

YOU
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STORIES
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RAWK
Read and Write
Kalamazoo

Reflect & Connect with
Read And Write Kalamazoo

Read and Write Kalamazoo exists to
celebrate and amplify youth voices
through the cultivation of reading and writing skills
via **joy, creativity, equity, and access.**

RAWK is devoted to nurturing intellectual and creative
confidence in youth in Kalamazoo County through
creative writing workshops, in-school and out-of-
school time supports, community partnerships, and
reading-themed events.

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**You're on your way
to becoming
a published author!**

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!**

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

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. 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

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

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

What strengths have I found in myself since
March 2020?

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

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

Who are the people who supported me throughout
these challenges?
What did that support look like?

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

What am I looking forward to for this school year?

What am I unsure or nervous about?
