

**We want to hear you!**

**Read And Write Kalamazoo exists to celebrate and amplify YOUR voice.**

Your stories and experiences matter! We strive to find and create opportunities for our community to learn from you, and for you to learn from yourself.

This book is a space for you to reflect on your experiences over the past year and a half, to reach deep, feel some feelings, and process your thoughts. Reflecting and asking ourselves hard questions is how we grow!

**Then you can submit your writing to be printed in a book!**  
We'll publish your writing alongside other writers from Kalamazoo County so the community and the world can hear what you have to say.

**We are so excited to put  
your words in our next  
book!**

**How to use this book**

Each page has a question to prompt your reflection. Try reading through the questions and see which ones you feel inspired to answer.

You can use each page to answer the question at the top, or you

can choose a few questions to reflect on and use the whole book for more space to respond.

**When you're finished writing, we want to publish it (that means print your words in a book)!**

There are a few ways you can get us your writing:

1) Type your writing and email it to us at [submissions@readandwritekzoo.org](mailto:submissions@readandwritekzoo.org)

Be sure to include all of the information from the "Submission Info" page at the end of this book. \*This is a great option because as you type you'll get a chance to edit and polish your writing!\*

2) Fill out the "Submission Info" page and then drop your book off at RAWK or in our mailbox. We'll return your book with your copy of the finished publication.

3) Take a clear picture of the writing you would like to submit and the completed "Submission Info" page and email it to us at [submissions@readandwritekzoo.org](mailto:submissions@readandwritekzoo.org)

### **Questions for Reflection**

What have I learned about myself since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic?

What strengths have I found in myself since March 2020?

What were the biggest challenges of the past school year?

Who are the people who supported me throughout these challenges?

What did that support look like?

What were the best parts of the past school year?

What am I looking forward to for this school year?

What am I unsure or nervous about?

What are my goals for this school year?

Who will I look to for support with my goals and the challenges of this school year?

What did I witness and learn about the struggles for social justice in our community, our country, and the world?

What do we, as a collective community, need to remember about our experiences since March 2020?

What else? What didn't these prompts cover that I need to write about?

## **Submission Info**

Writer's Name (as it should appear in the book)

School

Age/Grade

What page(s) of writing would you like to see published?

Publication Authorization

Writer's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Email address or best way to contact guardian

Delivery Options (for finished book)

Deliver to school - or - home

Address for delivery