



What is This Document?

Being a first-time published novelist means that some groundwork will need to be done before your tour starts. In this document, I will use my background from working at Barnes and Nobles, the Glenview Public Library, marketing storytelling, the theatre, and circus arts to showcase a strategy on how to use your time in Chicago to the best effect.

The good and bad problem is that Chicago has a deep love of literary culture and so opportunities abound. I've gathered information for us to reflect on what the assets are of every opportunity and made suggestions on which to take advantage of.

Social Media

First, we need to create a foundation for everything to be built on. The best way to do this is to utilize social media. It is the cheapest and most engaging way to interact with readers. Social media is a give a little, get a little proposition. If we only talk at people, they won't give us a second glance. But if we form a relationship that's mutually beneficial to them, our followers will become valuable assets in the success of your book.

The first decision to be made is who do we want to listen to on social media? It's important to do so, so much so that I've recently been bombarded by webinars advocating the "new trend of social listening." With your social media, we are creating an ecosystem. It's important that we follow those we admire and can learn from and provide the same to those who pay attention to us.

A great way to start would be to follow every writing program and class you've taken as well as your fellow students in those spaces. Something that will help you and make others feel good is to follow everyone who helped you get to this goal. Follow your editors, anyone who gave you feedback on a draft, the people who said kinds words of support or inquired regularly on how it was going.

Next, who do you admire in the literary world? Start following them. Follow every bookstore, library, etc. that you hope to have an event at. Don't forget to use LinkedIn as part of your strategy since this is now your profession. Then put that hard work to use: spend at least an hour a day interacting with the content that those you are following have shared.

Share what you admire on your page. Feel free to speak personally about how it impacted you so that you invite your audience to do the same. Ask questions. Model the behavior that you hope they will reciprocate. Your social media pages should look like a dialogue between you and a group of friends. There should be give and take. If your social media is starting to feel difficult to maintain, consider something like Hootsuite, which allows you to control all your social media platforms in one place.

Utilize social media to keep your audience in the know. You should create a Facebook event for everyone that you schedule. If the venue has already created one, ask to be added as a host. This will let your audience know what's coming up and allow them to act as ambassadors and invite friends and family to the event. Consider starting each week with the first sentence of each chapter to whet their appetite. Let them sign up to read a chapter or release one on a whim, or maybe talk about how the Higgins' are descendants of Irish poets.



Great content to work with is literary-themed holidays such as Independent Bookstore Day on Saturday, April 27th. A possible post would be “How lucky am I to have my book come out the same month as Independent Bookstore Day?! What small bookstores do you love to shop at?”

Google Alerts

An additional way to take part in social listening is to create Google Alerts. This will send you an email whenever Google finds new results - pulling from web pages, newspaper articles or blogs that match any search terms that you've entered such as your name and your book title. It literally searches anything online. This will be a great way to see what is being said about you, like a blogger reviewing your book or any other content pertaining to you that you would want to highlight as well as any issues that need to be taken care of. When setting up Alerts, it's important to include any linked search terms in quotations, otherwise, you will get results for anything that includes those words. For example, you could create an Alert for “little lovely things,” as opposed to the words little lovely things without quotes, which would find sources with all, some, or one of those words. See the search example below for clarification:

Joan Connolly - Richboro, Pennsylvania - FamilyTreeNow.com

<https://www.familytreenow.com/records/people/connolly/joan/fe3qknkvbord0gvet8z60a>

Judith M Connolly. Katherine A Connolly, 28, 1990. Mark Greenman Connolly, 64, 1954. Mary Susan Connolly, 64, 1953. **Maureen Joyce Connolly**, 58, 1960.

Maureen Connolly in Massachusetts | 90 Records Found | Spokeo

<https://www.spokeo.com › People › Maureen Connolly> ▼

Find **Maureen Connolly** in Massachusetts: phone number, address, email and photos. Spokeo is a ... Also known as **Maureen Joyce**, M Conely. See Results.

Maureen Joyce in Massachusetts - TruePeopleSearch.com

<https://www.truepeoplesearch.com/find/joyce/maureen/area/ma>

Find **Maureen Joyce** in Massachusetts for free! ... Eleanor E Lashus, Matthew J Dinisco, Alvin Hall, Christine F **Connolly**, Francis M **Connolly**, Kevin H Burke, ...

CONNOLLY Genealogy | WikiTree FREE Family Tree

<https://www.wikitree.com/genealogy/CONNOLLY> ▼

John **Connolly** 1866 Ireland - 19 Aug 1914 managed by **Maureen** Rosenfeld Carolina, USA - 06 Apr 1927 managed by **Joyce** Rivette last edited 23 Oct 2018.

John Joyce Obituary - Portland, ME | Portland Press Herald/Maine ...

<https://obituaries.pressherald.com/obituaries/mainetoday.../obituary.aspx?n...joyce...> ▼

John **Joyce**, 89 PORTLAND – John "Jack" **Joyce**, 89, formerly of Portland, died ... in Gorham's Corner, Portland, to the late Martin and Delia (**Connolly**) **Joyce**. ... Sharon Greenleaf of Portland, Nancy Provencher of Georgia, **Maureen Joyce** of ...

Jeremy L. Davis, M.D. | Center for Cancer Research - National Cancer ...

<https://ccr.cancer.gov/surgical-oncology-program/jeremy-l-davis> ▼

Dr. Jeremy L. Davis is a surgical oncologist whose research focus is in upper gastrointestinal tract malignancy, including stomach, pancreas and hepatobiliary ...



Website

Let's look next at your website. It should be a living organism that changes and evolves. Frequent visitors should see changes right on the front page and throughout the site. You are currently creating great content in your blog section, but the blurb on your home page is far below the fold, so it's currently ineffective. Everything that is available on your social media should be available on your website, which is the hub of your campaign and the site you can control the most.

Don't miss the chance to brand yourself. You currently don't have a favicon, "an icon associated with a URL that is variously displayed, as in a browser's address bar or next to the site name in a bookmark list." Especially with the colors of your book cover, your favicon will pop even when people have too many tabs open in their browser, so I would suggest setting it up as soon as possible.

