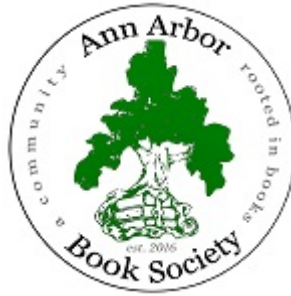


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## September Newsletter

[a2books.org](http://a2books.org)

### September Book Events

Click on the calendar below for details on book events taking place this month!

September 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Literati At Home with Literati: Carl Phillips  Literati At Home with Literati: Story Time with Lindsay McDowell  Nivola's Books: Sonia Hartl & Becky Wallace on Facebook Live	31 Literati At Home with Literati: Elana Cook	1 AADL: Storytime with Lory on AADL TV  Literati At Home with Literati: Susan Stephenson	2 AADL: Storytime with Christopher on AADL TV  Nivola's Books: Storytime on Facebook Live  Literati At Home with Literati: Heidi Cole and Sasha Meira  Nivola's Books: Community Reading: Covid-19 Hour on Facebook Live	3 AADL: Storytime with Evelyn on AADL TV  Literati At Home with Literati: Armin Choi, Willa Adams Falkner, Rachel Eliza Griffiths, and Jon Sands	4 AADL: Storytime with Allen on AADL TV	5
6	7 Literati At Home with Literati: Fredrik Backman in Conversation with April Baur	8 AADL: Storytime with Christopher on AADL TV  Literati At Home with Literati: Eliza	9 AADL: Storytime with Amanda on AADL TV  Nivola's Books: Storytime on Facebook Live	10 AADL: Storytime with Elizabeth on AADL TV	11 AADL: Storytime with Lucy on AADL TV	12 Literati At Home with Literati: Samira

### A Bookbinding Tour of Ann Arbor

by Karen Alvarez

Ann Arbor's bookbinders were numerous and busy in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Old city directories reveal that as many as a dozen binderies operated here at one time. Some were owned by local publishing houses, others by single independent craftsmen. Even after independent binderies began to disappear, Ann Arbor remained a center of bookbinding artisanship right up to the present day. Some of the most interesting stories include a "war on State St." and a nook called "the world's smallest book bindery."



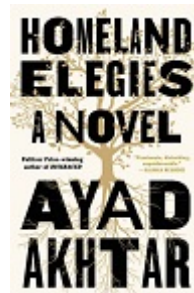
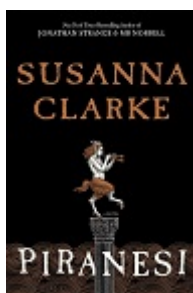
The elegant and intricate covers that we typically associate with bookbinding bely the dangers faced by practitioners. A man named Frank Johnston, a bookbinder with the Ann Arbor Printing Company, made news in 1902 when he suffered a gruesome injury from a book saw. His doctor was quoted as hoping “to be able to save the hand, but an amputation of one or more fingers will be necessary.”

Ann Arbor’s bookbinding history began in Lower Town. The area was the manufacturing epicenter where mills took advantage of the power of the Huron River. Ann Arbor grew rapidly after its founding in 1827, and within twenty years, boasted the university, three flour mills, a

distillery, and oil and paper mills.

On site at the paper mill was a book bindery, whose proprietor Elijah Booth advertised in 1843 that “old books will be neatly rebound on short notice...country produce taken in payment.” Four years later he moved his bindery to “No. 5 Huron Block, opposite the Washtenaw House.” The Huron Block was part of a growing commercial district on Broadway, and the Washtenaw House was a prominent hotel and stagecoach stop between Chicago and Detroit. [Read more...](#)

## Noteworthy New Releases





## Bookstore Updates



In addition to their regular, in-depth [reviews](#) of new and noteworthy mysteries, Aunt Agatha's is now doing virtual book discussions! The second in the series, on Cay Rademacher's *Murderous Mistral*, will take place at 2 pm on Sunday,



Vault of Midnight is open Sunday through Thursday from 11 am to 6 pm and Friday and Saturday from 11 am to 8 pm. Thursdays from 11 am to 1 pm continue to be open to at-risk customers only. Masks are required, social distancing signs are posted around the store and there will be a limit to the number of customers in the store at one time. They continue to offer curbside or mail order delivery from 11 am to 6 pm, Wednesday through Sunday. For more information, or to place an

September 27th. To receive a Zoom invite, simply email [store@auntagathas.com](mailto:store@auntagathas.com)



Bookbound continues to offer [no-contact curbside pickup](#) service Tuesdays through Saturdays from 12 pm to 6 pm. Orders can be placed by calling the store during business hours at 734-369-4345 or emailing [info@bookboundbookstore](mailto:info@bookboundbookstore.com) at any time. They continue to sell [gift certificates](#) online and offer online shopping for delivery through [bookshop.org](http://bookshop.org).



