

## **2012 Urbana Arts Commission – Final Report for Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center – Mid-West Zine Fest 2012**

### **Post-Project Evaluation**

Grant funds from the City of Urbana were used to plan, promote and host the second annual Mid-West Zine Fest (MWZF) on April 28, 2012. MWZF brought together artists, self-publishers, speakers and the general public to celebrate zines and zine culture. The 2012 MWZF was truly a regional event, with speakers including Milo Miller, from the Queer Zine Archive Project in Milwaukee, WI; Liz Mason, from Quimby's Bookstore in Chicago; Elizabeth Simpson, local Urbana, IL artist & activist; Carol Inskip, Adult & Teen Services librarian from the Urbana Free Library; and Masha Serdyukova, from St. Louis, MO, an activist in the Occupy movement. Over 20 self-publishing zine makers attended the event, bringing their works to Urbana to show and sell.

Approximately 200 members of the Champaign Urbana community attended MWZF in what organizers deemed a very successful event. In addition to browsing zines in the IMC Zine Library and interacting with speakers and zinesters, attendees participated in a block printing workshop and attended an evening punk music show held in conjunction with the event.

MWZF 2012 helped local organizers build and strengthen the DIY community in Urbana by providing a venue for local zine makers to showcase their work. It also helped build connections regionally for the zine making community at large. An example of events that resulted from MWZF 2012 included a stop at the IMC by the POC (People of Color) Zine Project tour in October 2012, and the 2013 MWZF, which was held this year in April. These events were not funded by the Urbana Arts Council but illustrate the longer term results of the city funding made to our group in 2010 and 2012.

**Project Documentation**  
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# MIDWEST ZINE FEST

**April 28, 2012 - 11am - 11:30pm**  
**Urbana Champaign Independent Media Center**  
**202 S. Broadway - Urbana, IL**

**COMMON  
GROUND**  
food co-operative



**Weiskamp**  
screen printing .com  
design - print - go

11am-6pm - Zine Fest  
7pm-11pm - CU Collective Concert

Mid-West Zine Fest is a gathering  
of zine-makers, authors, speakers,  
musicians and other rad people  
for the purpose of celebrating  
zines and zine-culture!



<http://midwestzinefest.ucime.org>



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