



What Cheer *2022* Writers Club

OUR MISSION

What Cheer Writers Club's mission is to support Rhode Island's creators of the written, spoken and illustrated word through community events, free and low-cost business services, and low-cost coworking space. We serve as a centralized community connecting content creators, fans and literary organizations state-wide. In addition, the Club seeks to burnish Rhode Island's reputation as a place where content creators thrive.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR STAFF

2022 saw the writing nooks begin to fill once more, a dozen new local writing groups, and the Activism in the Archives program series, funded by a generous grant from the National Writing Project. And there's so much ahead. Read on to learn how you can support RI's thriving creative community in 2023.

IMPACT SNAPSHOT



400+

Active members

85

Local artists
showcased

100+

Free memberships for
B/I/POC creatives

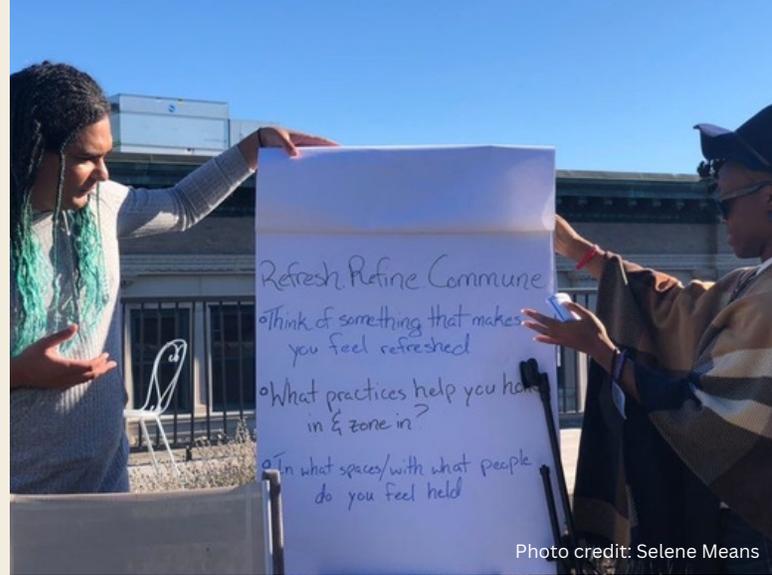
3,000+

RI creatives served



We explored new spaces, through partnerships with Binch Press / Queer.Archive.Work for a Collaborative Zine Workshop, and The Steel Yard for a communal write-in.

Virtual programming continued, with events like Author as Activist: The Art of Now and Inside the Archives: The Art of Then.



We took it outside with a Poetry and Activism Experience with blackearth collective + lab; and Sounds in the City, an interactive exploration of audio recording in downtown Providence.

The Club's B/I/POC Advisory Committee began hosting their monthly community gatherings for writers of color.



There is nothing in my life quite like What Cheer for helping me discover and tune the artist within myself that is constantly struggling to emerge. I have a long way to go...and an infinite sea of possibilities to navigate... What Cheer is the launch that carries me toward sea-worthy crafts.

—Workshop participant

Grateful for all our Supporters & Partners

NEW Partners

Binch Press / Queer.Archive.Work
 blackearth collective + lab
 Haus of Codec
 Haus of Glitter
 Linden Place Writers Residency
 RI Black Heritage Society
 RI Historical Society
 RI State Archives
 The Steel Yard
 Tomaquag Museum
 Wanderground Archives

2022 Funders

Dexter Donation
 National Writing Project
 Providence Arts Culture & Tourism
 Providence Tourism Council
 RI Foundation
 RI State Council on the Arts
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What Cheer Writers Club lights the fire and leads the way for writers in all genres...

—Workshop participant

FY2022 OPERATING INCOME

| | |
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| Earned Revenue | \$45,063 |
| Foundation Grants | \$139,000 |
| Individual Giving | \$22,891 |
| Other Grants | \$45,162 |
| Total Income | \$252,116 |

FY2022 OPERATING EXPENSES

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| Admin + Operations | \$45,846 |
| Fundraising | \$31,851 |
| Programs: Coworking | \$92,119 |
| Programs: Workshops | \$97,274 |
| Total Income | \$267,090 |

We can't do it without your generous *support.*

Now we look toward the future. The lease is signed, floor plans drawn. We just need your help to turn the new space at 400 Harris into a home for Rhode Island creatives.

As we build meeting rooms and writing nooks, we're already envisioning the connections, book projects, podcasts, and art that will be created within these walls. Your gifts of support this year go toward...

- * Ensuring our new home is fit to service 3,000 and counting RI creatives
- * Developing more avenues for economic growth in the arts within RI
- * Creating support to ease institutional barriers in literary fields