Another missing element on your website are links to your previously published work. You mention the publications by name in your bio, but no amount of searching turns up an online copy. Add those so that fans can engage further with your work and to bring venues on board at various tour stops.

A common pitfall that I see that you are currently on top of is forgetting to keep the events section of the website up to date. Soon there will be more balls in the air and the first one that usually drops is keeping those outside the circle up to date on what's going on. It's an easy way to lose someone's interest and an easy fix.

ENewsletter or Eblast

An e-newsletter is still one of the best web-based avenues for contacting interested parties and keeping them up-to-date and keeping you relevant in their minds. Our monthly newsletter through either Constant Contact or MailChimp should include pictures, a blurb written by you about something that's happened in the last month, and links to any new multimedia you've produced since then.

The important thing about this is to make sure it ends up in the hands of people who will value and appreciate it. The best way to do so is to send the first draft to 20 people who you consider to be not only movers and shakers but also friends. Ask them to pass it on to anyone they think might be interested and give them the opportunity to sign up for it, instead of having it show up each month in their inbox unwelcome and unopened. There should also be a welcome email that's sent when someone first subscribes.

Currently, this area could use improvement. For example, I've been on your mailing list but have only just received my first email. It lacked oomph and indicated a lack of direction regarding your intended audience. While it gave me an action to follow, it did not explain why I would want to do so, and the subject line provided no context clues.



Little Lovely Things by Maureen Joyce Connolly

Inbox x



Kirsten Wenum <kirsten.wenum@sourcebooks.com>

Fri, Dec 7, 2018, 12:04 PM

to Kirsten ▾

Hello!

Thanks so much for your interest in *Little Lovely Things* by Maureen Joyce Connolly, on sale April 2, 2019.
Please find a NetGalley Widget for the title below my signature.

Best,

Kirsten Wenum | Marketing Specialist

Sourcebooks & Sourcebooks Landmark

e: kirsten.wenum@sourcebooks.com

p: 630.536.0558

Little Lovely Things



Branding

An opportunity that a lot of individuals miss is branding themselves. It calls for a nit-picky level of attention but always pays off. Examples are: what swag can event workers wear to tie in with the book? (i.e., all volunteers at the Harris Theatre wear all black with an orange scarf, which makes it easy for patrons to figure out who to ask questions and also looks incredibly professional) Can the carrot bookmarks from Etsy be used throughout your tour? Can we collaborate with them to create something special for the book? What about a photo booth with elements that tie into the book?

Buyer Profiles

Alternately a must-have, not a nice to have, is buyer profiles. Your publisher's marketing team has created a set of personas with certain demographics and other behaviors to help them make decisions on how to market your book. Knowing those buyer profiles will help you in deciding what venues and opportunities to target on your book tour.

Wikipedia Page

Something that would be nice to have, but isn't a must, is a Wikipedia page. I think it's a good way to cement your reputation as someone to know about, though Monica Hess of the Washington Post clearly disagrees with that sentiment in [this article](#).



The Book Tour

Now that we've discussed the groundwork, let's talk about the Chicago Book stop itself.

Before the Event - January

- Let's start by planting the idea in your follower's minds. Start with an email. If your email lists have been managed well, you'll have geographic information. Send an email to followers letting them know that you'll be having a Chicago tour stop in Summer 2019 and to keep an eye on your website for updates. Then post on social media "I'm going to Chicago, what should I make sure to check out?" This can be utilized for every location. Fans on the ground are the authorities in their cities. Take advantage of that authority.
- Create a list of PTA's, parent groups, AARP, Rotary clubs and other groups to reach out to.
- Utilize the information I've provided below in my Overview of Opportunities. When dealing with multiple opportunities for one geographic area, I've highlighted the strongest candidate that I recommend. This list does not include Barnes & Noble and Costco locations, as those are more plentiful and easier to get on board than independent bookstores and libraries.
- Create a bookmark about the book with Chicago 2019 on it and have me distribute to literary venues across the city, including those where you won't be stopping by. We can still attract that audience without stepping foot inside the venue's doors.
- Send a press release to Chicago area press contacts including those listed in this Google Document https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1eCcl_Fneh2SRJP-tWkloovvsSO2Rlah3q0k_J50wsvs/edit?usp=sharing
- Along those lines, I would like to get you listed as an expert on "Help a Reporter Out" an online service that enables journalists to connect with experts in issues relevant to their reporting.
- Leverage the constituencies listed in the Chicago Area Contacts tab of the same Google Doc.
- Include a copy of that press release when contacting venues about hosting an event.

What to Ask Possible Locations

- Are they interested?
- What size crowd do they typically get?
- How do they promote the events?
- How far in advance do they like to firm things up?
- Are they connected to the New York Times?
- What would they like for us in advance?
- What would they like from us for the event?
- What would they like from us to promote?
- Reach out to Creative Writing Programs and offer to do a workshop or Q&A for their students.
- Connect with book clubs to let them know you will be in the area and ask if there is interest in a reading with you.
- Reach out to niche organizations like Autism Eats, Chicago Spartans, Wesleyan Alumni, Chicago Dragon Boat Race for Literacy and podcasts to introduce yourself.
- Connect with former co-worker Rebecca Gerber at the American Library Association about her specialty in how to market books to libraries.
- Discuss whether there are any webinars we can host to drum up business.
- Determine to what extent Kathy Higgins can help in promoting to the area and what connections she may have.



