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This week we've got a citizen-minded science project, a card game that takes some guts to play, and a book of poetry inspired by a most unlikely source: internet spam.

 [Public Lab DIY Spectrometry Kit](#)

### Public Lab DIY Spectrometry Kit

by Jeffrey Yoo Warren

 **Category** Open Hardware

 **Location** Somerville, MA

### Public science

Citizen scientists, rejoice! Public Lab's DIY Spectrometry Kit is a low-cost, open source alternative to this traditionally expensive scientific instrument, and it's built from only black paper, a VHS box, a DVD, and a webcam. Users can contribute their findings to a shared database of spectra, which can in turn be used to find contaminants, diagnose crop diseases, or even analyze what's in your morning coffee.

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## Guts Of Glory: The Boardgame!

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by Zach Gage

 Category Board & Card Games

 Location New York, NY

## Go with your gut

Guts of Glory is a competitive food-eating card game set in a post-apocalyptic wasteland. Each player starts with an empty "mouth" and a plate full of food, then takes turns cramming their gullets with tasty treats. Some cards bring you closer to victory, while others wreak havoc on your opponent's mouth, but if you need to feed and have no room left — watch out! You'll have to spew (one of your cards, that is, right at a competitor). Yum!

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## No Experiences (or, 24 Ways of Looking at a Spam Horse)

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by Erin Watson

 Category Poetry

 Location Chicago, IL

## @horse\_etweets

Erin Watson is making a chapbook of writing based on the nonsensical tweeting of @horse\_ebooks, a notorious spam twitter account whose absurd and oddly poetic phrases have made it one of the internet's most popular streams. For the last year, she's selected her favorite tweets (for example, "and becoming a woman is a very serious venture"), then built off of them to create original, beautiful poems. As Horse himself might put it, "Painful - Amazing imagination tricks."

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