Crazy Wisdom reopened on Tuesday, August 25th. Their hours are Monday through Saturday, 11 am to 7 pm and Sunday 12 pm to 5 pm. The tea room and second floor is currently closed and will remain so through December 2020. They continue to [sell gift certificates](#) and [books](#) online, and are accepting donations to their [GoFundMe](#) campaign. Read more about their reopening plan [here](#).

order, give them a call at 734-998-1413 or email them at [contact@vaultofmidnight.com](mailto:contact@vaultofmidnight.com).

Don't forget to visit their new [webstore](#)! They also continue to sell [gift certificates](#) online.



West Side Book Shop is open Monday through Thursday from 11 am to 6 pm, Friday and Saturday from 11 am to 9 pm and Sunday 12 pm to 5 pm. Masks and social distancing are required. They continue to [sell books online](#) for shipping, and are accepting donations to their [GoFundMe](#) campaign.

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## Other Book News



The Ann Arbor District Library continues to accept returns of library materials, and is filling requests for materials for contactless pickup.

If you miss benefiting from the expertise of the library staff, be sure to check out the [review page](#) on the AADL's website for some great books to add to your To Be Read list!



Dawn Treader continues to do curbside pickup. Books can be purchased by calling 734-995-1008 or emailing

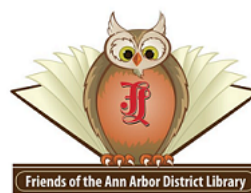
dawntreaderbooks@gmail.com for shipping or curbside pickup at the store Monday through Friday between 10 am and 4 pm . They continue to accept donations to their [GoFundMe campaign](#) and [sell gift certificates online](#).



Literati continues to offer [curbside pickup](#) Mondays through Saturdays from 11 am to 7 pm through [Literatibookstore.com](#). They continue to sell [gift certificates](#) online, offer online shopping for shipping, and continue to accept donations to their [GoFundMe](#) campaign. In addition to their extensive schedule of book events taking place through their [At Home with Literati Series](#), they are now offering one-on-one bookseller shopping experiences through their [Tête-à-Tête with a Bookseller](#) service!



Motte & Bailey Booksellers is open



The Friends Book Shop continues to expand its offerings on its [online book shop](#). The Friends also continue to accept phone and email inquiries about book shop inventory for purchase. Purchases are available for pick up only at the Ann Arbor District Library Downtown Branch Lobby. Call 302-7774 or email [faadlorders@gmail.com](#).



Happy 25th Anniversary to Nicola's Books! Nicola's Books started as a Little Professor franchise and was purchased by Nicola Rooney, the first woman to graduate with a chemical engineering degree at the University of Cambridge, in 1995. Changing its name to Nicola's Books in 1997, Nicola owned and operated Nicola's Books for almost 20 years, until 2014 when she sold it to Bill and Cecile Fehsenfeld, longtime booksellers and owners of Schuler's Books in Grand Rapids and Lansing. Nicola's Books is truly a community bookstore and the Ann Arbor Book Society would personally like to thank them for the ongoing support they have shown us since



Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 7 pm. Masks and social distancing are required. Masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer are available if wanted. They continue to sell online for shipping through their [website](#) and [ebay store](#) and have [gift certificates](#) available online for purchase.



Nicola's Books is open daily from 10 am to 7 pm. Masks and social distancing are required and only 20 customers will be allowed in the store at one time. They continue to offer [online ordering](#) for curbside pickup and delivery are still selling [gift certificates](#) online.

our inception. Congratulations on this incredible milestone! We look forward to the many contributions you will continue to make to the book community in the years to come.



Since 2003, the Kerrytown BookFest has marked the unofficial start to fall each September. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the bookfest was cancelled this year. Please consider [donating](#) to this important annual event to make sure it returns in 2021!

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## Snapshot of the Past



**Caption: "Lost and Found" -- this is a display of photos, book marks, and other items that patrons left in the books they borrowed." - Wystan Stevens. September 11, 1986. Courtesy of the Ann Arbor District Library.**

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