Closer to the Event - April

- Create a Chicago specific image to use on the website, facebook page, events, social media kit, save the date, take ones, posters, thank you email, press releases, etc.
- Send another email to Chicago area followers, book clubs, niche organizations and more letting them know the itinerary.
- Announce each location on social media while tagging them and throwing the spotlight on them. It will motivate them to share it on their social media as well as give you followers the feeling that they are behind the scenes, a feeling everyone enjoys.
- Email journalism professors to let them know that we are visiting for a possible interview project for students.
- Place ads in Chicago area theatre bills around venues we plan on stopping at as well as area magazines like Naperville Magazine.
- For any podcasts who aren't interested in having you as a guest, consider placing ads instead.
- Consider working with one of the local poster distributors such as Direction Tour Marketing to advertise in storefronts across the city.
- Ask each location about its accessibility and share that information on your website, social media, press releases, and all other marketing materials.
- Hire a sign language interpreter for as many events as possible and share that information as well.
- Alert bookstores near the library stops to have copies of the book on hand.
- Create lookalike audience facebook ads from contact lists to find like-minded folks in Chicago.
- Look into zip codes with the highest book purchases/etc. and promote to them.
- Post on social media a #ThrowbackThursday campaign with something like a photo from being on the Chicago Architectural Boat tour about your excitement to be in Chicago again. This can be used at other stops such as a photo from college right before doing a workshop there or with a friend who lives in Miami before a stop there. Your previously published work can be #ThrowbackThursday content as well.

During the Tour Stop - Summer

- Start each event by asking everyone to stand up and take a picture to post on social media using our curated hashtags.
- Take pictures with authors, event organizers, librarians, and tag them on social media. Someone who has a social media presence that I greatly admire is the English comedian Sarah Millican who utilizes this idea brilliantly. After each performance, she takes a photo backstage and thanks the fan from the area who helped her at that stop on her tour. The technique seems to work as she has nearly half a million Facebook followers.



- Visit literary-themed locations and restaurants to take photos of you and your book visiting to share on social media.
- Visit the [StoryCorp Chicago Booth](#) and let me interview you about how your book came to be.
- Now this one is definitely outside your comfort zone, but I'd like to hire a few of my photographer and videographer buddies to capture footage of your events. This can be used on social media, your website, and to help promote for further tour stops. We will have to talk to the venues about putting up a public photo release at the entrance but most won't have an issue with it.
- Ideally, this footage could be used to craft a video titled "The Person behind the Page- Maureen Joyce Connolly". This introductory video would be an overview of who you are, why you are a writer, how you got started, why they should be your facebook friend, and other questions gleaned through our buyer profile research. We want to show the sincere, authentic you, the you that people want to connect with, not just the virtual you.
- If we wanted to get totally crazy, we could livestream one of the events. Providing this content for free often has the unexpected result of making people want to meet you in person when you visit a city near them. If that is outside your comfort zone, I'm happy for this one to be the event that I read at if you would still like for me to do so.



After the Tour Stop - Immediately After

- Send thank you notes to every location afterward. This will remind them to keep promoting you and paves the way for the book tour of your future books.
- Send emails to all of the new Chicago subscribers thanking them for attending and asking them to write a review on Amazon, Goodreads, etc. and sharing a facebook album of all the photos taken while in Chicago.

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Overview of Opportunities

Chicago Area Literary Events

Printer's Row Lit Fest

- June 8-9, 2019
- Largest Free Literary Event in the Midwest
- Started in 1985, includes 200 booksellers, 100 free literary programs on seven stages and draws 125,000 book lovers over 2 days
- If you are unable to attend, have flyers to pass out promoting your upcoming appearances

Writer's Week

- February 4-8, 2019
- Starting in 1995, this event at Fremd High School brings professional writers, faculty, and students together. A rotation of writers presents during every lunch period in the auditorium. Past presenters include Gwendolyn Brooks, Billy Collins, Nikki Giovanni, Alex Kotlowitz, Luis Alberto Urrea, and many other distinguished writers.
- Look at attending in 2020
- Contact the Write Life Podcast

Sunday Salon Chicago

- Curated literary reading series.
- Events take place every other month.
- Its mission is to bring exceptional prose and poetry to an audience of passionate readers and writers for no charge, in this way creating a community space where everyone feels welcome.

Tuesday Funk

- Chicago's eclectic monthly reading series, bringing a variety of fiction, poetry, essays, and other works, in all genres, read live by the authors.
- Readings take place at 7:30 pm on the first Tuesday of every month, in the upstairs lounge at Hopleaf Bar.
- Tuesday Funk is always free to attend, but only those 21 and over can be admitted.

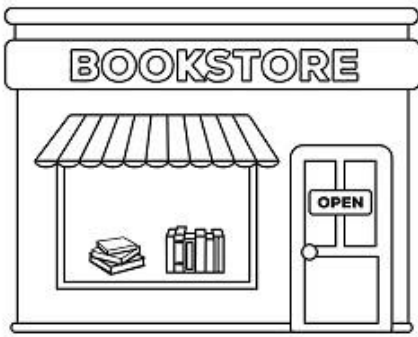
Locations to Visit by Area

Multiple resources were used to determine which locations should qualify. Each entry lists the article rating, reach on social media platforms, when they opened, their about us, and what book clubs, podcast, events, etc. that they host on premises. I've added icons to help determine what kind of organization it is at a glance:

Bookstore

Library

Other Literary Org



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The Book Celler

- Listed in 6 out of 7 articles



- ## The Book Celler
- Listed in 6 out of 7 articles



was a place that created community. The Book Cellar is proud to host book clubs, poetry nights, stand-up comedy, and readings from authors across the world.

- Holds eight book groups on site: The Book Cellar Book Club, DesiLit Book Club, Soul Pages: Spirituality Book Group, Never Too Old: A YA Book Club for Adults, The Salon: Classics Book Club, The Old St. Pat's Book Group, Afterwords Book Group, French Book Club



Literature for All of Us

- 1,555 Facebook followers
- 328 Twitter followers
- 433 Instagram followers
- Opened N/A
- OUR MISSION
 - Literature for All of Us uses books and writing to facilitate circles of connection, healing, and growth in the face of social inequity. By inviting participants to explore the transformative power of their own voices, we help build resilience.
- TOGETHER, WE...
 - Provide trauma-informed literacy support for more than 800 participants ages 12+
 - Facilitate 27 weekly book groups at 15 Chicagoland sites
 - Distribute more than 2,000 new books including novels, poetry collections, children's books, and writing journals
 - Publish 27 original poetry anthologies
 - Promote family literacy through book group programs for pregnant and parenting teens
 - Partner with programs nationwide to share our award-winning curriculum
 - Support workforce development with on-site literacy enhancement and soft skills training



Sulzer Regional Library

- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened 1985
- The library was named for Conrad Sulzer (1807-1873), a pioneer settler of Ravenswood. Sulzer, a Swiss immigrant who arrived in Chicago in 1836, turned wilderness into a livestock farm and a horticulture garden. He also served as collector of Ridgeville Township and assessor of Lake View Township, leaving a heritage of public service and commitment to the community, continued by his descendants through the Sulzer Family Foundation.

