

## **Ann Arbor Book Society June Newsletter**

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### **June Book Event Highlights**

**Saturday, June 8th at 1 pm:** [A Signing with Ben Passmore and Ezra Clayton Daniels, creators of \*BTTM FDRS\*](#), Vault of Midnight, 219 S. Main St.

**Saturday, June 8th at 5:30 pm:** [Book Launch for \*Up Jumped the Devil: The Real Life of Robert Johnson\* by Bruce Conforth](#), Bookbound Bookstore, 1729 Plymouth Rd.

**Friday, June 14th at 10 am:** [A2Inkubate Keynote with Lucy Kinsley](#), UM Hatcher Graduate Library Gallery, 913 S. University

**Saturday, June 15th from 11 am to 6 pm and Sunday, June 16th from 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm:** [10th annual Ann Arbor Comic Arts Festival](#), various locations

**Tuesday, June 18th from 6:30 pm to 8 pm:** [Summer Game Mixer](#) at the Ann Arbor District Library Downtown Branch Secret Lab, 343 S. Fifth Ave.

**Wednesday, June 19th at 7 pm:** [Author Jennifer Weiner in conversation with Cynthia Canty](#), presented by Literati Bookstore, Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Drive.

**Friday, June 21st at 8 pm:** [Paul Selig, author of \*The Book of Freedom\*](#), Crazy Wisdom Community Room, 114 S. Main St.

**Sunday, June 23rd at 1 pm:** [Courtyard Chalk Party with David Zinn](#), Nicola's Books, 2513 Jackson Ave.

**Click on the calendar below to find more great book events taking place in June!**





parking lot of this three-in-one land of books, I knew I'd come to the right place. Not just the right location of the bookstores I was visiting, but the right place for someone passionate about books and community.

"Community" is the uniting concept of these bookstores. Each one strives to fill a niche in the Lansing community that others have overlooked, and each one brings something entirely unique to the book culture of the area. If there's a topic you need that you haven't been able to locate anywhere else, you will be able to find it here. And while all these stores have come to one location due to economic factors beyond their control, they have all joined to become one group of people dedicated to their community.

EVERYbody Reads was started by Scott Harris when, after the death of his wife, he could not find books on grief to help him and his children through the process. He opened the kind of bookstore that caters to those topics that



big box stores tend to overlook-- grief, social justice, criminal justice, and more, with special attention given to children's books that cover all of the above and so much more. There are more typical sections as well, but when looking around, you know immediately how much Scott and his partners and employees care about their immediate community.



But EVERYbody Reads isn't the only store to inhabit this single space. Stepping just around a set of shelves led me into Triple Goddess, a metaphysical bookstore with its own unique feel. Dawn Botke-Coe and Alan Coe are the owners and

operators of this little shop, and Alan was more than happy to regale me about the history of the store. They began initially as a little one-room Tarot-reading shop, owned and run by Dawn, back in 1993. And after being asked over and over why they didn't carry any books or items on the subject or ones like it, they started Triple Goddess. There's still a little table and chairs for Tarot readings, and plenty of herbs and other spiritual accouterments to go along with the books. Dawn and Alan have done a wonderful job making Triple Goddess really feel like a separate store. While the entire space has a very relaxed air about it, Triple Goddess truly feels peaceful.

But wait! There's more! When you walk in through the back entrance parking lot, you enter into what looks like a small comic book section that leads into the larger bookstores beyond. What you're actually walking into is Creating Heroes Stephen's Way, a comic shop and nonprofit directed by Monica Jahner, the lovely woman behind the desk who was more than happy to tell me all



about the stores I had walked into. Similar to Scott's reason for opening EVERYbody Reads, Monica began Stephen's Way in honor of her brother, Stephen, who passed away. She started the nonprofit to better serve her community, and help those that have fallen through the cracks of the school and criminal justice systems. By donating all profits from the comics she sells to offering community service to youth within the store itself, Monica is using books to change the lives of the young people of Lansing.

In fact, I would say all three of these stores are doing what they can to change the lives of the people in their community. There's a lot more to a bookstore than just the next read. When I go to a new bookstore, I'm not just looking for a place to find interesting books, I'm looking



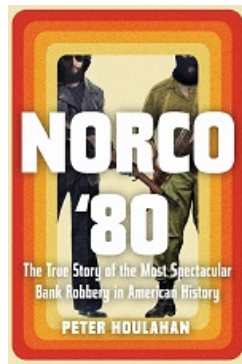
for the personalities of the people who stand behind the counter. I'm looking for the passion for reading and compassion for the people that enter the store everyday. I can say for sure that I have never found a bookstore (or group of them) quite like this one. Of course, I exited with books in my arms, but I also left the store with an uplifting sense of hope and encouragement. These are people that care. Really care. And are doing something very tangible to show it. It's not often I come home from a bookstore with anything more than new pages to read. I'm so very encouraged by Scott, Dawn, Alan, and Monica in a way that no business, small or large, has ever been able to encourage me before. Be sure to check these bookstores out. Talk to the people behind the counter. I just know they'll inspire you, too.

Visit this great community of bookstores at 2019 E. Michigan Ave., in Lansing.

