

About Us

We are the GD (un)Commons. We believe in the creation of spaces for underrepresented visual languages and experiences. We welcome, collect, and care for all sorts of ephemera, publications, and objects that you're willing to part with. We are a library, an archive, and an educational resource that accepts donations from members of the RISD GD and the general RISD community. We also hold show-and-tell events for things you can't bear to part with but would love to share.

We are situated on the 9th Floor of the Design Center. Just take the elevator up to the 8th floor then the stairs to the 9th. You can drop your donations, spend time reading, and hang out with friends in our cozy space. We accept all donations unless they violate our community guidelines.

We operate on the basis of honesty, generosity, and respect. Please handle our collection with care and ensure that they do not leave the GD (un)Commons space.

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Community Guidelines

Donation Policy

- Donations could take the form of prints, ephemera, publications, magazines, books, brochures, wrappers, packagings, cards, etc. As much as we'd like to have larger scale objects, limitations in our space prevent us from doing so!
- Donations can either be temporary or permanent.
- For temporary donations, the donor must list down the date of donation and the date of return on the form.
- Donors should drop their objects off in the donation box at the GD (un)Commons space and should fill out a form. The form should be inserted or attached using a paper-clip to the donation.
- These donation boxes will be checked on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. Objects will be collected on a daily basis. These objects will be stored in a locked place until they are accounted for in the inventory. Taking inventory of the objects will take place 2-3 times a week.
- An email will be sent to do the donor as a receipt for the donation on the day the object was dropped off (since we check the boxes every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights).
- For temporary objects, another email will be sent to the donor a week before the object is due to be returned.

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Space Policy

- Please sign in with your name and time when you enter the GD (un)Commons space.
- Objects, whether temporary or permanent donations, should not leave the space.
- For the next user, objects should be returned where you found them (ie on shelves in the box, in the binder, etc).
- Objects should be handled with care at all times.
- Do not use objects with dirty hands and open food and drink in close proximity.