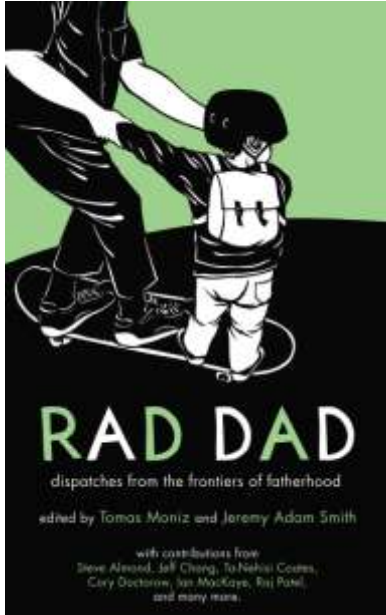


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“Rad Dad” zinester Tomas Moniz and other indie writers and artists hold reading and discussion at Olympia library



Tomas Moniz, founder and editor of the award-winning zine [Rad Dad](#) and the new anthology, *Rad Dad: Dispatches from the Frontiers of Fatherhood*, will read at the Olympia Timberland Library on Wednesday, August 3 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Local zinesters and artists Sky Cosby, Nikki McClure and Joshua James Amberson will also share their work. Zines and books will be sold at the event.

The anthology combines the best pieces from *Rad Dad* and the blog *Daddy Dialectic* (by Jeremy Adam Smith), publications that explore parenting as political territory and provide space for parents (and in particular fathers) to share, commiserate, plan, and support each other in challenging patriarchy one diaper at a time.

Moniz is helping raise three children and has been making zines since the late 1990s. His writing has been included in many zines about parenting as well as in the books *My Mother Wears Combat Boots* and *Don't Leave Your Friends Behind*. He teaches basic skills classes at Berkeley City College and works with the National Writing Project.

Sky Cosby is co-owner and founder of [Last Word Books](#) in Olympia and founder of [Last Earth Distro](#). He writes the blog [Pirate Papa: A Journal of Anarcho-Green Do-It-Yourself Parenting](#). Cosby enjoys spending time with his daughters and partner, exploring the woods, honing primitive living skills, writing, printing and providing access to counter-culture literature.

Olympia's [Nikki McClure](#) is known for her intricate and beautiful images cut from a single sheet of paper. Her work depicts parenthood, nature, community, hard work and patience as well as large helpings of sustenance, appreciation and celebration. McClure is a self-taught artist who has been making paper-cuts since 1996. She produces her own posters, books, cards, t-shirts and a yearly calendar and designs covers for records and books, including the *Rad Dad* anthology.

Joshua Amberson is the creator and proprietor for [Ms. Valerie Park Distro](#), “a small distributor of independently-created things.” He works at local bookstore Orca Books and is in several bands including Letters and Gumar and His Magical Midi Band.

The Olympia Timberland Library is at 313 8th Ave. For more information, call 352-0595.