

## **The MCAD Service Bureau offers access to Alumni for up to five years after they graduate!**

*This document contains alternative printing resources for Alum outside of their five year window, for folks who have moved out of town, and as a backup if the SB cannot accommodate your project.*

*For Alumni within their five year window, please use our [Alumni Access Proposal Form](#) to use the SB.*

There are 2 main types of printer we use in the Service Bureau: **Laser** and **Inkjet**

- **Laser** printers use toner powder which adheres to the surface of the paper with heat
  - ◆ Paper with a sticky/glossy coating (especially transparencies or stickers) can melt if they are not *Laser-Safe*
  - ◆ Generally cheaper to print
  - ◆ Quality ranges from text/draft - press/magazine
  - ◆ Color is often oversaturated and leans warm
- **Inkjet** printers use wet ink droplets which sink into the paper
  - ◆ Paper not treated to take ink will bleed and print will be light/dull in color
  - ◆ Generally more expensive to print
  - ◆ Quality usually in the archival, gallery, fine art range
  - ◆ Color tends to be more accurate

### **MCAD SB printers:**

- ★ **The ImagePress** (née Konica) - *Canon Imagepress c750*
  - Color **laser** printer/digital press
  - Most office centers will have something similar (FedEx Office, Staples, UPS store etc.)
  - Most industrial laser printers have a finishing unit which can fold, staple, hole punch etc. be sure to ask about those options if not advertised
- ★ **The Plotwave** (née Océ) - *Canon Plotwave 3500*
  - Large format black and white **laser** printer
  - May be called a plotter, is generally used for blueprints and engineering prints
- ★ **The Epson** - *SureColor p5000 (17"), p7570 (24"), or StylusPro 7900 (24")*
  - Small format, photo quality, archival **inkjet** printers
  - Prints may be referred to as "Giclee" prints
  - You can buy a refurbished one for fairly cheap online but the ink cartridges are expensive
  - Only specialty shops will have similar machines
- ★ **The Banner** - *Epson SureColor p9570 (44")*
  - Large format, photo quality, archival **inkjet** printer
  - Pigment ink

### **What are you making? What should you look for?**

*When in doubt, Google it. "where to make big color print minneapolis", "zine printing near me" etc. Be sure to read reviews!*

<b>Laser printer:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ posters</li> <li>→ zines</li> <li>→ books</li> <li>→ portfolios</li> <li>→ resumes</li> <li>→ business cards</li> </ul>	<b>Inkjet printer:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ screen printing transparencies</li> <li>→ fine art prints</li> <li>→ photographs</li> <li>→ large format gallery quality prints</li> <li>→ fabric prints</li> <li>→ iron-on transfers</li> </ul>
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## Other SB services of note:

### ★ Risograph Printing

- Available at specialty shops only
- A lot of folks have basement riso printers; the machines are cheap and easy to maintain, but the ink drums are expensive so most shops/home printers will have very limited color options

### ★ Paper Stack/Guillotine Cutting

- Most print/copy shops will have this service
- Anchor paper

### ★ Book Binding

- Perfect binding – softcover glue bind
- Wire-o – twin loop wire bind
- Saddle-stitch – half fold and staple

### ★ Vinyl Cutting/Paper “die-cutting”

- We use a 24” Silhouette Cameo, though Cricut is another popular home vinyl cutter brand

### ★ Scanning

- A home scanner is your best bet for high-quality scans of flat artwork
- Large format document scanning should be available at print/copy shops
- Some specialty shops will have film/slide scanners

### ★ Button making

- Online resources available
- Easy to buy one for home, supplies are cheap

### ★ Lamination

- Print/copy shops offer this service
- Home laminators are easy to use

## Local resources, and some online options, for common print requests

### ***Zines, books, print & copy:***

→ [Smart Set](#) – NE, Minneapolis

- ◆ *Recent SB Alum Ngoc Doan works here!*
- ◆ *Locally owned*
- ◆ digital printing, hands on print/production
- ◆ book binding and small press publishing
- ◆ White ink printing!
- ◆ Hard cover, perfect binding, saddle stitch, wire-o bind

- ◆ business cards, stickers, zines, fine art prints, etc.
- [Vital Printing](#) – Uptown, Minneapolis
  - ◆ *Locally owned*
  - ◆ Digital and offset printing
  - ◆ Same day turnaround (digital prints)
  - ◆ Large format options - fabric options, backdrops, table banners
  - ◆ Booklets, business cards, vinyl decals, stickers, art prints
- [Fast Print](#) – Downtown, Minneapolis
  - ◆ *Locally owned*
  - ◆ Digital and offset printing
  - ◆ BW and color copying
  - ◆ Large format banners/posters
  - ◆ Book binding, trimming, corner rounding
  - ◆ Foiling, embossing/debossing, perforation, scoring
  - ◆ Bumper stickers, business cards, flyers, etc
- [Alpha Graphics](#) – Minneapolis, MN
  - ◆ Standard chain copy shop
  - ◆ Books, banners, binding, basic print/copy, stickers, offset printing, etc
- [Minuteman Press](#) – Minneapolis, MN
  - ◆ Standard chain/franchise copy shop
  - ◆ Banners, posters, business cards, signs, flyers, labels, menus, etc

