

Independent Bookstores in Arkansas

Ambivert Books

Website: <https://ambivertbooks.com/>

Ambivert Books is a pop-up and online bookstore that started in 2024 with a focus on making books from Latin America, Spain, and the Caribbean more accessible.

Bean's Books

Address: 315 US-65, Conway

Phone: (501) 621-2443

Website: <https://www.beans-books.com/>

Bean's Books, run by Marshall Cunningham, sells both new and used books. The store carries a variety of genres including romance, Christian books, Arkansas-themed titles, and Christian fiction.

Beautywood Books

Address: 1704 N Main St, North Little Rock

Phone: (501) 487-4323

Website: <https://www.beautywoodbooks.com/>

Beautywood Books started as a pop-up bookstore and moved to a brick-and-mortar space in 2023. The store hosts community programs and author events, offering a strong selection of fiction titles and a collection of Arkansas-themed books.

Black Ribbon Books

Address: 239 Central Ave, Hot Springs

Phone: (501) 538-5797

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/p/Black-Ribbon-Books-100093909771807/>

Black Ribbon Books is a cozy indie bookstore with a large collection of new and used books located in the lower level of the Arlington Hotel in downtown Hot Springs.

Blytheville Book Company

Address: 429 W. Main St., Blytheville

Phone: (870) 763-3333

Website: <https://blythevillebookcompany.com/>

Blytheville Book Company is a neighborhood bookstore with a cafe, offering a pleasant atmosphere to study, read, and enjoy coffee or tea. The store carries new books of general interest and also sells gifts and vinyl records.

Book Traders Bookstore

Address: 1120 Hogan Ln Suite A, Conway

Phone: (501) 336-9537

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/p/BookTraders-100063695647236/>

Book Traders Bookstore in Conway offers a large selection of used books and accepts books for trade. The store recently added a community pantry and offers children's books and fiction titles.

Bookish Emporium of Arkansas

Address: 513 W Main Street, Heber Springs

Phone: (501) 691-0729

Website: <https://www.bookishemporium.com/>

Bookish Emporium of Arkansas is a local, woman-owned, all-inclusive bookstore and gift shop for all ages and reading levels.

Bookish Fort Smith

Address: 63 S 6th St, Fort Smith

Phone: (479) 434-8631

Websites: <https://www.bookishfs.com/>

Bookish Fort Smith is known for its curated selection of new books for readers of all ages. The store hosts author events and community activities. Bookish “works to bring books to the community and a community to book lovers” in downtown Fort Smith.

Books by the Pound

Website: <https://www.booksbythepound.shop/>

Address: 1010 E Lincoln Ave, Searcy

Phone: (501) 230-8830

Address: 601 W 4th St North Little Rock

Phone: (501) 549-2998

Books by the Pound is a family-owned bookstore. In addition to books, the store sells collectible items, toys, vinyl records, DVDs, CDs, cassette tapes, and VHS tapes. Books are typically sold in bulk.

Chapters on Main Bookstore & Coffeeshop

Address: 816 Main St, Van Buren

Phone: (479) 471-9315

Website: <https://www.chapteronmain.com/>

Chapters on Main Bookstore & Coffeeshop sells both new and used books. The store supports local authors and offers sections dedicated to local books. They also serve coffee and host book clubs, and community events.

Dad Suggests Books

Address: 2526 E. Mission Blvd. Suite 110, Fayetteville

Phone: (479) 332-8611

Website: <https://www.dadsuggests.com>

Dad Suggests Books specializes in new children's books and is a resource for parents and young readers.

Dickson Street Bookshop

Address: 325 W Dickson St, Fayetteville

Phone: (479) 442-8182

Website: <https://www.dicksonstreetbooks.com/>

Founded in 1978, Dickson Street Bookshop carries used and out-of-print books across many subjects. New books are added weekly, and customers can also sell or trade books for cash or store credit.

Dog Ear Books

Address: 312 W 2nd Street, Russellville

Phone: (479) 219-5123

Website: <https://www.dogearbooksar.com/>

Dog Ear Books offers primarily new books with some used selections. The store hosts community events including author signings, book clubs, readings, and storytime. They also sell coffee, tea, gifts, and stationery.

