

VENDORS!

Abolitionist Mail Project
After the Storm Magazine
AK Press
Arte Por Un Mundo Cuir
Autonomea
Bean and barter (Sunday only)
Boston Black Rose / Rosa Negra
Boston IWW GMB
Burning Books
Common Notions
Epona Rose Support Committee
Food Not Bombs Boston
Greater Boston Childcare Collective
Greater Boston Tenants Union
Information Redink
Interlink Publishing
Lavender Menace Press
Lowell/Lawrence Anarchist Black Cross

Lucy Parsons Center
Macomber Center
Massachusetts SRA
MBTA Distro
Mutual aid disaster relief
Mutual Aid Records
Northeast Anarchist Union
Panethnic Pourovers
Plymouth Anarchist Collective
PM Press
Porky Pirate
Project LETS
Radical Emprints
Sam Pao (Saturday only)
Sovereign Hearth
The Devil You Know distro
Tompkins Distro
Uzu Studio
Viscera Print Goods & Ephemera
Warm Up Boston

ABOUT!

A Rich History of Empowering Ideas

The Boston Anarchist Bookfair boasts a legacy that traces back to its establishment in 2011. Evolving from its grassroots beginnings into a highly anticipated annual event, the bookfair has consistently served as an influential platform for disseminating ideas that challenge oppressive systems and inspire positive transformations. Central to the bookfair's core values is an unwavering dedication to dismantling various forms of oppression, including white supremacy, fascism, colonialism, capitalism, and patriarchy.

As we gather at the next Boston Anarchist Bookfair, we also take this opportunity to uplift and celebrate the tireless efforts of anarchists and activists worldwide who work in solidarity towards a shared vision of a more just and liberated world. From grassroots movements to community organizing, their persistent dedication has paved the way for positive change and inspired countless individuals to challenge oppressive systems.

This bookfair serves as a nexus for fostering connections and collaborations, allowing us to learn from one another's experiences and successes. By recognizing and supporting the ongoing work of anarchists in solidarity, we renew our commitment to collective action and the continued pursuit of social justice. Together, we stand united, knowing that our shared journey towards a more compassionate and equitable society is stronger when we support each other's endeavors.

Informed by the principles of anarchism and wider leftist thought, the bookfair encourages the cultivation of radical imagination. Through collective dreaming, we aspire to craft a future characterized by voluntary cooperation, mutual aid, and equitable relationships. This aspirational vision serves as the groundwork for forging a more just and liberated world.



WORKS HOPS!

Saturday 11/1

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM: How to Resist a Grand Jury

Grand juries are a purposely secret part of the US (in)justice system. What are they, and how do they work? In this workshop we'll discuss who receives grand jury subpoenas, your options if you get one, and how to resist the court's demands to snitch on your friends. NOW is the time to know your rights, before an agent knocks at your door or approaches you on the street. Includes multiple success stories of people who resisted in the past year!

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM: The Anarchism of Lucy Parsons

A presentation on some of the insurrectionary anarchist tendencies in Lucy Parsons' political thought, in relation to current events and the broader transnational history of anarchist movements. Huey Hewitt is a multi-disciplinary historian of black life and black politics. He is currently completing his doctorate at Harvard University in the Department of African and African American Studies. His research is on black anarchism in the United States from the advent of modern anarchism in the 1870s through the end of the Black Power era. When he is not reading, writing, or organizing, Huey enjoys meditating, lifting weights, hiking, and watching trash TV.

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Abolition Write Now: Human Connection, Pen-pals, and Liberation

This workshop will offer an opportunity to hear from and make friends with incarcerated people in MA. Drawing on centuries of anarchist solidarity with incarcerated people, we will discuss the importance of direct connection to bringing about a world free from prisons and police. Incarcerated speakers will lead conversations on a topic of their choice. Abolitionist Mail Project fosters meaningful, life-affirming connections between people behind and beyond prison walls by creating penpal friendships between incarcerated people in Massachusetts and non-incarcerated people

