



Hi #2 pencils!

Welcome to Issue 26 of the A+ Bee! Did you know National Read a Book Day is today?! This issue will get you in the spirit! Get ready to cuddle a book, learn what Harry Potter artifact you are, write a haiku about your favorite book and be puzzled. This issue has it all!

Homoscopes with Hansen: Harry Potter Artifacts Edition

Aries: Hufflepuff's cup
Taurus: Slytherin's locket
Gemini: Nagini
Cancer: Tom Riddle's diary
Leo: Marvolo Gaunt's ring
Virgo: Ravenclaw's diadem
Libra: Harry Potter
Scorpio: Gryffindor's sword
Sagittarius: Basilisk fang
Capricorn: Invisibility cloak
Aquarius: Ressurrection stone
Pisces: Elder wand

ATTENTION

MYSTERY-SOLVERS:

SOLUTION:

TRICERATOPS
 TYRANNOSAURUS
 BRACHIOSAURUS
 VELOCIRAPTOR

FINAL MESSAGE: DINO GALS BEING PALS

September Member of the Month: Cassie



What's your username?

@cassfx

If you had to hang a life size oil painting of someone above your bed, who would it be?

Joan Jett serenading Jeff Goldblum and his billowing chest hair. (I can dream, can't I?)

What is something that is always in your fridge?

Wine. Always wine.

If you were caught in a groundhog situation, what skill would you

teach yourself first?

How to oil paint - see question 2.

What's your favorite part about Autostraddle?

The family I've gained. Love you like XO.

8 Song Playlist:

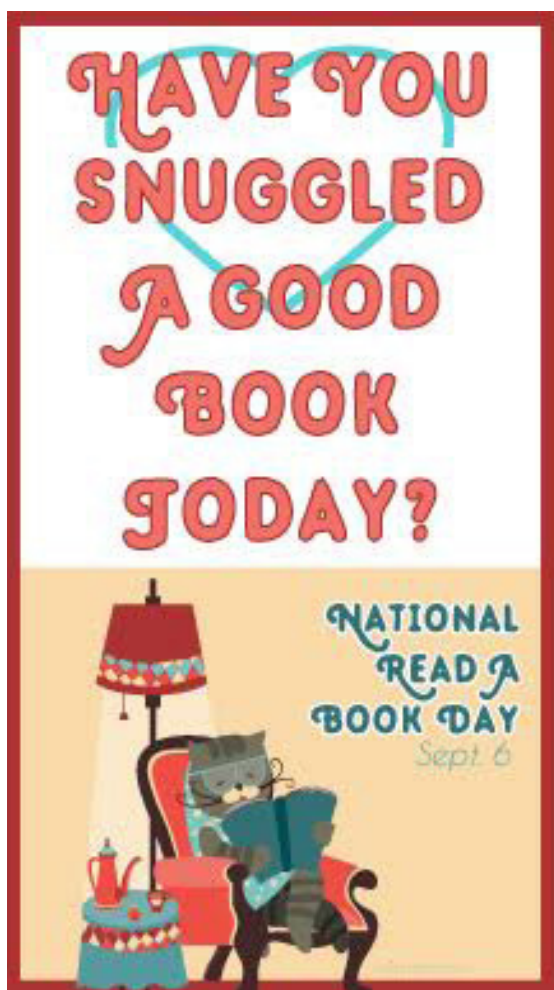
By a GEEK trying to get into music

1. POWER-UPS - SAMMUS
2. Cats and NETFLIX - THE DOUBLECLICKS
3. DO YOU WANNA DATE MY AVATAR - FELICIA DAY
4. I'LL STILL BE A GEEK AFTER NOBODY THINKS
It's CHIC - MARIAN CALL
5. VIDEO GAMES LIVE CONCERTS
6. THE PRINCESS WHO SAVED HERSELF
- JONATHAN COULTON
7. OATH TO ORDER - GENTLE LOVE
8. GRUNTILDA'S LAIR - CARELESS JUJA



HAIKU CONTEST!

To celebrate National Read a Book Day, we are hosting a haiku contest! To enter, please send Chelsey (chelsey@autostraddle.com) a haiku about your favorite book or your feelings about books by September 14th! We look forward to your submissions! Happy haikuing.



Meetup Recaps

Cincy Straddlers:

The Cincy Straddlers' Book Club really enjoyed reading *Bad Feminist* by Roxane Gay. It spurred a lot of great conversation about how different people define "feminism," how pop culture critics are awesome and important, what white people can do about race issues (since the four of us who made it to the discussion are white), the value of trigger warnings, and more! We also enjoyed checking out a new location where we've never had a meetup before -- a church turned brewery called Urban Artifact. And we also got super pumped up to read *Tipping the Velvet* next month, which'll be a turn away from nonfiction and straight into lesbian eroticism. Woohoo!



Twin City Straddlers:



The Twin Cities Autostraddle group hosted a large slumber party in the woods called TC Camp! It took place at a queer run campground in Wascott, Wisconsin, about two and a half hours northeast of the Twin Cities. There was Zine Making, Queer Trivia, Babes at a Bonfire, Karaoke, Club Straddle, Safe(r) Queer Sex

+ Ask a Sexpert, Feel Yourself: Queer Feelings, Sexting 101, Butchie Bonding: MOC Hangout on a Pontoon, Witchy Diner Potluck, Femme Appreciation and more impromptu activities!!! For having only 6 weeks of planning, the organizers pulled off a stellar camp experience for almost 60 campers not only from Minnesota but Wisconsin and Illinois as well. Excitement around TC Camp 2.0 next summer is already in the air. We can't wait!

WORD SEARCH

AUTOSTRADDE
CAPYBARA
GALPALS
SCISSOR
TEACUPPIG
BLANKETS
BOOKS
CORGI
DINOSAUR
HUGS
SPACECAT
TEA
NAPS



● PLEASE NOTE: DIAGONAL, BACKWARDS, FORWARDS ARE PERMITTED
ALSO, YES I KNOW TEACUP PIG IS NOT ONE WORD OR GAL PALS OR SPACE CAT