ZINE BAKERY

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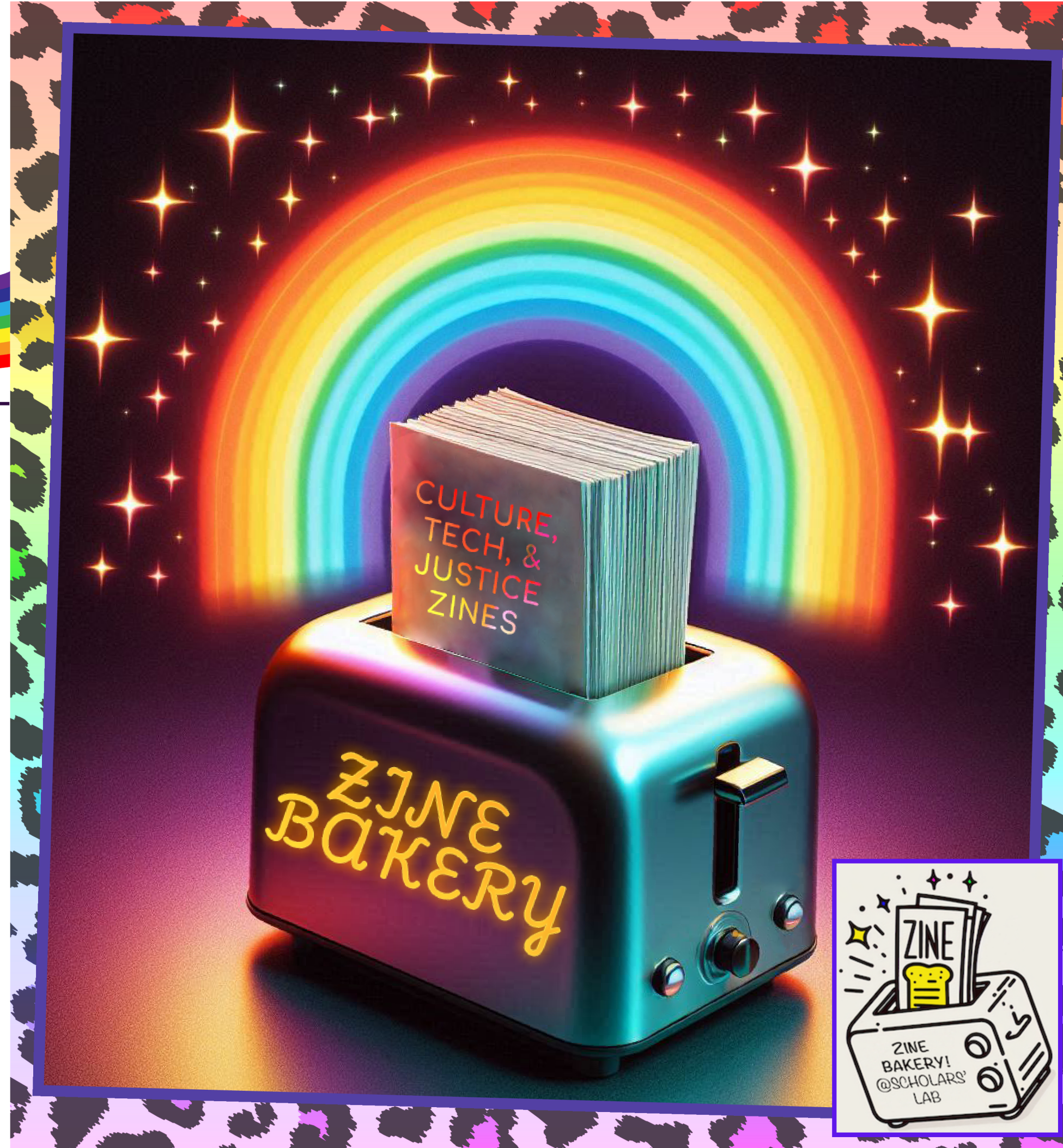**Project Website**
ZineBakery.com

Exploring zines for DH research, methods training, & scholarly communication

You might be picturing zines as their 20th-century origins: collaged, xeroxed, free paper booklets on subcultures, social justice, marginalized experiences; or their earliest precursors, like the "little magazines" of the Harlem Renaissance. But today, creators make "zines" varying widely in format, from 100+ page tiny books to digital-only creative websites. Content varies widely: comics, tutorials, scholarly or personal essays, collage, creative writing, news, & more.

