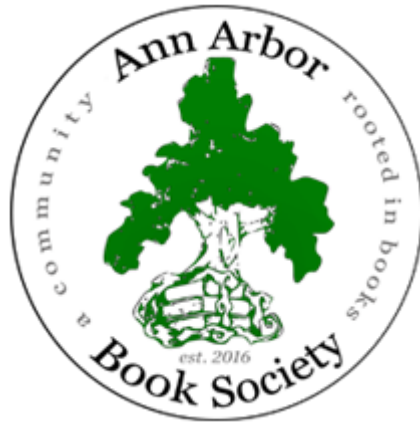


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March Newsletter

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March Book Event Highlights

Sunday, March 4th from 11 am to 5 pm: [40th annual Antiquarian Book Fair](#), University of Michigan Union Ballroom, 530 S. State St.

Wednesday, March 7th from 7 pm to 8:30 pm: [The Jane Austin Project: Author Kathleen Flynn in conversation with Laura Thomas](#), AADL Downtown Branch, Multi-Purpose Room, 343 S. Fifth Ave.

Thursday, March 8th at 7 pm: [Open Mic and Share Poetry Series featuring Stephanie Heit](#), Bookbound Bookstore, 1729 Plymouth Rd.

Friday, March 16th from 4 pm to 8:30 pm and Saturday, March 17th from 9 am to 5 pm: [Friends of the Ann Arbor District Library Bag Sale](#), AADL Downtown Branch Multi-Purpose Room, 343 S. Fifth St.

Saturday, March 17th through Monday, March 19th: [Michigan Reading Association Annual Conference](#), Cobo Center, 1 Washington Blvd., Detroit.

Saturday, March 24th at 2 pm: [Laura Joh Rowland, author of A Mortal Likeness](#), Aunt Agatha's, 213 S. Fourth Ave.

Thursday, March 29th at 5:10 pm: [Penny Stamps Lecture Series with author and illustrator Brian Selznick](#), Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty

Saturday, March 30th at 7 pm: Book release of [Notes from a Public Typewriter](#), edited by Literati Bookstore co-owner Mike Gustafson.

For more March events, visit our [events calendar](#).

Event Photo Highlight



Author Sarah Zettel leads a book discussion on Daphne du Maurier's *Rebecca*, Thursday, February 22nd to a full house at Aunt Agatha's.

Father of Bookstores - David's Books

Each bookstore has its unique vision and unique stock, an independent window on the world of books. Ann Arbor had one unique bookshop that not only had its own vision but also was the incubator of no less than three other shops, two of which are still with us today.

David's Used Books was started by David Kozubei (1932 - 2006) in 1978. He had originally come over from England in 1968 to work at and perhaps "radicalize" Centicore Books, but was pulled in to work with the Borders brothers on their new venture. The partnership didn't work out, and he left to create a short-lived new bookstore at 529 E. Liberty in 1974, around where School Kids Records was, west of the Michigan Theater. A Guinness World Record for the longest continuous games of 5-minute chess, at 96 hours, was set in its front window. Unfortunately, the store lasted only 2 1/2 years and

closed in early 1976.

But Kozubei was not done. After a few years selling books in the corner of a plant shop on Ashley, he rebounded with the 2nd-floor shop at the corner of Liberty and State, perched over the two busy streets and full of both books and magazines, with a notable section of chess books. It remained there for the next 20 plus years, and thanks to it we have the great and famous mural by Richard Wolk along Liberty Street.

During the years he ran the two shops, a number of people who worked for Kozubei split off and continued in the book business. Jay Platt worked for Kozubei's new bookstore and, with an additional stint at Ned's Textbooks in Ypsilanti under his belt, opened West Side Books in 1975. Bill Gilmore, who opened Dawn Treader around the same time, worked there too. Paul Spader, who opened Books in General in the early 90s, was also an alumnus and specialized in technical books on the second floor on State street, near Ashley's Pub. Other alums continued as workers in other shops or selling books by internet or mail well into the 2000s.

We don't know if Kozubei intended to be such an incubator. He was not keen on employees running their own side book businesses, and fired at least one over it. But the 70s and 80s were great times to open a bookshop, and it seems something else was going on in both iterations of David's Books. No other shop in Ann Arbor history was such a center of new ventures by its former staff, not even the nearly century-old Wahr's on State Street. Perhaps Kozubei's love and knowledge of books, honed on Charing Cross Road in London before his transatlantic adventure, came across to those who worked with him. He was determined to create a shop of his own style, and those who left his hire and went on to start other shops certainly did the same.

--Gene Alloway

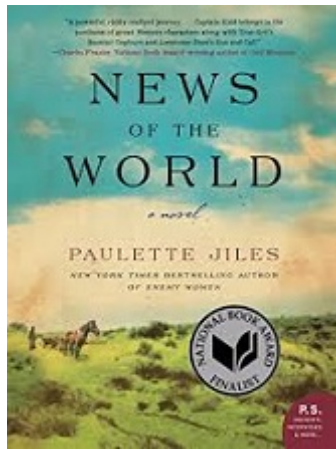
Owner of Motte & Bailey Booksellers

212 N. Fourth Ave.

Book Ends

On the Shelf

**A New Bookstore is Coming
to Ypsilanti!**



**NEWS OF THE WORLD: A Novel
by Paulette Jiles**

William Morrow, \$15.99

Paperback published 6/7/17

Set in Texas of the 1870's, *News of the World* is filled with interesting and lesser-known historical facts of the time and culture but it is the portrayal of the evolving relationship between two unique characters that is the real core of this moving and beautiful novel.

