

## How to start a zine project in your community

- In order to start a zine project in your community, the first thing you must do is assemble a task force of passionate teens. This is vital in the development of your zine. The teens must be dedicated, hard working individuals who show good character and community involvement. A zine takes a lot of effort and skill and teens must be prepared for a lot of hard work.
- Another subject of vital importance is funding. Blended Zine was funded by a generous grant that covered publishing and promotion costs for two issues. Grants have continued to support Blended over the years.
- Submissions are the most important part of the magazine. It is important to get the word out about your zine. Many ways you can do this are by hanging up posters, promotion through social networking sites such as Facebook, Myspace, and Twitter, and talking to teachers at schools in your community.
- Blended is assembled digitally, using graphic design on computers. To be able to do this, Blended has been awarded grants to buy technology to fund the purchase of computers and software.
- Once the zine is assembled, it is time to send it to a printing company! Then, you have the option of releasing it at a release party, or just distributing it by other means. Blended has a release party for each issue, and several zines are distributed there. The rest of the zines are distributed by taking them to libraries, schools, and other locations around town.