

RAAN Book Liberation Week: Burn down the Barnes (& Noble), Build the Infoshops!

Calling all anarchists, anti-capitalists, anti-authoritarians, autonomists, Crimethinc. agents, thieves, revolutionaries, and libertarian commies of all stripes: The infoshops and prisoner support groups need you!

We have before us a sprawling cancer of corporations, infecting even the smallest towns and cities. Eating away at small book stores and coffee shops are Starbucks and Barnes & Noble. In some cities with enough support and drive, infoshops have been set up not only to supply the public with information, but also to provide a space for radicals to meet, organize, and plan.

At the same time, many of our friends, lovers, and comrades have been captured in the belly of the beast (that is, the US prison system). Groups like Break The Chains and Books Through Bars are helping those who have been locked up by supplying them with reading material. We can help these organizations by giving them what they need the most, BOOKS!



The Red & Anarchist Action Network is calling for a mass-liberation of books from corporate stores, BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY! Throughout the week of July 27th - August 2nd, let's get the books moving from one shelf to another, whether it's to a community-run establishment, or a prisoner's cell wall.

When: The week of July 27

What: Liberate radical, thought-provoking, entertaining, and useful literature from corporate bookstores in order to redistribute them to radical projects in our communities.

How to contribute books:

1.) Mail the books directly to infoshops and prisoner support groups,

Here is a list of infoshops: http://www.infoshop.org/infoshop_page.html

Here is a list of prisoner support groups: <http://www.infoshop.org/gulag/>

2.) If you need help coordinating your donations, you can reach us by e-mail at: bookliberationfront@ziplip.com

Or,

3.) Just take them down to your local infoshop!

Have fun, be safe, and stay active!

"...If we choose to leave the paths that we've been taught, don't expect help, so don't get caught!" - Crass

If you or your group would like to submit news about RAAN in your area to RAAN-NN, please visit <http://www.kazm.net>

CircleA, RAAN Collaborative Forms in Columbus, OH.

A Hometown visitation lead to more than a Summer's greetings as old friends temporarily residing in Columbus, Ohio took on a project and turned it into a RAAN collaborative called CircleA. This project, which could only be labeled a "mixed media info bomb", is a CD-R that brings together a collection of radical texts, including some from RAAN's "Collective Knowledge" project, open-source and free software, music and art of all sorts. CircleA plans to continue development, despite living in separate cities, and sees little difficulty in continuing given the benefits of the Internet. Because of its opensource nature, the development of this project can turn out future versions from various participants. If you desire to learn more about this project or desire to participate with CircleA on it visit CircleA at: <http://circlea.azone.org>, though independent participation is also encouraged. Version.1 coming soon!



RAAN In Maryland Reclaim The Streets

Members of the Kazm RAAN collective in Rockville, MD participated in a Reclaim the Streets party on the 4th of July by handing out free red and black flags, literature, and an assortment of condoms, dental dams, and other safe-sex tools.

RAAN Network NEWS

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Welcome to RAAN Network News

RAAN Network News is a new publication by the Red & Anarchist Action Network that will cover the activities of regional RAAN groups and members, as well as the overall activities of the organization. In this way we hope to make it easier for members to keep informed about what the network is doing, and become inspired to act in their own communities.

This publication is the result of a group effort by members of RAAN to make more widespread the news about the network. New issues of RAAN Network News will be made available on the Internet, and those who support us are encouraged to make copies and leave RAAN-NN in their local Infoshops, Independent Media Centers, and anywhere else where this news might be of interest.

RAAN-NN is a work comprised of several independent reports sent in from places where RAAN is active. We have no editors or staff writers, and our distribution system is completely decentralized. We've just decided to put this project together in the hopes of making our actions more cohesive. If you are interested in getting involved with the network, or if your RAAN group would like to contribute news to future issues, please get in contact with us at www.kazm.net

WHAT WENT WRONG IN SACTO?

By RedLibertad, RAAN Los Angeles

Sacramento's anti-authoritarian scene has it together and their Food Not Bombs is one of the strongest I've ever seen. Yet at the WTO-GMO summit in Sacto there was a critical lack of solidarity. Day two was when everyone showed up, mostly local anti-authoritarians looking for an enjoyable way to spend their day.

What we ended up with were anti-capitalists who considered militancy a matter of dress (wearing black) and not behavior (shutting down WTO meetings). The mass majority of day 2 was full of anti-authoritarians who I can speak very negatively of, partly in terms of the amount of homophobia (chants referred to the pigs as "gaylords").

Day one was the WTO's kick off, an IMAX movie. Most the police weren't mobilized for any repression. Neither were the majority of the black bloc'ers. A small crowd of them showed up and blocked streets with overturned dumpsters, newsstands, and other such material.

Day two consisted of rumors of raids, threats of raids on the welcome center, police forced dispersal of the spokescouncil, unprovoked arrests, and a seemingly inert black bloc.

What went wrong in Sacto?

- 1) Immobile black bloc tactics
- 2) Lack of solidarity, specifically in numbers
- 3) Missed window of opportunity

BREAK THE CHAINS CONFERENCE

AUGUST 8-10, 2003

www.breakthechains.net