However they look, most zines stay true to the form's original vision of

"radically low-barrier
authoring, publication, dissemination, & reading"

Zines are a welcoming, inexpensive, and effective format for do-it-yourself scholarly communication, friendly teaching of digital research methods, and public humanities outreach — as well as an opportunity for data analysis and other DH explorations.

The *Zine Bakery* (ZineBakery.com) is a digital humanities project **collecting**, **amplifying**, **researching**, & **authoring** zines, with an emphasis on *free, resharable zines* & zines about *culture, tech, & justice*.

DH scholarship + zines!

1. **Relational database** powering a public catalogue of zines; 40+ explicitly DH-focused, & another 110+ zines in adjacent areas like feminist tech, coding tutorials, AI, & data science. 60+ metadata fields per zine 😅
2. **Python** image processing ➡ info viz "zine-cover quilt" 🧵
3. **DHy research blog** on zine theory & practice, e.g. the technical aspects of dataset-building & catalog design 🛠
4. **Digitization** — & **digital preservation** of precariously-online zine files 💾
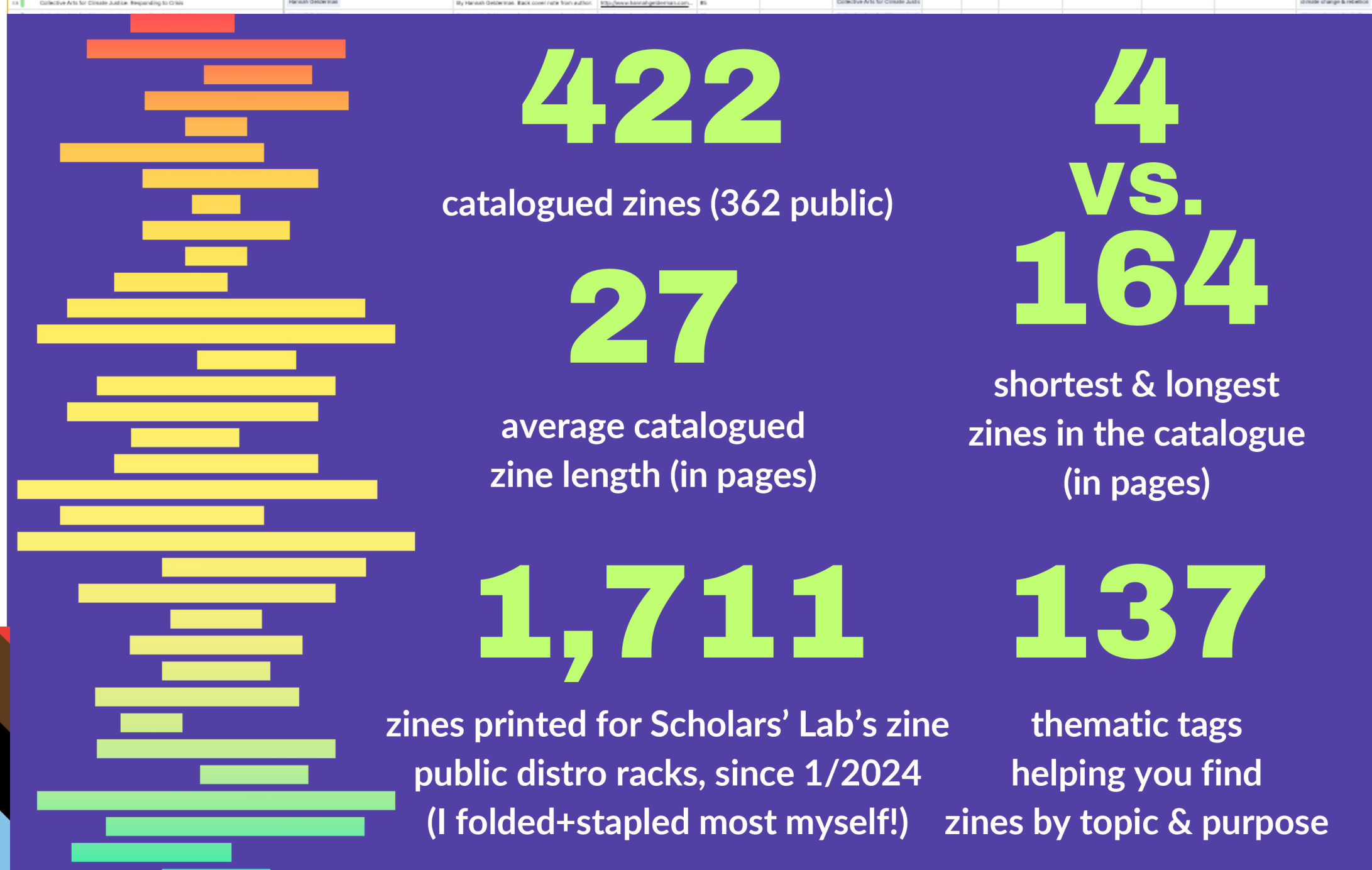
Catalogue backend