Jiles is a gifted wordsmith whose descriptive prose creates vivid physical and emotional landscapes that you slip into effortlessly. At times I found the story so engaging I couldn't turn the pages fast enough, at other times I lingered over the imagery.

Captain Kidd, a 72-year-old retired army captain and former newspaper publisher travels to small towns in Texas to read news articles to local folks who are hungry for news from around the world. His routine is unexpectedly disrupted when he reluctantly accepts the task of transporting to her relatives a 10-year girl who four years earlier had been taken captive by an Indian tribe. Although the girl doesn't



The opening of a new independently owned bookstore is always a cause for celebration. But Ypsilanti's forthcoming Think Outside the Books, located in the space formerly occupied by Blockbuster near the corner of Ellsworth and Hewitt roads, wants to "have it all!" Said owner Dan Chisholm, "I like to consider us a books-and-more store because we have such a variety of products. We will carry new and used books and comic books, retro video games, Kickstarter and indie board games, collectibles, nerdy clothing, POP! Vinyl figures, posters, vinyl records, CDs, and artwork from local and indie artists."

Chisholm, who has lived in the Ypsilanti area for only a few years, has a broad employment background and has lived in six U.S. states and Japan, but, he said, "I've always wanted to open a bookstore and have spent part of 2016 and all of 2017 gathering intel, inventory, and networking."

Think Outside the Books is committed to working with Michigan-based publishers, artists, game designers, and others. "Some [Michigan] businesses and organizations we work with are Source Point Press (comic book publisher), Washi Con (comic book and anime convention), Shining Otaku Comics, WSF Productions (video production company),

understand English she is shrewd, resilient and determined to escape and return to her beloved Indian family. The journey across Texas is filled with countless hostile encounters and it is during the long trek that their resistance to one another transforms into reliance and distrust into trust.

News Of The World is a subtle, yet powerful story about compassion and transformation.

Jiles could have drawn out the story, could have packed in more detail but she didn't need to. It is near perfect as is!

--Sharon Gambin

Former longtime Borders staff member who is enjoying semi-retirement while working as a part-time bookseller at Literati

Sleeping Bear Press (children's book publisher), and Custom Creations by Danielle (custom glassware).”

Showing some humor, Chisholm said that in five years, he hopes Think Outside the Books “will still be there and aliens, nukes, zombies, or any other disaster has not destroyed it.” And see it grow. “I would like to see it expand to include card game tournaments, retro video game tournaments, and possibly even a coffee shop! Think Outside the Brew! or Drink Outside the Books!”

The store plans to host Family Game Nights, making it a gathering place for everyone of all ages.

--Crysta Coburn

[Think Outside the Books](#) is located at 2547 Ellsworth Rd, and hopes to open by the end of March. Keep an eye out for more information on this new bookstore in a future issue!

Little Free Library



**University of Michigan
Ginsberg Center
1024 Hill St.**

[The Ginsberg Center for Community Service and Learning](#) launched the first-ever Little Free Library on a University of Michigan campus in

Award Winners

It's award season in the book world! While there are far too many awards to list here, below are a few we feel are worth a mention.

[ALA Youth Media Awards](#)

[Andrew Carnegie Medals](#)

[Stonewall Book Awards](#)

Save the Date!

2015. The Library features paper cutout designs of the Wizard of Oz and Peter Pan, with a J.K. Rowling quote along the top.

The Center has been home to the America Reads tutoring program for nearly twenty years, and the Little Free Library was established to provide greater access to books for patrons of all ages and backgrounds. The Library travelled to various campus locations in the fall of 2014, and was 'planted' on the Center's front porch in the spring of 2015. Since that time, theme months have been utilized to promote the Library and highlight important topics including banned books, Black History Month and Women's History Month. Theme months have provided a literacy-based platform for important topics, such as free speech, women's equality, civil rights and black history. University students, staff and faculty, and broader community members make use of the Library's selections with titles coming and going on a weekly basis.

*--Erin Byrnes
Lead, Democratic Engagement
Ginsberg Center*



Wednesday, April 18th: [An Evening with David Sedaris](#)

Saturday, April 21st: [Ypsilanti Comic Con](#)

April 22-29th: [Bookstock](#)

Saturday, April 28th: [Midwest Literary Walk](#)

Sunday, July 15th: [Second Annual Detroit BookFest](#)

Did you know?

Ed Koster, who became the owner of David's Books in 1983 when David Kozubei moved to Los Angeles, commissioned the now iconic mural of authors on the corner of Liberty and State. Richard Wolk, an art student at the University of Michigan, painted the mural in April of 1984, covering up a "psychedelic landscape" of sunrise and sunset that had been painted by art student Frances Johnson during the summer of 1981. The State Street Area Association felt Johnson's mural was "unsatisfactory" and agreed that the author mural was a big improvement. The authors depicted on the mural are Woody Allen, Edgar Allan Poe, Hermann Hesse, Franz Kafka, and Anais Nin.

Snapshot of the Past



Chess marathon at David's Books, February 1975, from the *Ann Arbor News*, courtesy of [ADDL's Old News](#) site.



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