Fox and Fable Bookstore

Address: 114 E Buchanan St, Prairie Grove

Phone: (479) 846-2665

Website: <https://www.foxandfablebookstore.com/>

Fox and Fable Bookstore sells both new and used books across genres such as fantasy, historical fiction, romance, and thrillers. The store focuses on building a local book community through book clubs and themed discussion events.

Friendly Bookstore

Address: 401 N. 2nd St., Rogers, AR 72756

Phone: (479) 246-0533

Website: <https://rogerspubliclibrary.org/friends/friendly-bookstore/>

The Friendly Bookstore is a project of the Friends of the Rogers Public Library. It sells used books of general interest, and all proceeds support the library and its programs.

Grace & Truth Books

Address: 815 Exchange Ave Suite 101, Conway, AR 72032

Phone: (501) 459-5601

Website: <https://graceandtruthbooks.com/>

Grace & Truth Books is a Christian bookstore focused on biblical worldview materials, family reading, and homeschooling resources. They also offer laser engraving and embossing for Bibles.

It's A Mystery BookStore

Address: 107 Hubbert St, Berryville

Phone: (870) 505-1368

Website: <https://itsmystery.net/>

Located on the historic town square, this store specializes in mystery and other popular genres. Customers can buy, sell, or trade books, and the store also accepts certain used CDs.

Más Libritos Bookstore

Website: <https://mas-libritos-bookstore.square.site/our-story#lEIopA>

Más Libritos started in January 2023 in Springdale as a pop-up bookstore. They had a physical store for about a year, but now they're back to being a pop-up and online store. It's Latina-owned and focuses on intersectional feminism, and their book collection really centers stories from Black, Indigenous, and other people of color.

Once Upon a Time Books

Once Upon a Time Books is a used bookstore with three locations in Northwest Arkansas. The website features an extensive range of titles, including editions and genres not found in their retail stores. When checking out, customers have the option to ship or pick up at one of the three retail store locations.

Website: <https://www.ouatbooks.com/>

Address: 462 E Henri de Tonti Blvd, Springdale

Phone: (479) 927-6001

Address: 116 W Central Ave, Bentonville

Phone: (479) 367-2595

Address: 1336 N. College Ave, Fayetteville

Phone: (479) 300-1052

Paper Chase Book Store

Address: 136 W. Main St., Batesville

Phone: (870) 793-4276

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Thepaperchasebookstore/>

Paper Chase Book Store was established in the mid-1970s as a used bookstore and now carries both used and new books. The store specializes in general interest and can special order any book not currently on their shelves.

Paper Hearts Book Store

Address: 408 E 21st St, Little Rock

Phone: N/A

Websites: <https://www.paperheartsbooks.com/> | <https://bookshop.org/shop/paperheartsbooks>

Paper Hearts Book Store hosts several book clubs and pop-up shops at farmers markets and community events. The store offers a wide selection of books including fiction, eBooks, Arkansas authors, and

banned books.

Pearl's Books

Address: 28 E Center St, Fayetteville

Phone: (479) 527-6984

Websites: <https://www.pearlsbooks.com/> | <https://www.facebook.com/pearlsbooksfayetteville>

Pearl's Books focuses on building strong connections with the local community by hosting monthly events and themed book clubs. The store is especially known for its strong fiction selection.

Pocket Dimension Bookshoppe

Address: 713 N. Main St., North Little Rock

Phone: (501) 904-1948

Website: <https://www.pocketdimensionbooks.com/>

Pocket Dimension Bookshoppe opened its brick-and-mortar location in March 2026 but got its start as a mobile bookstore. The shop focuses on fantasy, science fiction, and horror genres.

Pyramid Art Books & Custom Framing

Address: 1001 Wright Ave, Little Rock

Phone: (501) 372-5824

Website: <https://www.pyramid1988.com/>

Founded in 1988, this bookstore and art gallery offers titles in poetry, children's literature, and fiction, along with author events, children's programming, and custom framing.

Sammy's Bookshelf

Address: 11121 N Rodney Parham Rd Suite 13A

Phone: (501) 554-5090

Websites: <https://www.sammysbookshelf.com/>

A bookshop for all ages the store hosts various events promoting awareness around relevant literary topics. Their focus is on making reading accessible and enjoyable for adults, children, and all families.

