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Brooklyn Bookstore Crawl Returns, April 22-29

Brooklyn bookstores celebrate Independent Bookstore Day with a week-long borough-wide rewards program

New York, NY — After the success of the expanded Brooklyn Bookstore Crawl in 2022 — which marked the event's return after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic — the borough's bookstores are banding together once again to provide a week-long Bookstore Crawl leading up to Independent Bookstore Day on **April 29th, 2023**. Twenty-five stores have signed on, making it the largest Crawl in the event's history.

Participants can pick up a Brooklyn Bookstore Crawl Passport at any of the participating locations during the **week of April 22nd through April 29th.** Anyone who visits 5 or more stores automatically earns a 25% off coupon to use at a participating bookstore, and each stamp will earn them one raffle ticket that could win them fun literary prizes at the Crawl's <u>After Party</u>, hosted by <u>The Center for Fiction</u> (15 Lafayette Avenue) on Saturday, April 29th starting at 5:00 p.m. Many stores will have additional incentives and programming throughout the week as well.

Independent Bookstore Day will be a particularly bustling day at The Center for Fiction leading up to the Bookstore Crawl's After Party. The Center will be hosting an **Open House** from 12:00-5:00 p.m., offering visitors access to the members-only second floor featuring a Members

Lounge and Reading Room, fiction library, Writers Studio, and Terrace where people can learn more about The Center and its membership program with guided tours on the half-hour. Downstairs in the event space, Haiti Cultural Exchange will be hosting the third day of <u>Salon</u> <u>D'Ayiti</u>, a Haitian Literary Series featuring trilingual readings, panels, and discussions in English, French, and Kreyòl.

Conceived by Jessica Stockton-Bagnulo of <u>Greenlight Bookstore</u> and organized by the teams at Greenlight and The Center for Fiction, the Crawl unites the Brooklyn literary community and celebrates the vibrant bookstore culture of the borough that's heralded worldwide as a premier bookish destination. Hundreds of people participated in the 2022 Crawl, showing their appreciation for beloved stalwarts and hidden gems alike, with bookstores reporting their largest day of sales for the year.

Participating bookstores are listed below, and interested bookworms can learn more and plan their route around Brooklyn <u>here</u>.

Adanne 234 Water Street (DUMBO)

Archestratus No. 160 Huron St. (Greenpoint)

The Bookmark Shoppe 8415 3rd Avenue (Bay Ridge)

Books Are Magic 122 Montague Street (Brooklyn Heights)

Books Are Magic 225 Smith Street (Cobble Hill)

Cafe con Libros, A Feminist Bookstore 724 Prospect Place (Prospect Lefferts Gardens)

The Center for Fiction 15 Lafayette Ave, 11217 (Fort Greene)

Community Bookstore 143 7th Avenue (Park Slope)

Freebird Books (home of Books Through Bars) 123 Columbia Street (Columbia Waterfront / Red Hook)

Greenlight Bookstore

686 Fulton Street (Fort Greene)

Head Hi 146 Flushing Avenue (Fort Greene)

McNally Jackson 445 Albee Square West (Downtown Brooklyn()

McNally Jackson 76 North 4th Street (Williamsburg)

Mil Mundos 323 Linden Street (Bushwick)

Pioneer Works 159 Pioneer Street (Red Hook)

POWERHOUSE Building #2, 220 36th Street (Industry City/Sunset Park)

POWERHOUSE Arena 28 Adams Street (DUMBO)

POWERHOUSE on 8th 1111 8th Avenue (South Slope)

Quimby's Bookstore 536 Metropolitan Ave (Williamsburg)

Taylor & Co. 1021 Cortelyou Rd. (Ditmas Park)

Terrace Books 242 Prospect Park West (Windsor Terrace)

Unnameable Books 615 Vanderbilt Avenue (Prospect Heights)

WORD 126 Franklin Street (Greenpoint)

The Word Is Change 368 Tompkins Ave. (Bedford-Stuyvesant)

About The Center for Fiction

The Center for Fiction is a literary nonprofit that brings diverse communities together to develop and share a passion for fiction. Founded in 1821 as the Mercantile Library of New York in Manhattan, the organization is now based in the heart of the Brooklyn cultural district, with a 18,000 sq. ft. facility that offers New Yorkers an immersive cultural experience centered on reading and writing. Throughout the year, The Center for Fiction provides a vast array of public programming, reading groups, and writing workshops. The First Novel Prize and Emerging Writer Fellowships help build literary careers, and KidsRead/KidsWrite programs inspire an early love of reading and writing in public school students with author-led events. In recent years, the organization's programming has expanded to include storytelling in all its forms, integrating music, theater, dance, film, television, and the visual arts into its exploration of the best of fiction throughout history and today.

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