

Whitestown Community Zine

What is the Whitestown Community Zine?

In honor of America's 250th anniversary, the Whitestown Branch invites you to take part in a year-long creative project that celebrates the past, present, and future of Whitestown! Together, we'll create three community zines that capture our stories, our town, and our hopes for what lies ahead. At the end of the year, the completed zines will be available to view at the Whitestown Branch.

Each zine will focus on a unique theme:

- **Share Your Story** (January-April): Tell the story of yourself, your family, or your culture through words or art. *Submission Deadline: May 1.*
- **What Whitestown Means to You** (May-August): Reflect on what makes Whitestown special and meaningful to you. *Submission Deadline: Sep. 1.*
- **Whitestown's Future** (September-November): Imagine your vision for Whitestown's future. *Submission Deadline: Nov. 1.*

What Is a Zine?

Short for "magazine," zines are small, self-published collections of writing, drawings, photos, or other art, usually created by hand or digitally.

Why Zines?

Zines are creative, personal, and accessible. They can be as simple or elaborate as you like--whether handwritten, collaged, drawn, or digital. Because anyone can make one, zines are a powerful way for communities to document their voices, share unique perspectives, and preserve local history in their own words and images.

How to Participate:

- Create 1-2 pages for one or all zine themes using the list of prompts (see *Whitestown Community Zine Prompts*).
- You can create your zine pages at home or at the library by attending **all-ages workshops in January, May, and September** or **age-specific workshops for children, teens, and adults throughout the year.**



Register at
bit.ly/HMMPLEvents



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Submission Guidelines

- Submissions must be original.
- Content must be appropriate for all ages.
- Submissions must include a completed and signed submission form.
- Submissions and completed forms can be emailed to morganh@hmmpl.org or dropped off at the Whitestown Branch.
 - Visit the Whitestown Branch if you need help scanning your submissions.
 - Digital submissions can be submitted as a PDF, JPEG, or PNG file.
 - Submissions must fit on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper.

Please note that publication of our zine is at the discretion of library staff, who may review, edit, and accept/decline submissions to ensure that pieces are relevant and best suited to the project. While we may not be able to include every submission, we truly appreciate the effort and creativity behind each one.

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Submission Form

Name _____

Would you like your name included in the zine? (Circle one) Yes No

Age _____

Title of Submission _____

I, _____, give my permission for the Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library to publish my submission within the library or on the library's websites.

Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18) _____