--Kim Gray

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**Book Ends**



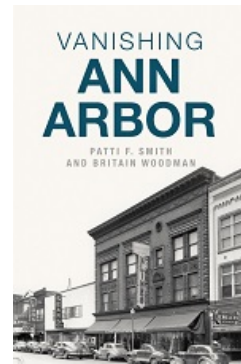
*Norco '80: The True Story of the Most Spectacular Bank Robbery in American History*  
by Peter Houlahan  
Counterpoint, 2019  
Hardcover, \$26  
ON SALE June 11th

On May 9, 1980, what usually only happens in action-thriller movies came to life in Orange County, California. I don't usually read true-crime, but Houlahan's writing pulled me in. While reading this incredibly well researched and documented account, I could almost smell the gun powder, hear the cacophony of gunfire making my ears ring and see the dust clear as the largest crime scene in American history came into view.

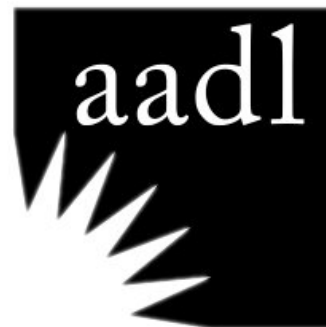
Houlahan does more than document the crime here; the author tells the back-story of each of the men who committed the robbery that morning and each of the law enforcement officers dispatched to help stop them. As the crime unfolds, Houlahan walks the reader step-by-step through the entire crime-scene and trial.

The book ends on a more hopeful note, explaining how out of nearly impossible to believe events, much needed changes were made dealing with everything from racism and post-traumatic stress disorder within the law enforcement community to how militarization of police on the local level needed to be better implemented.

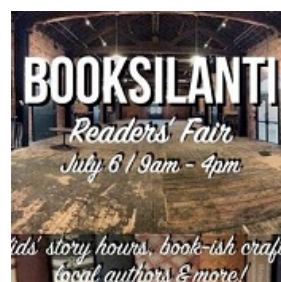
Houlahan's writing was so intriguing; There were moments of laughter at just how crazy things got, and there were reminders that the five



Patti F. Smith, local author, historian, teacher, DJ, and organizer of amazing community events, has a new book about the history of Ann Arbor coming out this month, *Vanishing Ann Arbor*, and it features a whole chapter on bookstores! She also recently had her first book of fiction published, *Head Over Heels in Love*. Stop by your favorite local indie to inquire about these books, or visit Patti's website, [teacherpatti.com](http://teacherpatti.com), to learn more about them and the incredible things she does in our community.



It's happening! The Ann Arbor District Library Malletts Creek Branch reopens on Monday, June 3rd at 10 am!



landscapers that set off that morning  
were not always criminals.

I found myself reading long into the  
night in an attempt to understand  
just how did this whole thing go so  
very wrong on both sides?

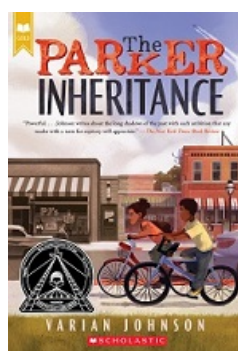
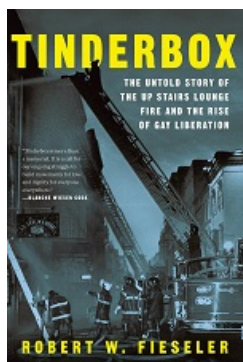
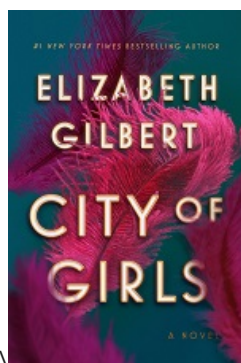
The crime and court case may have  
been an unbelievable catastrophe,  
but this book is pitch-perfect.

--Shannon Alden  
*Literati Bookstore Book Ninja*

Mark your calendars for the first  
ever Booksilanti Readers' Fair,  
taking place at the Ypsilanti  
Freighthouse from 9 am to 4 pm  
on July 6th. This family-friendly  
event co-hosted by the Ypsilanti  
Freighthouse and SCRAP Box,  
will feature local authors, crafts,  
book-ish artisans, kids' story  
hours and more. Visit the  
Freighthouse [Facebook page](#) for  
the schedule and more details.

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### Noteworthy June New Releases



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### Ann Arbor Book Trivia Answer

The Hundred Acre Wood was a children's bookshop from 1989-1994 at #10 Nickels Arcade, where Ten Fine Jewelry is currently located. In addition to books, it sold toys and had a storytellers circle. Owner Danielle Galbraith was also an artist, and made funny drawings of her customers that she turned into popular notecards that were sold in her shop, and later at other local businesses. Danielle ended up closing her store when she fell in love with a customer--a visiting Norwegian business professor--and decided to move to Norway to be with him.

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## Snapshot of the Past



**Alex Haley, best known as the author of *Roots: The Saga of an American Family* and co-author of *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, appears at Eastern Michigan University in 1977. Courtesy of the AADL.**



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