Rex, & Seldom Seen Slim; Elephant Buildings* (both mention Lucy the Elephant)]
- Hayden, Jennifer, Hopewell, 2013 [includes *Rushes: A Comix Diary*]
- Hildebrand, Jennifer, Absecon, c.2024 [includes *Clockstoppers; One Year in an Emperor Penguin's Life; Thrift Store Finds*]
- Lemon Liu Press, Wall, 2021 [includes *Butches in Bloom; Dandelion Wine; Lavender Draught*]
- Lotts, Megan, New Brunswick, c.2024 [includes *Artistic Plants Coloring Book; How Do You Play?*]
- Marymark Press, East Windsor, 1993, 1995-1999
- New Jersey Abortion Access Fund, Ridgewood, 2024 [includes *NJAAF zine*]
- New Jersey Library Association, *Conference Collaborative Zine,* 2023-2024
- Offerman, Nick, New Jersey, 2014 [includes *Anne Arbor*]
- Orbanus, Christen, Vorhees, 2024 [includes *Why I Love Being a Librarian: Part 1*]
- Rutgers Special Collections & University Archives, New Brunswick, c.2017 [includes *Rutgers SCUA Sinclair NJ Zine*]

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- Slover, Nicholas, Pennington, 2021, 2023-2024 [includes *Heavy Syrup; I've Been Tired; The Worm That Ate the World;* decorated bag]
- Trenton Free Public Library [includes *Trenton Free Public Zine,* 2021-2022; *Brooklyn! #117,* 2022 (mentions); *From Staple to Spine,* 2022 (mentions); *Xerography Debt #51,* 2021 (mentions); *Zine Librarian Pets Zine #7,* 2022 (mentions); also includes zines found in the circulating zine kits when they were returned, as well as zines made and left at the Library]
- Two, Ana, Hamilton, 2023-2024 [includes *Hyper Fawnus; PlayTape*]
- Wilde, Cypress, Monmouth Junction, 2023 [includes *All About Seals: NJ Edition; Birds on my Porch; Bronte Erasures*]
- Zhdanova, Masha, Plainsboro, 2019, 2021, 2024 [includes *Elf Gf; Golly; Grey Mountainous Curly Wall, A; Mini-Comic-Tober; On Digital Closeness; Right of Way;*

Save Scumming: A ~~love~~ story; Things to Tell Your Past Self; Visiting is Good, But Home is Better]

Extras
Various letters, notes, artwork, and envelopes that came with the zines for the general circulating (non-New Jersey) collection. Stickers received were placed on the plastic zine boxes. Any extras that came with New Jersey zines were kept with the zine in the appropriate folder.

Provenance
2017.06, 2024.012 (Laura M. Poll)
2017.27 (Jenn Mehm)
2021.014 (Rob Conrad)
2022.004 (Alan Catlin)
2024.007 (Ed Kemp)