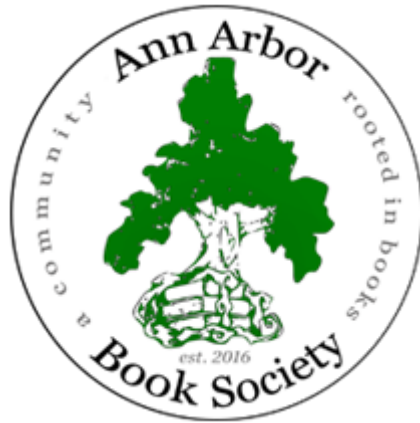


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## October Newsletter

### October Book Event Highlights

**Thursday, October 4th at 7 pm:** *New York* magazine columnist and author [Heather Havrilesky](#) shares her new collection of Essays, *[What If This Were Enough?](#)* Literati Bookstore, 124 E. Washington

**Friday, October 12th at 7 pm:** [Rapper, singer, and essayist Dessa](#) discusses [her new memoir](#): *My Own Devices: True Stories from the Road on Music, Science, and Senseless Love*, Ann Arbor District Library, 343 Fifth Ave.

**Tuesday, October 16th at 7 pm:** [Poetry Night Quartet](#) at Nicola's Books, 2513 Jackson Ave.

**Tuesday, October 23rd from 5 pm to 11 pm:** Anonymous Spanish art collective [Luzinterruptus](#) presents the art installation *Literature vs. Traffic*, Liberty St. between State St. and Maynard St.

**Saturday, October 20th from 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday, October 21st from 1 pm to 4 pm:** Friends of the Ann Arbor District Library [Halloween Bag Sale](#), Ann Arbor District Library Lobby, 343 S. Fifth Ave.

**Thursday, October 25th at 7 pm:** [Spooky Grown Folks Story Time!](#) Bookbound Bookstore, 1729 Plymouth Rd.

For more information on these and other October events, visit our [monthly calendar](#)!

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### Event Photo Highlight



From left: Congresswoman Debbie Dingell and Washtenaw Literacy Executive Director Amy Goodman with two of Washtenaw Literacy's supporters, Caty and Tony Derezhinski, at Washtenaw Literacy's 20th Annual Driving Literacy Gala: Good Food, Good Friends, Great Cause, Saturday, September 29th at the Morris Lawrence Building at Washtenaw Community College (Photo courtesy of Washtenaw Literacy). Visit [washtenawliteracy.org](http://washtenawliteracy.org) to learn how you can support this valuable resource to our community!

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### New Ann Arbor Independent Bookstore Maps!

**1: Bookbound**  
1729 Plymouth Rd.  
(734) 369-4345  
bookboundbookstore.com  
General bookstore featuring  
new and bargain books

**2: Common Language**  
317 Braun Ct.  
(734) 663-0036  
glbtbooks.com  
LGBTQ and feminist  
bookstore featuring  
new and used books

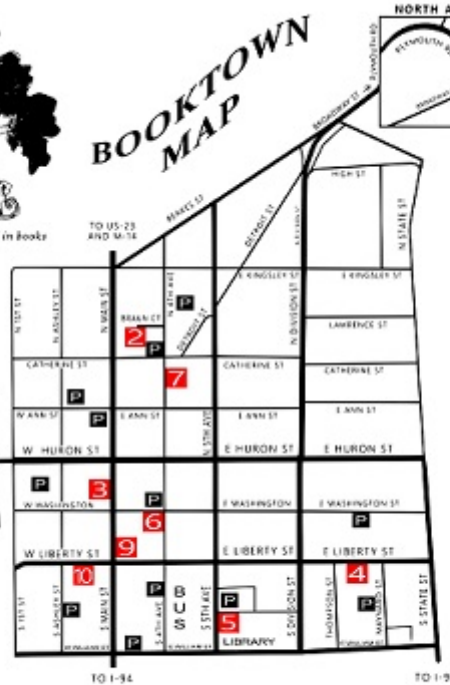
**3: Crazy Wisdom**  
114 S. Main St.  
734-665-2757  
crazywisdom.net  
Metaphysical/spiritual  
bookstore featuring new books