Women and Children First



- Listed in 5 out of 7 articles about best Chicago bookstores
- 12,882 Facebook followers
- 4,992 Twitter followers
- 5,689 Instagram followers



- Opened in 1979
- One of the largest feminist bookstores in the country, stocking more than 30,000 books by and about women, children's books for all ages, and the best LGBTQ fiction and non-fiction. Also serve as a neighborhood bookstore to Edgewater, Rogers Park, and other parts of the northside of Chicago and Evanston.
- Holds seven book groups on site: Family of Women Book Group, Social Justice Book Group, Classics of Women's Literature, Feminist Book Group, Teens First Book Group, Women's Book Group, Women Aging with Wisdom & Grace



Writers WorkSpace

- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened N/A
- Our mission is to provide a comfortable, inspiring environment, so writers can concentrate on their work and enjoy as much or as little community as they want.
- As a member, you receive a security card that allows you entry into Writers WorkSpace up to 365 days a year. Once inside, the writing studio provides a place for quiet work plus free printer and WiFi access. You're welcome to work, read, or socialize in the lounge or kitchen. Members can reserve the conference room to meet with clients or collaborate. Depending on your needs, choose a full-time or part-time membership.

Northwest Side

No current information on independent bookstores or libraries. An opportunity for a Barnes & Noble or Costco visit.

North Side



Amazon Books at Southport Corridor

- Listed in 0 out of 7 articles about best Chicago bookstores
- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened 2017
- There are 3,800 titles featured at this store, according to Amazon. The books are selected based on Amazon.com customer ratings, preorders, sales, popularity on Goodreads, and the company's curators' assessments.
- Utilizes this information to set up unique displays, fully described here:
<https://www.businessinsider.com/amazon-bookstore-chicago-2017-3#-chicagoans-are-pretty-big-on-biographies-and-autobiographies-8>



StoryStudio Chicago



- 2,163 Facebook followers
- 3,937 Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened 2003
- At StoryStudio Chicago, we help writers hone their craft, express their creativity, and communicate with confidence. Our mission is simple: We build communities of storytellers trained to question, explore, and celebrate their worlds using the power of the written word.
- With classes covering a wide variety of topics, genres, and levels, there is truly something for everyone at StoryStudio.
- Today, StoryStudio is one of the premier writing centers in the Chicagoland area, and welcomes more than 1,200 writers each year. StoryStudio Chicago is a certified B-Corp, a woman-owned business, and a member the Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce.

Uncharted



- Listed in 6 out of 7 articles about best Chicago bookstores
- 2,878 Facebook followers
- 2,553 Twitter followers
- 1,030 Instagram follower
- A used bookstore, event space, and writer's haven in Chicago's Logan Square.

Central

American Library Association Library and Research Center



- 195,550 Facebook followers
- 182,000 Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened 1876
- The American Library Association (ALA) is the oldest and largest library association in the world. Founded on October 6, 1876, during the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, the mission of ALA is "to provide leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all."

Barbara's Bookstore - Northwestern Memorial Hospital



- 1,125 Facebook followers
- 4,999 Twitter followers
- 427 Instagram follower



- Opened 1960's
- 201 E. Huron St. Chicago
- Barbara's Bookstore has a number of book stores in and around Chicago-land (and one in Boston, too).



Barbara's Bookstore - Macy's Chicago, Lower Level

- 111 N. State Street Chicago



Carpe Librum

- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened N/A
- A unique “pop-up” not-for-profit book store where all CDs, books, DVDs, and vinyl records are donated by the public and sold for under \$5.
- All proceeds go directly into the work of Turning the Page, a non-profit organization working in North Lawndale to link public schools, families and the community to ensure students receive valuable educational resources and a high-quality public education. Turning the Page provides home learning resources and activities, creates spaces for parents to build relationships with other parents and teachers, and builds a bridge to future leadership and advocacy opportunities for parents.
- Interested in helping your community? Carpe Librum offers pick-up services for those wanting to donate 100 or more items. Local organizations can host book drives to further support local families, for more information about these services, please contact Jacob Dimuzio at jdimuzio@turningthepage.org or (773) 362-8598.
- Carpe Librum is located at Block 37: 108 N. State, Suite 136



Chicago Literary Hall of Fame

- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened 2008
- Our mission is to honor and preserve Chicago's great literary heritage.
- We do this through educational programming, awards, exhibits, and other special events, particularly our annual induction ceremony. We are also in the process of creating a repository of detailed information about Chicago's past, present and future literary life through such projects as the Chicago Literary Map and Chicago Literary Tours.



The Chicago Poetry Center

- 2,265 Facebook followers



- 833 Twitter followers
- 719 Instagram followers
- Opened N/A
- Our primary programs include:
 - Six Points Reading Series is a monthly, free and public reading series, at rotating locations across Chicago. The series features emerging and established as well as local, national, and international writers. You can receive updates on our events by joining our mailing list on the homepage, following us on social media, or checking our News + Events page. For more information contact natasha@poetrycenter.org
 - Poets with Class is our touring, after school, and custom built performance poetry programming. Our workshops teach the craft of writing and creative performance to empower and engage students and community members of all ages, K through college and beyond. Poets with Class's teaching and touring artists boasts some of Chicago's most accomplished writers and performers, all of whom have extensive backgrounds in theater, poetry, and education. For more information, please visit Poets With Class program page, or contact mojdeh@poetrycenter.org
 - The Online Archive + Education Resource is our free online poet resource and archive features a page for every poet who has read for the Poetry Center reading series since our founding in 1974. Pages feature streaming audio, reading information, and offer additional resources and information on each writer. Browse the archive or to find a new poet, or use a page for a class assignment.



