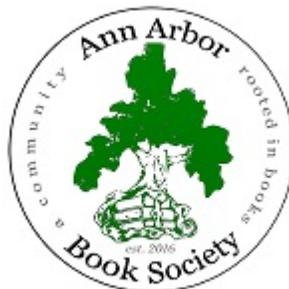


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March Book Event Highlights

All events are virtual

Friday, March 5th at 7 pm: [At Home with Literati: Anne Lamott](#), Literati Bookstore

Saturday, March 6th at 4 pm: [Book Discussion: *The Other Side* by Jacqueline Woodson](#), AADL

Tuesday, March 9th at 4 pm: [Special Collections After Hours: Birch Bark and the Writings of Simon Pokagon](#), UM Library

Wednesday, March 10th at 7 pm: [18th Peter M. Wege Lecture featuring Naomi Klein](#), UM School for Environment and Sustainability

Thursday, March 11th: [Poetry Out Loud State Finals](#), Michigan Humanities

Tuesday, March 16th at 7:30 pm: [Medicare for All: A Citizen's Guide with authors Dr. Abdul El-Sayed and Micah Johnson](#), Nicola's Books

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Vault of Midnight: Book of the Month Club Lighthouse Book Club	OLL: Who Do We Choose to Be? Facing Reality, Claiming Leadership and Restoring Sanity by Meg Whitley and Susanna Eileen by Emily St. John Mandel AADL: Storytime with Christopher on AADL TV UM-Franklin Center for Judaic Studies, Magic in Mame-Lotus: Translating Harry Potter into Yiddishish Literati: At Home with Literati Laron	AADL: Storytime with Evelyn on AADL TV Literati: At Home with Literati: Bruce Levine & James Tobin	AADL: Storytime with Amanda on AADL TV Nicole's Books: Chicken Little & the Big Bad Wolf Story Time with Sam Wedelich UM: IRL Insights Speaker Series: Chosen: The Voice in Our Head, How to Harness It and Why It Matters UM: Ford School of Public Policy: Rebecca Carroll on "Surviving the White Gaze" Literati: At Home with Literati: Diane Russo and Jeff Shotts	OLL: Creating Comics/Graphic Novels from Concept to Publication with Comfort Love & Adam Withers AADL: Storytime with Christopher on AADL TV AADL: Bible Pass episode #23 on AADL TV Literati: At Home with Literati: Courtney Zeffreau, T. Kara Madden & Mira Jacob	OLL: A History of Christianity AADL: Storytime with Alice on AADL TV AADL: First Chapter Friday Ep. 14 Jackpot by Mia Stone on AADL TV Literati: At Home with Literati: Anne Lamott	AADL: Book Showcase: The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson on AADL TV

Ann Arbor Book Trivia Question

In the mid-1970s, Gallery Jacques (owned by artist and collector Jacques Karamanoukian) occupied space inside which bookstore?

1. Logos Bookstore
2. David's Books
3. Centicore
4. Wahr's

Find the answer at the bottom of the newsletter!

BINC Foundation: Helping Booksellers in Hard Times

"The publishers stood up, the authors stood up. It's a community and everyone came together and said, 'We have to save these bookstores, we have to keep these people in their bookstores. How can we help?'"--Kit Steinaway

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The Ann Arbor Book Society was founded to make book lovers aware of the many reasons they should be proud to live, shop, or work in this Book Town. And something we should all take pride in is the fact that the Book Industry Charitable Foundation was born and raised in Ann Arbor.

Founded in 1996, what is now known as the Book Industry Charitable Foundation (BINC for short), was originally known as Borders Group Foundation and was born from the altruism of Borders employees who wanted to help a co-worker who had fallen on hard times. A collection was raised to assist the co-worker and when more funds were raised than needed, the employees realized they had resources that could help other employees in need. With the help of corporate headquarters, a 501(c)3 nonprofit was established and the foundation was officially formed.

“It was this wonderful community, sort of a family foundation. You were taking care of people that you knew – your colleagues,” says Kit Steinaway, one of two programs managers at BINC. Kit has been working at BINC since 2007 and has the wonderful fortune of making a career out of helping booksellers in need.

Borders Group Foundation got its funding through donations from Borders' executives, vendors and publishers, and employees themselves, who could contribute money from their paychecks. Borders matched 50 cents to every dollar donated by employees, and the funds helped colleagues who found themselves struggling with financial hardships, whether from medical expenses, job loss, injury, or other unforeseen circumstances.

