

Independent Bookstores in Arkansas

Ambivert Books

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

Ambivert Books is a pop-up and online bookstore that started in 2024. It focuses on making books from Latin America, Spain, and the Caribbean more accessible. The goal is to help connect Spanish-speaking readers, people learning the language, and those who want access to books that haven't been translated into English.

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, is a cozy Christ-centered bookstore that sells both new and used books. The store offers programs such as trade-ins, book club discounts, author events, audiobooks, and the Beans Readers program. They also plan to host memberships, writing workshops, and book release celebrations. According to the website, the store carries a variety of genres including romance, Christian books, Arkansas-themed titles, and Christian fiction. In addition to books, they sell other merchandise available for purchase in person.

Beautywood Books

Address: 1704 N Main St, North Little Rock

Phone: (501) 487-4323

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

Beautywood Books is known for its trade-in program and focus on inclusivity. Their mission is to care for books while creating a welcoming space for all readers. The store offers cash or store credit for book trade-ins, making it easier for customers to buy and sell books. They have a strong selection of fiction titles and a collection of Arkansas-themed books, including some nonfiction.

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. Trade credit can be used to cover up to half the cost of another book. The store recently added a community pantry to help families in Arkansas. Their collection appears to include many children's books and fiction titles, though it is unclear if they carry a large number of Arkansas nonfiction 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 known for extremely low prices, with books starting at \$1.75 per pound or \$35 per box. 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, and the store appears to carry mostly fiction rather than Arkansas-focused nonfiction.

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 while creating a welcoming community gathering space. The store supports local authors and offers sections dedicated to local books. They also serve coffee and host book clubs, community events, and an annual PotterFest celebrating *Harry Potter*.

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, AR 72701

Phone: (479) 442-8182

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

Founded in 1978, Dickson Street Bookshop carries more than 100,000 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, AR 72801

Phone: (479) 219-5123

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

Dog Ear Books is a downtown destination for readers of all ages, selling 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, AR 72753

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. The store carries a small selection of Arkansas nonfiction books and some fiction titles.

It's A Mystery BookStore

Address: 107 Hubbert St, Berryville, AR 72616

Phone: (870) 505-1368

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

Located on the historic town square, this store specializes in mystery and other popular genres with more than 20,000 titles from over 2,000 authors. 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#IEIopA>

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 also sell books online. 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 extensive editions and genres not found in their retail stores. When checking out, customers have the option to either ship to their address or pick up locally 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, with approximately 80,000 titles in stock. 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, in North Little Rock's Argenta neighborhood. The store started as a mobile bookstore, appearing at pop-ups and markets with a sci-fi-themed book trailer. 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/>

Pyramid Art, Books & Custom Framing was founded in 1988 and is a Black-owned business with decades of experience supporting the arts and promoting knowledge through books. They have a really wide selection with over 6,000 titles across a bunch of genres like Black studies, poetry, children's books, fiction, and more. They also host book signings with both local Arkansas and national authors, along with a Baobab Story Time program for kids. On top of books, they offer custom framing and art installation services, which makes it more than just a bookstore.

Sammy's Bookshelf

Address: 11121 N Rodney Parham Rd Suite 13A

Phone: (501) 554-5090

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

Sammy's Bookshelf promotes access to diverse reading materials and frequently highlights challenged books during Banned Books Week. The store hosts author events, discussions, and a Banned Books Q&A. Their fiction section includes romance, fantasy, mystery, thriller, crime, and LGBTQ+ titles.

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 Book Store

Address: 3832 John F Kennedy Blvd, North Little Rock

Phone: (501) 753-1879

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

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, AR 72701

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.

Treat Yo Shelf Books

Address: 809 S Main St, Mountain Home, AR 72653

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, Rogers

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.