### **Risograph:**

- [Back of Beyond Press](#) – Minneapolis, MN
  - ◆ *Owned/operated by MCAD Alum Sarah Wolf!*
  - ◆ 8 colors
  - ◆ Finishing services
  - ◆ Zine club
  - ◆ Tiered pricing for accessibility
- [Resolve Studio](#) – Lancaster, PA
  - ◆ 32 colors
  - ◆ 50 copy minimum (100 for booklets)
  - ◆ Thermography/top coating
  - ◆ Binding: staple, sewn, spiral
  - ◆ (watch their tutorials!)
- [Bear Bear Studio](#) – Milwaukee, WI
  - ◆ Full service riso printing
  - ◆ 15 colors
  - ◆ 50 copy minimum
  - ◆ Self-serve printing option with membership
  - ◆ Classes and workshops
- [Oddities Prints](#) – Kansas City, MO
  - ◆ 15 colors

- ◆ Also offer full service screen printing
- [Issue Press](#) – Grand Rapids, MI
  - ◆ Issue Press offers free flyer/poster printing for social justice and anti-racist initiatives
  - ◆ 27 colors
  - ◆ 100 copy minimum

### ***Fine Art/Photo printing:***

- [Colorspace](#) – Minneapolis, MN
  - ◆ Epson printers up to 60" wide
  - ◆ Economy, Standard, and Premium paper and canvas options include: Epson, Hahnemuhle, Moab, Canson, Lexjet
  - ◆ Fabric printing options on silk, cotton, linen, and synthetics
  - ◆ Flatbed and film scanning service
  - ◆ Mounting, laminating, framing
- [West Photo](#) – Minneapolis, MN
  - ◆ Epson printers up to 44" wide
  - ◆ Standard (matte, luster), and Premium (Hahnemuhle, canvas) paper options
  - ◆ Film processing (color and bw film developing)
  - ◆ Film/slide scanning
  - ◆ Retail store - photo/fine art paper, inkjet printers, film equipment
  - ◆ Photography equipment rental
- [Minneapolis Center for Photography](#) – Minneapolis, MN
  - ◆ Studio/coop based photo/digital lab
  - ◆ Epson printers up to 44"
  - ◆ Membership gains access to print/scan on your own
  - ◆ Full service printing/framing available
  - ◆ Classes, darkrooms, gallery space, equipment rental
- [Husom and Rose](#) – Hager City, WI
  - ◆ Hi-res scanning/photographing
  - ◆ Former MCAD faculty owned/operated!
  - ◆ Offering student discount, email SB for price list
  - ◆ 24-44" Epson printers, with enhanced matte/hahnemuhle options
- [Printique](#) – Brooklyn, NY
  - ◆ Large Format/Giclee
  - ◆ Archival Inkjet prints on Hahnemuhle paper, 3 different textures
  - ◆ 4x6" - 40x60"
- [Giclee Today](#) – Pottstown, PA
  - ◆ Printing on multiple premium archival papers
  - ◆ Canvas prints with premium UV coatings
  - ◆ Professionally stretched canvas prints - not mass produced

### ***Fabric Printing:***

- [JoAnn Fabric](#) – online resource

- ◆ Wide variety of fabric types (including outdoor/water resistant material)
- ◆ Quick turnaround (7-10 biz days)
- ◆ Reasonable prices (54" width - \$14-25/yard)
- ◆ Easy to use website
- [Spoonflower](#) – online resource
  - ◆ Huge fabric variety (including organic cotton, denim, and velvet)
  - ◆ Quick turnaround (7-9 biz days)
  - ◆ More expensive, but higher quality (42" width - \$19-79/yard)
  - ◆ Easy to use website
- [Colorspace](#) – Minneapolis, MN
  - ◆ *Locally owned*
  - ◆ Fine art printing
  - ◆ Similar fabric options to SB
- [Vital Print](#) – Minneapolis, MN
  - ◆ *Locally owned*
  - ◆ Custom tablecloths and fabric banners
  - ◆ Great option for tabling supplies for conventions

**Other:**

- [Newspaper Club](#) – Glasgow, Scotland
  - ◆ Print on newsprint!
  - ◆ 1-20 copy minimum (for digital print options, traditional offset: 300 copy min))
  - ◆ Mini, Tabloid, Broadsheet sizes
  - ◆ Quick turnaround (international shipping - about a week)
- [Printonpaper.com](#) – UK based online resource
  - ◆ 50 copies, full color, 5 pages, half letter (ish), 100gsm - £60
  - ◆ 1 copy min
  - ◆ Broadsheets, newspapers
- [Busy Beaver Buttons](#) – Chicago, IL
  - ◆ Custom buttons, magnets, stickers and more
  - ◆ Quick turnaround
  - ◆ Custom display/packaging available
  - ◆ Supplies and button makers
- [The Bindery](#) – Milwaukee, WI
  - ◆ Studio/coop membership
  - ◆ Access to laser printing, book binding, riso printing, foil stamping, letter press, etc
  - ◆ Full service art book print/bind services
- [Bookmobile](#) – Minneapolis, MN
  - ◆ Short run book printing/binding
  - ◆ High quality art books
  - ◆ A local favorite for comic books

**Printmaking/Screen Printing:**

→ [Northwest Graphic Supply](#) – Minneapolis, MN

- ◆ Print transparencies / positive film
- ◆ Up to 42" wide
- ◆ Screen exposing etc available
- ◆ Printmaking supplies
- ◆ Vinyl and iron-on transfer materials

**Paper Mills and Distributors/Vendors:**

- \*Anchor Paper
- \*Veritiv Express
- \*Paper Source
- Clampitt Paper
- French Paper Co.
- Neenah
- Waste Not Paper
- The Paper Mill Store
- Mohawk
- Hammermill

*\*Local establishments*