**4: Dawn Treader**  
514 E Liberty St.  
(734) 995-1008  
dawntreaderbooks.com  
General bookstore featuring  
used and rare books

**5: Friends Book Shop\***  
343 S. Fifth Ave.  
(734) 302-7774  
faadl.org  
(Inside the Ann Arbor District Library)  
General bookstore  
featuring used and rare books



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**6: Literati**  
124 E Washington St.  
(734) 585-5567  
literatibookstore.com  
General bookstore  
featuring new books

**7: Motte & Bailey**  
212 N 4th Ave.  
(734) 669-0451  
mottebooks.com  
Used and rare  
bookstore specializing in  
American & European  
history

**8: Nicola's Books**  
2513 Jackson Ave.  
(734) 662-0600  
nicolasbooks.com  
General bookstore  
featuring new books

**9: Vault of Midnight**  
219 S Main St.  
(734) 998-1413  
vaultofmidnight.com  
Comic books, graphic  
novels, and board  
games

**10: West Side Book Shop**  
113 W Liberty St.  
(734) 995-1891  
westsidebookshop.com  
General bookstore  
featuring used and rare  
books

We recently printed the third edition of our bookstore map, which we distribute to all Ann Arbor independent bookstores, and hope to soon make available at local hotels and various points of interest. We distributed over 4,000 bookstore maps in the past year and continue to be gratified by the positive comments and appreciation we receive from booksellers who share them with both local and out-of-town book lovers. In addition to Ann Arbor's nine independent bookstores, our new map includes other places, many of them nonprofit organizations, that are worthwhile stops on your quest to discover your next favorite read. We are working on adding pages to our website for each of the below places, but in the meantime, please visit their websites to learn more.

[Ann Arbor Thrift Shop](#) (3500 Washtenaw Ave., K)

[Friends Book Shop](#) (343 S. Fifth Ave.--inside the downtown branch of the Ann Arbor District Library)

[Kiwanis Thrift Sale](#) (100 N. Staebler Rd.)

[Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop](#) (2280 S. Industrial Hwy.)

[Recycle Ann Arbor's ReUse Center](#) (2420 S. Industrial Hwy.)

[The Treasure Mart](#) (529 Detroit St.)

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## Book Ends



**Students with Slauson Middle School's new Little Free Library**

*(Photo courtesy of garden volunteer Sandy Ellender)*

## On the Shelf



***Melmoth: A Novel\****

**By Sarah Perry**

Custom House,

Hardcover, \$27.99

October 16th, 2018

The first clue that you're in for

## Little Free Library

**Slauson Middle School**

**1019 West Washington**

Little Free Libraries have always drawn my attention as a cool concept. In Ann Arbor they have become a part of our community's culture through their installation at many public facing areas. In addition to the 'let's promote reading' aspect,

I like that Little Free Libraries facilitate the interaction between a variety of people. They encourage members of a community to connect in new ways wherever they are located. As garden coordinator of

The Bear Den, our library's placement was a strategic decision. It's installed at the front of the school near the garden to draw attention to AAPS gardens; since Slauson's is

something special with Sarah Perry's *Melmoth* is the title and the dedication, which reads "*In Memoriam Charles Robert Maturin.*"

Already the game's afoot—and the reader who likes games will head straight to Wikipedia to find that Charles Maturin was a 19th-century writer and clergyman best known for novel *Melmoth the Wanderer*, an early Gothic horror novel and publishing contemporary of *Frankenstein*.