4:15 PM – 5:15 PM: Every Fire Needs a Little Bit of Help book discussion

Join us in celebrating this long-awaited collection by Chicago author and agitator Jarrod Shanahan, who will appear in discussion with Maud Umlaut. *Every Fire Needs a Little Bit of Help* (PM Press, 2025) collects a decade of reflections on recent US struggles—Occupy Wall Street, Black Lives Matter, and the George Floyd Rebellion—alongside accounts of the rise of Trumpism, the alt-right, and an apocalyptic shift in popular culture, to paint a dense and complex portrait of a decade of protracted social crisis. Jarrod Shanahan reports from the ground. On the streets in 2014, from the depths of the Rikers Island penal complex, inside the alt-right underground and the carnival of Trump rallies, and in the line of fire in Kenosha, Wisconsin in 2020, among other scenes that Shanahan accessed not as a credentialed observer but an active participant: prisoner, infiltrator, activist. The resulting essays outline the pitfalls and opportunities facing those seeking to reverse the suicidal course of capitalist society and build a liberated world. Jarrod Shanahan is the author of *Captives: How Rikers Island Took New York City Hostage* (Verso, 2022) and co-author of *States of Incarceration: Rebellion, Reform and America's Punishment System* (Field Notes/Reaktion, 2022), *City Time: On Being Sentenced to Rikers Island* (NYU Press, 2025) and *Skyscraper Jails: The Abolitionist Fight Against Jail Expansion in New York City* (Haymarket, 2025). Maud Umlaut is an anarchist.

Sunday 11/2

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM: What the Health?!

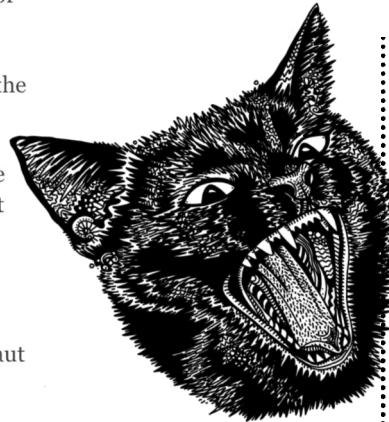
Dialogue, conversation, and educational content regarding the political construction of health in this particular moment. Trigger warnings: MAHA, ableism, pathologization, criminalization, and institutionalization. Ashlie is an anarchist healthcare worker.

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM: Intro to Political Education

The workshop will help participants to think about the role of political education in the revolutionary transformation of society. We will discuss multiple fun, effective, and non-coercive means of helping people develop political consciousness and motivation to take action, rooted in popular education. After sharing some best practices, we will help participants improve their political ed chops with minizines, presentations, book group discussions, and one on one conversations. We will use the topic of rent as the theme for these activities. If possible, read *Abolish Rent* by Tracy Rosenthal and Leonardo Vilchis published by Haymarket Book before the workshop and bring it with you. Led by Cora and Jeremy, former and current paid educators, who are passionate about helping people of all ages figure shit out

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM: Bookfair closing party with music from Songs of Liberation by Evan Greer

Songs of Liberation is a Boston-based protest folk band, fronted by Palestinian American Juliet Salameh and dedicated to liberation in Palestine and liberation for ALL. They know another world is possible and will dream it into existence through music, including original and vintage protest songs. Their spirally violin textures and tender vocal harmonies are filled with love for the people, the planet, and the movements that serve life. Their music is healing, uplifting, tender to community, while fearlessly resistant to empire, capitalism, and bigotry of any kind. Evan Greer is a queer anti-authoritarian musician, activist, and writer based in Boston. Her new album *AMAB/ACAB* is out everywhere now via Get Better Records. Howard Zinn once called Greer an "eloquent and energetic writer." Tom Morello of Rage Against the Machine calls her a "heck of a guitarist." Republican congresswoman Nancy Mace called her a "mentally ill man in a dress" before having her thrown out of an event in Washington, DC.



An anarchist bookfair is a dynamic gathering that embraces the principles of anarchism—a philosophy rooted in voluntary cooperation, mutual aid, and challenging hierarchical structures.

It's an exciting space where authors, publishers, activists, and individuals from diverse backgrounds come together to explore alternative perspectives, exchange ideas, and question conventional notions of power and authority.