Secret Nook Coffee & Books

Address: 1105 Deer St, Suite 5, Conway

Phone: (501) 358-6779

Website: <https://secretnookcoffeebooks.square.site>

In addition to offering a curated selection of new and used books, also find Arkansas-roasted coffee, and loose-leaf tea. Secret Nook hosts special events including book club meetings, bingo nights, silent book clubs, and poetry open mic sessions.

Southern Lore Books

Address: Little Rock

Website: <https://www.southernlorebooks.com>

Southern Lore is an online bookstore with pop-up appearances based in Little Rock. The store's mission is to provide a safe, judgment-free space that caters to readers from all walks of life.

The 1988 – Books and Gifts

Address: 117 N Jefferson Ave, El Dorado

Phone: (870) 312-8772

Website: <https://shopthe1988.com/>

Formerly known as Jefferson Street Books, The 1988 is an independent bookstore that sells both books and gift items. The store regularly hosts events, including weekly children's storytime sessions with activities and music.

The Bookworm

Address: 1500 AR-5, Ste B, Benton, AR 72019

Phone: (501) 366-4044

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/BookWormBenton>

A used bookstore in Benton offering a wide selection of new and used books for all ages and interests. The shelves are packed with everything from classics to hidden gems.

The Book Store

Address: 3832 John F Kennedy Blvd, North Little Rock

Phone: (501) 753-1879

Websites: <https://thebookstorenlr.com/>

The Book Store is known for its long history and personalized customer service. The store carries more than 50,000 used books across many genres and hosts book signings and community events.

The Curious Book Shoppe

Address: 103 N College Ave, Fayetteville

Phone: (479) 283-2225

Website: <https://www.booksnwa.com/>

The Curious Book Shoppe specializes in rare, antiquarian, and collectible books. Their collection includes first editions, signed copies, leather-bound volumes, and titles from publishers like Easton Press and Folio Society.

The Electric Strawberry

Address: 500 W. Grand Ave., Hot Springs

Phone: (501) 621-4133

Website: <https://www.theelectricstrawberry.com>

The Electric Strawberry bookstore specializes in progressive titles including mystery, thriller, true crime, local authors, and modern self-help. The space is described as a "safe space for all."

The Mossy Spine

Address: Harrison

Phone: (870) 955-4683

Website: <https://www.themossyspine.com>

The Mossy Spine is an online bookstore with pop-up appearances based in Harrison. The store focuses on cozy reads and genres like romance, fantasy, and thriller.

The People's Bookstore

Address: 112 S Cross St, Little Rock

Website: <https://thepeoplesbookstore.com/>

The People's Bookstore is located inside the Iron + Ink Collective in Little Rock. The store offers curated books centered in liberation and radical joy, community events like workshops and readings, and providing resources and support through storytelling and connection.

Treat Yo Shelf Books

Address: 809 S Main St, Mountain Home

Phone: (870) 200-9636

Website: <https://www.treatyoshelfbooks.com/>

Treat Yo Shelf Books specializes in new books and is known for its strong fantasy selection. The store also supports local schools by maintaining teacher wishlists for classroom books and sharing blog content about science fiction, fantasy, and reading culture.

Two Friends Bookstore + Cafe

Address: 801 SE 8th St, Bentonville

Phone: (479) 367-2442

Website: <https://www.twofriendsbooks.com/>

Two Friends Bookstore + Cafe hosts community events such as book clubs, storytime, author visits, and support groups. The store includes a full café and operates a nonprofit that works to expand access to books in Northwest Arkansas.

Underbrush Books

Address: 103 W Walnut St

Phone: (479) 507-4227

Website: <https://underbrushbooks.com/pages/about-underbrush-books>

Underbrush Books began as a community book club and now operates as an independent bookstore known for its strong genre fiction and queer literature sections. The store hosts multiple book clubs and author events each month.

WordsWorth Books

Address: 5920 R St, Little Rock

Phone: (501) 663-9198

Website: <https://wordsworthbookstore.com/>

WordsWorth Books works closely with the Central Arkansas Library System and participates in the annual Six Bridges Book Festival. The store provides books for schools, churches, and reading groups and maintains a dedicated Arkansas-interest section.