The Cliff Dwellers

- 636 Facebook
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened 1907
- In 1907, Chicago author Hamlin Garland and friends founded the Attic Club, which two years later was re-named The Cliff Dwellers. The Cliff Dwellers is a private club for members who are either professionally engaged in literature, painting, music, architecture, sculpture, or one of the allied arts, or who support the fine arts and the performing arts.
- The Club, located in the 22nd-floor penthouse of the former BorgWarner building at the southwest corner of Michigan Avenue at Adams Street, is next door to Symphony Center and overlooks Millennium Park and the Art Institute of Chicago.
- We offer programs and art exhibits for our members and their guests and support local younger artists and performers through our Artists-in-Residence (A-I-R) program. Members can also reserve Club space for private parties and dinners.



Harold Washington Library

- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened 1977



- The central library for the Chicago Public Library System.
- 400 S. State Street in Chicago
- It is a full-service library and is ADA compliant.



Hudson Booksellers at Ogilvie Railway Transportation Center

- Listed in 0 out of 7 articles about best Chicago bookstores
- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- 42,412 Weekday boardings as of 2016



Independent Writers of Chicago

- 377 Facebook followers
- 118 Twitter followers
- 567 LinkedIn
- Opened N/A
- IWOC is a non-profit professional association of freelance writers who are located primarily in the Chicago metropolitan area. Our members represent a broad range of writing specialties and serve large corporations, small businesses, and not-for-profit organizations not only throughout Chicagoland but around the world.



Literacy Chicago

- 904 Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- 260 Instagram followers
- Opened 1968
- Literacy Chicago's mission is to empower individuals to achieve greater self-sufficiency through language and literacy instruction.



Newberry Library

- 24,590 Facebook followers
- 13,120 Twitter followers
- 15,400 Instagram followers
- Opened 1887
- A world-renowned independent research library in Chicago, the Newberry offers readers an extensive non-circulating collection of rare books, maps, music, manuscripts, and other printed material spanning six centuries. Its staff provides award-winning service and supports a rich array of programmatic opportunities.



- The Newberry, open to the public without charge, is an independent research library dedicated to the advancement and dissemination of knowledge, especially in the humanities. The Newberry acquires and preserves a broad array of special collections research materials relating to the civilizations of Europe and the Americas.
- It promotes and provides for their effective use, fostering research, teaching, publication, and lifelong learning, as well as civic engagement. In service to its diverse community, the Newberry encourages intellectual pursuit in an atmosphere of free inquiry and sustains the highest standards of collection preservation, bibliographic access, and reader services.



Open Books West Loop

- 8,339 Facebook followers
- 6,515 Twitter followers
- 3,707 Instagram followers
- Opened N/A
- Open Books is a nonprofit social venture that provides literacy experiences for tens of thousands of readers each year through inspiring programs and the creative capitalization of books.
- Through our Literacy Programs, we transform students' reading and writing skills through experienced educators who deliver innovative instruction, passionate volunteers who serve as positive role models and provide enthusiastic support, safe learning environments for practice, exploration, and social-emotional growth, and access to high-quality books and tailored curricula.
- Through our Book Grants, we provide readers of all ages with engaging, appropriate, and high-quality books. Each week, we deliver thousands of books to schools and nonprofits across Chicagoland.
- Funding for our work comes in large part from the sale of donated books at our award-winning Pilsen and West Loop stores, as well as online and at special events.



Poetry Foundation

- 265,550 Facebook followers
- 258,000 Twitter followers
- 64,700 Instagram followers
- Opened 2003
- The Poetry Foundation, publisher of Poetry magazine, is an independent literary organization committed to a vigorous presence for poetry in our culture. It exists to discover and celebrate the best poetry and to place it before the largest possible audience.
- The Poetry Foundation works to raise poetry to a more visible and influential position in our culture. The Foundation seeks to be a leader in shaping a receptive climate for poetry by developing new audiences, creating new avenues for delivery, and encouraging new kinds of poetry.



Poets & Patrons

- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened 1954



- It is dedicated to supporting poetry development in the Chicagoland area. It does this through sponsoring and hosting congenial, professional workshops at The Harold Washington Library; running an annual Chicagoland Poetry Contest with modest cash awards for multiple categories; facilitating free writing workshops at area museums and outdoor venues (Write! Chicago); and an annual Awards Ceremony. Poets & Patrons is an excellent vehicle for defining your work, meeting with other fine poets for unique critiques, and exploring with others the power of well-crafted verse.



Public Narrative

- 3,262 Facebook followers
- 4,728 Twitter followers
- 599 Instagram followers
- Opened 1989
- OUR WORK
 - Our mission is driven from a desire to shore up our country's democratic underpinnings. To fulfill it, we teach two distinct groups — journalists and nonprofits — how to tell better stories. We know without people seeing their concerns and realities reflected in journalism, the full stories will never be told, those that are will not be relevant to people and there can never be meaningful change. And we want change. We particularly intend to change the public narrative to ensure we are telling the full story about racism, sexism, and xenophobia — things that are historically and deeply woven into the fabric of society. Our goal is to change the public narrative to ensure stories involving these issues are complete and include the voices of people, not just power.



Sandmeyer's Bookstore

- Listed in 5 out of 7 articles about best Chicago bookstores
- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened 1982
- 1346 Facebook followers
- 0 Twitter followers
- 0 Instagram follower
- Sandmeyer's Bookstore has served Chicago's South Loop, providing quality new books and unbeatable service. A true mom-and-pop shop, Sandmeyer's Bookstore has been family-owned and operated since the beginning.