When Borders closed permanently in 2011, the foundation found itself with significant funds and no employees to assist. “The decision was made to continue and see if the need that we saw within the Borders employee population would be the same in the larger bookstore population,” says Kit. Because the foundation was fortunate to have what they referred to as 'legacy

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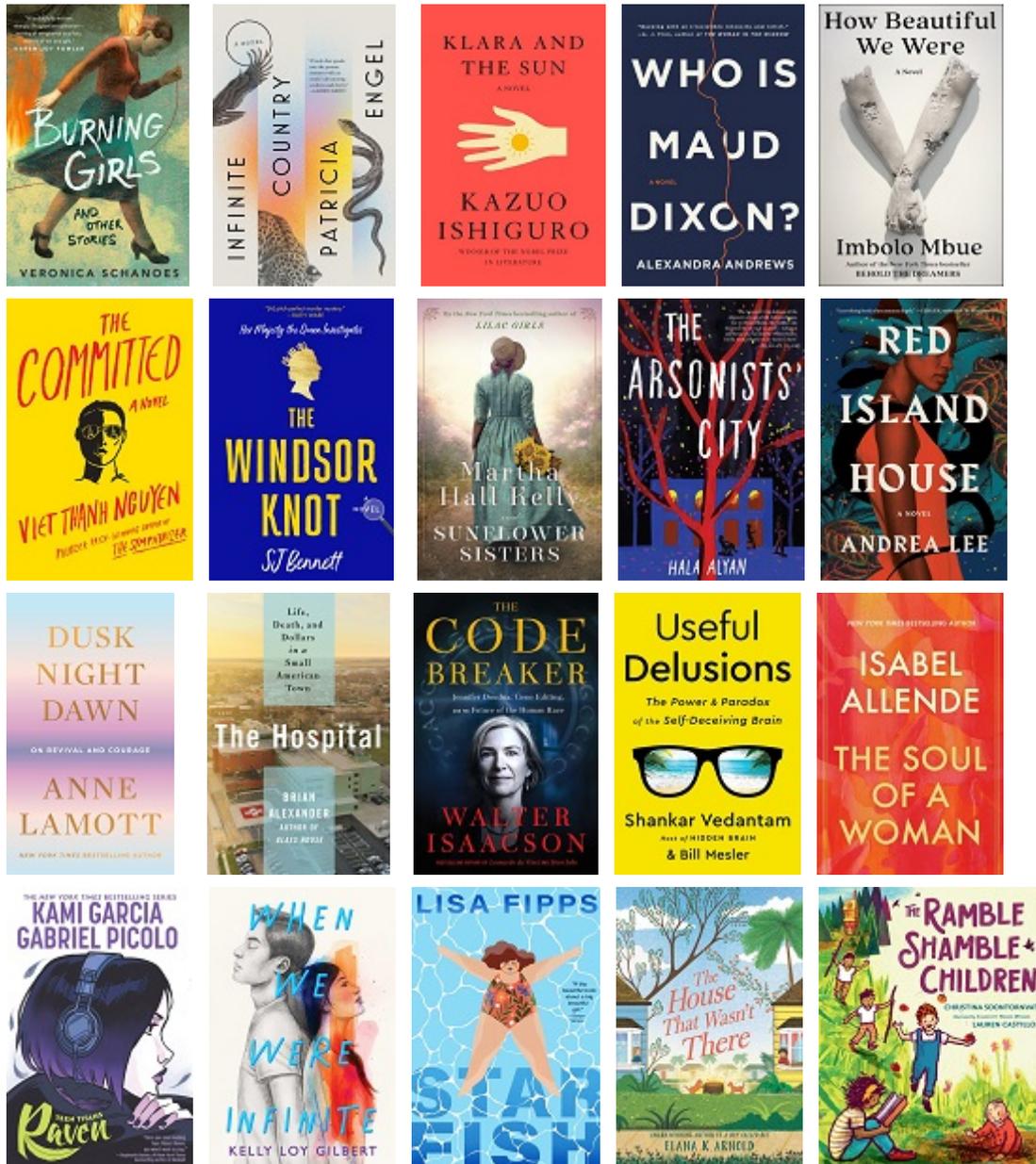
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awareness nationally to the resource they could be to booksellers in need. “For the first three years we were just introducing ourselves, and helping as many people as possible.”

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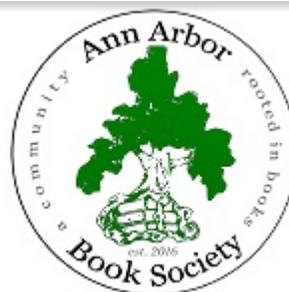
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Snapshot of the Past



Caption: Barbara Meadows, photo above, leafs through her rare copy of the original book 'The Underground Railroad' written by former fugitive slave William Grant Still in the late 1800s. From Ann Arbor News, March 24, 1996. Courtesy of AADL.

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Book Trivia Answer

David's Books at 529 E. Liberty St. Just past the Art section was a room filled with sculpture and painting known as Gallery Jacques. According to an [article in the Ann Arbor Sun](#) in 1975, "One finds bold portraits, abstract water color and other modern work chosen from local and Parisian artists."

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