Perry's last book, *The Essex Serpent*, played with another 19<sup>th</sup> Gothic genre and used a plot that would make the Brontës proud to set up a very 21st-century argument for whether faith or reason is the best organizing narrative for our lives. It was fun, fizzy, disarmingly charming and pleasingly smart. Small wonder Perry is a favorite of Indie booksellers. So, armed with "Melmoth" and "Maturin." it's a good guess that Perry's about to use the early horror novel and it's embedded moral lesson as a way of considering the human condition.

The result is breathtaking. I haven't had a book affect me in such a profound way since I read *The White Hotel* over thirty years ago. While it is a triumph of page-turning storytelling, traveling through time and across the globe from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia to Cairo, Manila and contemporary London, Perry's storytelling is again in service to a very modern purpose: parsing how our secret shame and self-hatred can translate into a hatred of others, and how that plays out in atrocity. This is a book about humanity's collective guilt and

only one of many. School gardens are another example of building community around an idea.

Librarian and steward, Laurel Maguire, restocks our Little Free Library from the school library's free book cart. My husband, kids, and I are always cycling through books.

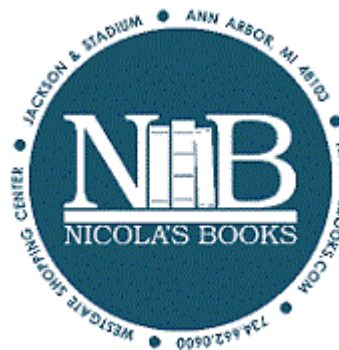
Donating them to the school is a great way to share our family's love of reading. Slauson's library has been restocked five times since its installation in August. I often observe groups of students peeking in to see if there are any new books.

Parents waiting for their kids can take a book or leave one. Outside of school hours these libraries invite neighborhood residents into vibrant and important places in the city that they might not normally see up close — our public schools.

Stop by to check it out Slauson's Little Free Library and if you see me in the garden please do stop by to say hi!

--Carolyn Herrmann is a part-time accountant, regular school volunteer, and full-time mother to two sons - 13 & 14.

## New Book Club at Nicola's!



culpability for the horrors we have brought upon ourselves.

A downer? Yes. But heart-wrenchingly beautiful in a way that cuts through polemic and politics—that opens the reader's mind and heart. Inside the horror is a sharp, small spark of hope.

*--Kate McCune lives in Ann Arbor and is a sales rep for HarperCollins Publishers*

\**Melmoth* has been selected as the October pick of the [Literati Cultura](#) signed first-editions subscription club!

### Ann Arbor Book Society Tote Bags!



We are thrilled to announce the arrival of the Ann Arbor Book Society tote bag! This

Nicola's is starting a book club! Beginning Thursday, October 18th, the [Nicola's Book Club](#) will meet the third Thursday of every month, and each monthly selection will be available at a 15% discount. October's selection is the memoir [Crux](#) by Jean Guerrero. Free but registration required.

### MeLCat is Back!



To all the library patrons who have been patiently awaiting the return of interlibrary loan, we are pleased to let you know that it's back! [Starting October 1st](#), you can begin requesting items from other libraries that are not carried at AADL. We are so grateful to have this valuable service back!





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### Calling All Book Club Members!

Do you participate in a book club that's open to the public? We want to hear from you! The Ann Arbor Book Society is developing a directory of local book clubs for our website. Please email [rachel@a2books.org](mailto:rachel@a2books.org) if you would like to let us know about a book club you enjoy!

Aunt Agatha's storefront may have closed, but thankfully owners Robin and Jamie Agnew's passion for mysteries remain! Their website, [auntagathas.com](http://auntagathas.com), is still regularly updated with book reviews and select books for purchase, and they will continue to host [events](#). A more extensive collection of their book inventory can be found on their page at [abebooks.com](http://abebooks.com).

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### Snapshot of the Past



Children's Library Reading Club, Ann Arbor Public Library, September, 1938. (Courtesy of the [Ann Arbor District Library](#).)

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