West Side



Guild Literary Complex

- 1,036 Facebook followers



- 660 Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened 1989
- In 1989, a local, community-based bookstore, Guild Books (once located on Lincoln Avenue) began regularly hosting progressive, stimulating, and eclectic literary events. Soon after, the Guild Complex established itself as an official non-profit organization with poet Michael Warr as its first executive director. For the last 25 years, the Guild Literary Complex has been a pioneer on Chicago's literary landscape, consistently hosting innovative and diverse events, featuring leading literary names, and welcoming new, emerging voices. The Guild Literary Complex has been acknowledged as "Chicago's premier literary center" by the Illinois Arts Council and twice selected as a model literary center by the National Endowment for the Arts. Chicago writer Studs Terkel, activist Meridel Le Sueur, and blues legend Willie Dixon were among many famous faces who passed through the doors of Guild Books, and past writers have included some of history's most influential contemporary authors.



Myopic

- Listed in 6 out of 7 articles about best Chicago bookstores
- 3,156 Facebook followers
- 0 Twitter followers
- 0 Instagram followers
- Opened 1991
- Myopic Books is an award-winning bookstore in the heart of Chicago's Wicker Park community with 70,000 books.
- "Myopic is somewhat analogous to the bookstore Quimby's, in terms of its importance and longevity in the neighborhood; Myopic stocks used books rather than new independent press product, and are somewhat surlier in the face of change."
- Hosts a poetry reading night



Open Books Pilsen

- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened N/A
- 905 W 19th St, Chicago, IL 60608



Pilsen Community Books

- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- 5,796 Instagram followers
- Opened N/A
- Our hope is that Pilsen Community Books can be more than a bookstore. In addition to selling new and used books, we are here to support Pilsen's schools. The first step toward promoting literacy in our



neighborhood is to provide each student with books. Every dollar that you spend directly supports this mission.

Quimby's



- Listed in 7 out of 7 articles about best Chicago bookstores
- 9,020 Facebook followers
- 8,186 Twitter followers
- 7,503 Instagram followers
- Opened 1991
- Purveyor of independently-published and small press zines, comics, books, and other bizarre periodicals.
- Blog: <https://www.quimbys.com/blog/>

Read/Write Library



- 4,186 Facebook followers
- 1,679 Twitter followers
- 1,059 Instagram followers
- Opened N/A
- Through our public programs that engage hundreds ages 6 to 75+ annually, free browsing hours at our Humboldt Park Reading Room, 6,000+ publication collection, and open source catalog, we aim to put the construction of community narratives into the hands of the community.
- Whether it's access to stories from your own backyard that have been left out of the record, grassroots research workshops to learn how to uncover these stories for yourself, or exhibitions and discussions to connect people across communities to each others' lived experience, we offer opportunities to explore the city's past, present and future through primary sources and bring your own expertise to the table.

South Side

Blackstone Branch Library



- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened 1904
- The first branch of the Chicago Public Library, Blackstone Branch opened in 1904 and was renovated in 1980. It's named for Timothy Beach Blackstone, president of the Chicago and Alton Railroad and the first president of the Union Stockyards and Transit Company. Blackstone Branch is modeled after the Erechtheion, a temple on the Athenian Acropolis. Its architect, Solon S. Beman, was a leading architect of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.



Chinatown Branch Library

- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened 1972
- A new 16,000-square-foot, two-story Chinatown Branch opened August 29, 2015, with a partially covered “living” roof, Feng shui-influenced interior design and expansive views of the city.
- The branch serves as a cultural and information center for those who seek information about the Chinatown community and Chinese culture.

Seminary Co-Op/57th Street



- Listed in 5 out of 7 articles about best Chicago bookstores
- Opened 1961

Seminary Co-Op

- 8,185 Facebook followers
- 4,385 Twitter followers
- 3,867 Instagram followers

57th Street

- 3,945 Facebook followers
- 2,469 Twitter followers
- 3,472 Instagram followers
- The Seminary Co-op Bookstores, Inc. is comprised of two independent customer-owned co-operative bookstores. Located in Chicago’s Hyde Park neighborhood near the University of Chicago, the Seminary Co-op has grown from 17 members at its founding to over 53,000 today. Renowned as an exemplary academic bookstore, it attracts customers nationally and internationally. Its inventory reflects the literary and scholarly interests of its membership, many of them affiliated currently or previously with its neighbor and landlord, the University of Chicago.
- 57th St. Books was established in 1983 and caters to the literary interests of the greater Hyde Park community. With a world-class children’s department, a deep backlist selection and an enthusiastic staff, 57th St. Books has established itself as a gem among independent bookstores. Both stores are unique and valued places of discovery, Chicago institutions where browsing and conversation are nurtured.
- Also records events and releases as a podcast



Stony Island Arts Bank

- N/A Facebook followers
- 3,211 Twitter followers
- 6,531 Instagram followers



- Opened 2015
- The Stony Island Arts Bank is a hybrid gallery, media archive, library and community center – and a home for Rebuild’s archives and collections. Designed by William Gibbons Uffendell and built in 1923, the bank at 68th Street and Stony Island Avenue was once a vibrant community savings and loan. By the eighties, the branch had closed and the building remained vacant and deteriorating for decades. Reopened in October 2015, the radically restored building serves as a space for neighborhood residents to preserve, access, reimagine and share their heritage – and a destination for artists, scholars, curators, and collectors to research and engage with South Side history.



The Writer’s Studio at the University of Chicago

- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened N/A
- A creative home to writers of all genres and ambitions. We feature open-enrollment, noncredit writing classes in Chicago designed to inspire and challenge, and offer manuscript consultations and free community events. Whether you are dabbling in creative writing, professional writing or honing your craft, we strive to offer engaging classes and community that serve your needs.
- Writer’s Studio faculty and students create powerful work in and out of the classroom. We are proud of the literary and creative accomplishments of students, alumni, and instructors (see our growing list of publications and awards). To strengthen relationships and writing, we hold regular events on and off campus, including open mics and readings, as well as our free annual Business of Writing Seminar and programs at Chicago literary institutions such as Printers Row Lit Fest. Above all, we endeavor to help our students live the writing lives that they envision within a vibrant, supportive community, whether those visions include publishing, performing or simply pushing the bounds of their creative expression.
- Your writing matters. Get to work on it.