This background image is a screenshot of some of the 60+ columns of metadata powering the public zine catalog interface.

This QR code links you to **browse & read** all the free-to-read zines in the catalog.

Zines for urgent advocacy

1. **Community**: comfort, access, organizing
2. Lo-fi / sneakernet forms & transmission **evading** surveillance, censorship, violence
3. **Marginalized** knowledges; **crisis** response guides; urgent tutorials

422
catalogued zines (362 public)

27
average catalogued zine length (in pages)

4 vs. 164
shortest & longest zines in the catalogue (in pages)

1,711
zines printed for Scholars' Lab's zine public distro racks, since 1/2024 (I folded+stapled most myself!)

137
thematic tags helping you find zines by topic & purpose

Things disappear* from the internet.
* sometimes, are deliberately disappeared

Care about stuff on the web?

You need to act to archive it.

art
zines
fan fic
videos/tiktoks
photo galleries
social media hashtags
departed loved ones' posts
museum & archival materials
that we have always existed
what really happened
cultural memory
human rights
resistance
anger
joy

Anyone can do it— this zine shows you how.

DIY Web Archiving Zine
Dombrowski, Kijas, Kremer, Walsh, Visconti

1 of Scholars' Lab's 2 public zine racks.

KNOWLEDGE FIELDS (TECH & NON-TECH)

Tiny slice of the tag-schema-organized zines

design	coding	AI	games & gaming	feminist tech	critical (of) tech	history of tech, communications, media
TAGGED ZINES	TAGGED ZINES	TAGGED ZINES	TAGGED ZINES	TAGGED ZINES	TAGGED ZINES	TAGGED ZINES
Principles for Design Jus...	Hip Hip Array!	everyone's an AI when ur...	Playing Kindly: Thou...	Hip Hip Array!	Towards a Future of Tech	Lines of Light
An Exhibit of Emerging Pr...	Oops, I made an open-so...	Opulent Artificial Intellige...	zine fair zine game...	How to make a local Desi...	How to make a local Desi...	How We Got Them Printe...
Design Justice in Action	Opulent Artificial Intellige...	A People's Guide to AI	Skill points	Principles for Design Jus...	Principles for Design Jus...	Stencil Printmaking...
Acción Política + Design...	everyone's an AI when ur...	Academic Tarot: Reader's...	Academic Tarot: Reader's...	An Exhibit of Emerging Pr...	An Exhibit of Emerging Pr...	
How to make a local Desi...	Encyclopedia of Generati...	everyone's an AI when ur...	Dungeons and Pokemon	Design Justice in Action	Design Justice in Action	
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	Play with your data	TAGGED ZINES	**social media**			
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