

## The Secret Lives of Librarians

Monday June 27th 7:00PM  
Quimby's 1854 W. North Ave. Chicago



25,000 library workers will invade Chicago the last weekend in June to attend the American Library Association Annual Conference. Five of them will break away from the madness of McCormick Place on Monday, June 27, 2005 to share their passion for those photocopied, cut and paste publications we all know and love--zines! Join this group of zine-making librarians as they read from their creations and reveal the inner lives of librarians that give lie to the stereotype of the repressed bun-wearing, Dewey Decimal obsessed shusher. Donations will benefit the Alternative Press Center <http://www.altpress.org>.

With (alphabetically, of course)

- Jenna Freedman, *Lower East Side Librarian*
- Travis Fristoe, *America?*
- Keith Helt, *Flotation Device*
- Celia Perez, *I Dreamed I Was Assertive* (and others)
- Jenn Phillips-Bacher, *Riot Librarian*

## BIOS

**Jenna Freedman**, the Coordinator of Reference at Barnard College Library in NYC, started a zine collection at the college last year. She is a member of the library worker group Radical Reference ([www.radicalreference.info/ALA](http://www.radicalreference.info/ALA)) that supports activists and independent journalists. Her zine is *the Lower East Side Librarian Winter Solstice Shout-Out*.

Learning at a tender age that astronauts had to have perfect vision, **Travis Fristoe**, *America?*, accepted his bespectacled fate and instead devoted himself to libraries, amateur protest music & salvaging discarded bikes. He's been doing zines for half his life now, which seems a really long time.

A librarian-in-training, **Keith Helt** feels weird about bios in general, but has been making zines since he was a wee lad of 15. When he's not learning how to archive, he's fretting about his band, the Rories and the long overdue next issue of his zine, *Flotation Device*.

Inspired by Sassy magazine, punk rock, and the silly notion that other people care to read all about her business, **Celia Perez** started making zines many years ago. She still can't figure out layouts to save her life, but she continues to publish zines including *I Dreamed I Was Assertive*, and most recently, *Skate Tough You Little Girls*, a zine about women in skateboarding. She is a reference and instruction librarian at Harold Washington College in Chicago.

*Riot Librarian* busted out from the minds of two underwhelmed and underworked library school students, **Jenn Phillips-Bacher** and **Sara Pete**. Armed with typewriters, glue sticks, and a novice's moxie, the girls pounded out Issue #1. Team RL left the publishing world for real jobs in Library Land once the zine hit the stands and degrees were in hand. Jenn currently works as a reference librarian at Skokie Public Library (IL).