Southwest Side

Powell’s Books Chicago



- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened 1970
- Powell’s Books Chicago is the Chicago area’s largest independent dealer in quality used, bargain, antiquarian, and out of print books. The company includes retail, online and wholesale divisions. Since 1970, our retail store in Hyde Park, near the University of Chicago, has specialized in academic and scholarly books in the fields of ancient and medieval studies, philosophy, science, history and many other subjects. It also features many sections of general interest including art, architecture, photography, fiction, music, and film. Each day our internet staff fulfills and ships hundreds of orders from our warehouse to customers throughout the world.



Far Southeast Side

Chicago Public Library - Avalon Branch



- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened 2006

Far Southwest Side

Bookie's Bookstore



- 2,651 Facebook followers
- 596 Twitter followers
- 1,012 Instagram followers
- Opened 1989
- Bookie's opened as The Bookie's Paperbacks and More in 1989, and it has been providing books to the south side of Chicago for over 28 years. We are a true community bookstore, helping customers of all ages, as well as neighborhood schools and businesses, to get reading!



Chicago Public Library - Beverly Branch

- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened in 2009

Varia's Bookish



- 77 Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- 98 Instagram followers
- Opened N/A
- What happens when two book lovers work together, play together, volunteer together and travel together...they start a literary business, of course! Angela and Tara have been partners in the book business for more years than we want to mention. Let's just say, we've got over 20 years experience combined! We've both been children's book buyers at a well respected independent bookstore, led a successful non-profit street festival and worked in collection development and marketing for an international children's book wholesaler. Independently, Angela has developed curriculum guides for various non-fiction book projects, served on a national book sellers board of directors and been



instrumental in book development for authors and small presses. Tara has led conference marketing and events for a national book company, created product brochures, catalogs, and programs as well as provided editorial services to a variety of service-based businesses. Obviously, we read a lot! But, we also like to skate, try new foods (from super posh to local diners!) and enjoy long walks on the beach...jk...and enjoy helping others find their literary selves! We're also super silly.

Unknown/Various Locations

The Chicago Literary Club



- 23 Facebook followers
- 13 Twitter followers
- 4 LinkedIn
- Opened N/A
- A voluntary association of men and women interested in writing original essays on topics of their own choosing and in listening to other members present their essays. Meetings are held on Monday evenings from October through May; one essay is delivered each evening. Most members are not professional writers, but all are expected to express themselves competently in English and to present their essays in typewritten or printed form to the Secretary for inclusion in the Club archives.

Chicago Women In Publishing



- N/A Facebook followers
- 1,644 Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened N/A
- We meet on the third Wednesday of most months in Chicago for educational and special events and networking. Other events include a major fall kickoff night, a spring publishing fair, half-day, and full-day workshops, mentoring events, and mixers with other professional groups in Chicago.

Chicago Writer's Association



- Facebook Group
- 2,246 Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened 2008
- The Chicago Writers Association is a creative writing community of dedicated writers from Chicagoland founded in 2003 and organized as a not-for-profit organization in 2006.
- The Chicago Writers Association (CWA) is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting the 4 C's of writing: creativity, commerce, craft, and community.



Hypertext Magazine



- 720 Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened 2010
- We pride ourselves on publishing first-time published, up-and-coming, and established writers side by side. In other words, we aren't particularly impressed by padded bios. Our editors live all over the United States—from Chicago to Boston to Los Angeles to Dallas. We think of ourselves as small but scrappy. Most of our editors cut their fictional teeth in the Columbia College Chicago Fiction Writing Department, nurtured by dedicated professors and an innovative teaching approach—an approach that celebrates diverse voices and caters to alternative learning styles—developed by the writer and educator John Schultz.

Illinois State Poetry Society



- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- The Illinois State Poetry Society was chartered in 1991 at the yearly convention of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies held in Madison, Wisconsin. ISPS was formed "to encourage the crafting and enjoyment of poetry in the State of Illinois...." From its twelve charter members, ISPS has grown to about 100 members and is actively working at its mandate.
- The Southwest Suburban Chapter meets in Lisle at the Lisle Public Library (777 Front Street, Lisle, IL) at 1:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December.
- The North Suburban Chapter meets in Northbrook at 1:00 p.m. on the second Sunday of January, March, May (third Sunday), July, September, and November at the Northbrook Public Library.
- The North Central Chapter meets in Pontiac on the second Saturday of even-numbered months: February, April, June, August, October, and December at 1:00 p.m. at the Pontiac Public Library.
- The Central Chapter meets in Champaign at 1:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month.
- The Southern Chapter meets in Carbondale on the second Sunday of January, March, May, July, September, and November at 2 p.m. in the Carbondale Public Library.
- The West Suburban Chapter meets in Darien on the first Saturday of the odd-numbered months: January, March, May, July, September, and November at the Indian Prairie Public Library at 1:00 p.m.

Society of Midland Authors



- 432 Facebook followers
- 1,562 Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened N/A
- When fifty writers formed the Society of Midland Authors on April 24, 1915, their objectives included "a closer association among the writers of the Middle West" and "the stimulation of creative literary effort." A century later, the Society still accomplishes those goals hosting literary events, honoring the region's



best books with annual awards, and connecting its members with a newsletter, Twitter and other channels.

- The Society hosts literary events, which are free and open to the public. See our events page for details of upcoming programs. Chicago Public Radio's audio recordings of our programs, including author lectures and panel discussions, can be heard at <http://www.wbez.org/users/society-midland-authors-0>
- The Society's founding authors included Clarence Darrow, Harriet Monroe, Hamlin Garland, Edna Ferber, Vachel Lindsay, George Ade, Mary Hastings Bradley, Emerson Hough, Howard Vincent O'Brien, James Whitcomb Riley, and William Allen White. Others who joined soon afterward were Jane Addams, Ring Lardner, Edgar Lee Masters, John T. McCutcheon, and Lorado Taft.
- Based in Chicago, the Society includes published authors from twelve states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.
- Since 1957, the Society has presented annual awards for the best books written by Midwestern authors. Notable winners of the juried competition have included Saul Bellow, Kurt Vonnegut, Studs Terkel, Gwendolyn Brooks, Mike Royko, Jane Smiley, Dempsey Travis, Leon Forrest, William Maxwell, Louise Erdrich, Scott Turow, Alex Kotlowitz, Aleksandar Hemon, Stuart Dybek, Roger Ebert and many more.

