

# Accessibility and Crip Community at a Distance: HIVES and the Buzz-Zine



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What is HIVES?

# HIVES: Research Workshop & Speaker Series

## On Animal Studies and Disability Studies in Popular Culture

HIVES is an ongoing scholarly, artistic, and communal organization dedicated to developing an understanding of the ways in which matter and beings function in interdependent networks. HIVES is an engagement with hiveminds, relationality, and interdependence across and within animal/human divides.



# What We Do



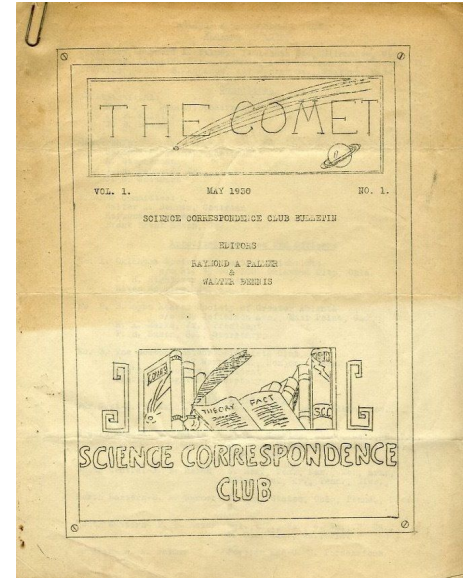
- Workshops
  - Educational
  - Pedagogical
  - Collaborative Editing
- Speakers
  - Poetry
  - Stories
  - Activism
- Collaborative Creation
  - “Everyday” art exhibit
  - Buzz-Zine



Zines

# Zine History

Historically, zines have been a cheap format to spread ideas and community. Early zines were a way for fans of science fiction to rank favorite stories, to propagate fan theories, and to form social groups; however, they sometimes served gatekeeping functions and limited participation in sf communities, upholding some (white, male) voices and erasing others.



# Zine History (continued)



In the decades since, zines have been used to make space for people whose ideas and voices have been suppressed in their subcultures (e.g. Riot Grrrl zines that pushed back against the “male-driven punk world of the past”). Buzz-Zine seeks to make space for scholarship/poetics/art that challenge notions of the boundaries and definitions of each of these genres while reimagining accessibility and community.



# Some Buzz On The Making Of Buzz-Zine

# The Buzz-Zine Project

The HIVES Buzz-Zine is a collaboration of seventeen contributors including commentary, collage, short stories, a play, paintings, and poetry.

The submissions are loosely themed around notions of the human, human and more-than-human relations, questions on the limits of representation, and an embrace of the affective and embodied possibilities and pains in the overlaps and tensions of disability studies and animal studies.



# Striving For Accessibility

In order to make the final product as accessible as possible, the Buzz-Zine has several iterations:

- Large-Print Google Document
- Digital, Tagged .pdf
- Printed Copy
- Printed Copy (with Braille)



# Sneak Peek!



## Tags

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- <Figure> Honey Dripping
- <Figure> Book of the Dead
- <Figure> Peacock Eye
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