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NeriSiren's 2026
Micro-Adventures (pt 1)

Spring
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IT'S MICRO-ADVENTURE TIME! or: real life side-questing

There's a YouTube video by @RooWonders, called "How Micro-Adventure Rewires Your Brain." The basic idea is that instead of only waiting for big occasions (and big savings) to have adventures, we might want to try smaller, more frequent shenanigans.

Or maybe you've seen those posts about treating your life like a Studio Ghibli movie — i.e. romanticizing the everyday wonders. The gardening projects, the local forest rambles, the herring pies and OMG HAM!!! *

Anyway, I was intrigued enough by the idea that I started a journal about it (see front cover).



Oh, and I've also been in an ADHD-induced reading slump lately, so I semi-organized my ideas into a personal library reading/activity challenge.

I... may have given my ADHD too blank of a check, so flip to page 2 if you're (morbidly) curious about my accomplishments so far. No full-system short-circuits yet!

Sincerely,

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My Local / Library Adventure Log

inspired by my local library's previous reading /activity challenges

✓ **Checked out an object from the Library of Things**

— a bluetooth film projector. Then I created an ultra-indie theater in my room, featuring Ye Olde YouTube marathons on a hi-definition tablecloth screen!

✓ **Did some analog art (i.e. hand-crafted)**

— Made a bunch of sticker collages. See pages 5-6 for some bookish examples! See also: the digitally smooshified rainbow on the cover.

✓ **Learned two new board/card games.**

— Shenanigrams and Aces Up (the latter using the Squid Cake Tarot deck featured in my WinterFall issue!)

✓ **Went on a micro-journey.**

— Walked along my local downtown riverway, then set up a solo picnic w/ only a beach towel, cold brew coffee & a copy of Adrift in Currents Clean and Clear, by Seanan McGuire.



out of five

Continued

✓ **Attended a library program** →

— Virtual Writers' Group. It's a monthly video chat, open to anyone! Meaning, you don't need to be an Allen County resident. Next one's April 15th, 6:30-8 pm.

Look for the
Programs &
Events page on
acpl.lib.in.us

✓ **Read a Winter-themed book**

— Got partway through Winter Rose, by Patricia McKillip. Decided to "set up camp" (i.e. set it down for a while). Some adventures take longer and/or need a more leisurely approach!

✓ **Created a real-life version of a video game puzzle**

— "searched" * for Korok hiding places in my neighborhood, like in *Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom*. Examples include: an odd stone under a footbridge, a leaf pile in the street, and a cloud of sparkles at the top of a pine tree.



* Theoretically, I mean. I didn't ACTUALLY climb my neighbors' trees or go under any footbridges.




Coffee
Grotto

VERNAL VIBES



Easter Basket "Boba" Tea

Iced butterfly peaflower tea filled with jellybean "bobas" and topped with whipped cream made from melted Peeps. But not before the Easter Bunny performs a magic trick — guess what happens when you add lemon juice to butterfly peaflower tea? 



a.k.a.
Persephone



Despoina's Un-Death

Brewed from the ashes of an overdone dark roast, this near-lost cause is sweetened with pomegranate syrup and a hint of something floral that promises Spring *will* return (and that we'll fix our roasting equipment soon).

April Fools Affogato

A scoop of espresso with a double-shot of ice cream poured on top.

 It turns blue/purple!

The Labyrinth, by Simon Stalenhag



No relation to the Jim Henson movie, sadly.

Materials:
sticker scraps on notebook paper



SCARE LEVEL:

YIKES

a graphic dystopian horror novella

This is my optimistic view of the post-story future. With dinosaurs,

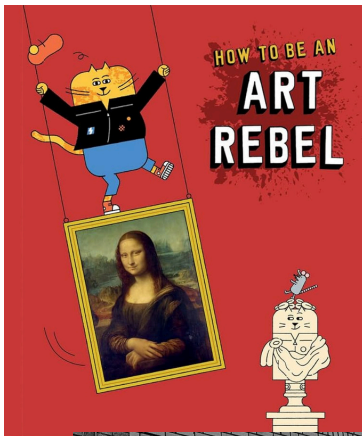


"Out of the Woods," by Patricia McKillip, in her anthology Wonders of the Invisible World.

Materials:
sticker scraps
on notebook
paper

a faery tale haunted
by myths and legends.

A woman accepts a
housekeeping job for
a scholarly mage.
Strangeness ensues.



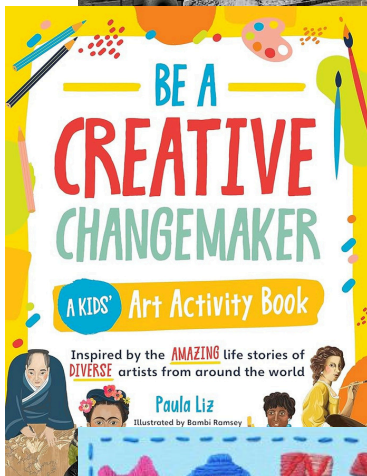
How To Be an Art Rebel, by Ben Street. Illustrated by Jay Daniel Wright

A cool cat's guide to art styles across the ages, and why you should take them less seriously (in a good way).



Women Street Artists: 24 Graffiti and Mural Artists from Around the World, by Alessandra Mattanza.

An ode to the modern-day women and nonbinary artists spray-painting their masterpieces on the great outdoor industrial-sized canvases of the world.



Be a Creative Changemaker, by Paula Liz. Illustrated by Bambi Ramsey.

A pointedly diverse look at artists from across the millennia, with related project ideas from visual story scrolls to soap sculptures to mini model cities.



Crafting Change: Handmade Activism, Past and Present, by Jessica Vitkus.

An even more pointedly progressive guide to activist art, from 19th century anti-slavery quilts to certain cat-related pink hats of the late 2010's, and even (wait for it...) zines!

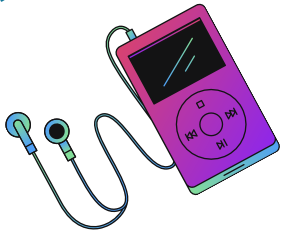
SIREN'S PLAYLISTS

CHECK OUT THESE TIDAL PLAYLISTS!



a music streaming app I
recently switched to.

by me!
(@NeriSiren)



60s/70s hopecore
& other good vibes



"Peace Out!"

Grrrrl powered upbeats
inspired by BUST



"BUST a Move"

Magazine's music recs



"Summer Moodlist"

Commence
beach/block/pool
party montage!



"Goblinchild's Moodlist"

the ultimate
millennial teen
coming-of-age
fantasy dream
sequence



"The Stable Trotters'
Soothing Sleep List"

when you've stayed up too late
replaying the most emotional
cutscenes from the new
Hyrule Warriors game.



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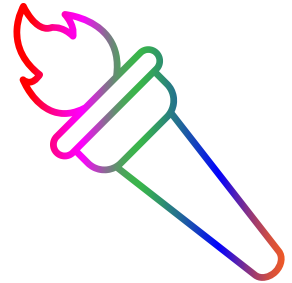
Winter-Olympics-inspired
band names

(that I totally made up)



Extra fun
challenge:
guess the
references.

(hint: the
earliest is
from 2002)



**MEDALS IN
MILAN**

**THE
FLYING
Tomatoes**



Salt Lake Scandal



(there are)

**FOUR!
RINGS!**

ALPINE COAST



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for reading!!

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all of my links in
one place!

<https://linktr.ee/NeriSirenSays>



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← on YouTube!



NeriSiren

← on Bluesky!



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← Instagram!



nerisirens_beach_disco

← TikTok!

Mostly for
adults.



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old blog! ↗

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