Suburbs

North

Evanston Public Library



- 6,350 Facebook followers
- 4,672 Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened in 1873
- Evanston Public Library aims to be the heart of our diverse community by promoting the development of independent, self-confident, and literate citizens and providing equitable access to cultural, intellectual, technological, and information resources.
- Holds multiple types of literary events

Bookends & Beginnings



- 3,692 Facebook followers
- 84 Twitter followers
- 931 Instagram followers
- Opened 2014
- Bookends & Beginnings is the independent bookstore Nina Barrett has dreamed of opening since she moved to Evanston in the late 1980s, but for a while, both she and Evanston went in other directions. During the period when two large chain bookstores faced off downtown, Nina was raising two children



and freelancing articles, essays, and reviews to Chicago and national publications. She published three books with Simon & Schuster, the first of which—I Wish Someone Had Told Me: A Realistic Guide to Early Motherhood—remains in print with Chicago Review Press.

When she briefly tried to escape the world of words by getting a professional chef's degree in 2007, she still wound up as a food reporter. Her "Fear of Frying" series for Chicago NPR affiliate WBEZ earned three James Beard Award nominations and two actual awards, in 2012 and 2013.

- Nina opened Bookends & Beginnings in June of 2014 with the help of her husband Jeff Garrett, an internationally recognized expert on rare and specialized library collections, as well as global children's literature. Jeff's early involvement with the store is reflected in its unique collection of children's books in 48 foreign languages, including Kurdish, Maori, and Basque. In 2017, Jeff returned to librarianship and library consulting.

The Book Stall



- Listed in 1 out of 7 articles about best Chicago bookstores
- 3,020 Facebook followers
- 5,036 Twitter followers
- 0 Instagram followers
- Opened 1940 and 1986
- "We are a community bookstore that caters to our customers," says the owner of the Book Stall. With over 68,000 titles in our 5,000 sq. foot store, the book selection has something for everyone: fiction, travel, cooking, children's books, biographies, and many more. Autographed books are a specialty as well. The Bookstall is classified as a general trade book store. The Book Stall is known for its many special events. You will often find literary and best-selling authors signing their books. The store also sponsors reading groups, poetry sessions, and author events and writing workshops for children. The twenty plus employees of The Book Stall are friendly and ready to help with special orders, book searches, and gift wrapping. Established in 1940 as Chestnut Court, we became The Book Stall at Chestnut Court in 1986. The store is connected to the popular Peet's Coffee Shop. We are one of the Chicago area's most popular and busy bookstores, with events happening almost every day.
- One book club (others are for children and discounts)

Off Campus Writers Workshop



- 290 Facebook followers
- 182 Twitter followers
- 0 Instagram followers
- Opened 1946
- The oldest continuously running writing workshop in the country, OCWW continues to serve writers of all genres in the greater metropolitan Chicago area. Each Thursday morning between September and May, OCWW speakers address writers on topics ranging from craft to publishing options to the business of writing. Many of our speakers offer professional manuscript critiques for a reasonable fee. Achieve your individual writing goals while enjoying the camaraderie of fellow writers. Join us.
- Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka IL



Barbara's Bookstore - Hawthorn Mall



- Opened 2018
- 720 Hawthorn Center
- Vernon Hills, IL

Barbara's Bookstore - Glen Town Center



- 2651 Navy Blvd.
- Glenview, IL

TriQuarterly



- N/A Facebook followers
- 16k Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened N/A
- TriQuarterly is the literary magazine of Northwestern University. It is edited by students in the Litowitz MFA+MA Graduate Creative Writing Program and the MA in Creative Writing in the School of Professional Studies. Available around the world, TriQuarterly has remained "an international journal of writing, art, and cultural inquiry. TQ is creating an online archive of its own history by publishing individual works from its past, sometimes with new accompanying comments by the writers. The Northwestern University Library is embarking on the project of digitizing the entire history of the journal. These items will be uploaded to the site as they are ready.

Northwest

Barbara's Bookstore - O'Hare International Airport



- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened N/A
- Five Bookstore locations
- Terminals One, Two and Three

Algonquin Area Library



- 2,200 Facebook followers
- 570 Twitter followers
- 396 Instagram followers



- Opened 2001
- The Algonquin Area Public Library District exists to serve the informational, educational, cultural, and recreational needs of its residents.



Barrington Area Library

- 2,984 Facebook followers
- 570 Twitter followers
- 396 Instagram followers
- Opened 2001
- The Algonquin Area Public Library District exists to serve the informational, educational, cultural, and recreational needs of its residents.



Gail Borden Public Library

- 9,294 Facebook followers
- 3,683 Twitter followers
- 1,808 Instagram followers
- Opened 1892
- Serve 144,597 residents in Elgin, South Elgin and portions of Hoffman Estates, Streamwood and Bartlett. Serve the 5th largest Illinois library population after the cities of Chicago, Aurora, Rockford, and Joliet. 99,637 (68.9%) of residents are cardholders. Largest library district in the State of Illinois for population served. 1,003,210 visitors. Over 2,302,410 items loaned. 334,084 books + 197, 806 = 531, 893 items in collections (includes e-items). Over 1600 library programs attended by 66,000 people.



In Print

- 496 Facebook followers
- 323 Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened N/A
- In Print provides opportunities for writers of all ages, abilities and genres to grow in their craft. We offer field trips, guest speakers, contests, connections with the publishing world and opportunities for author promotion through In Print Radio, as well as camaraderie and support.



Schaumburg Central Library

- 4,624 Facebook followers
- 1,931 Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened 1963



- Schaumburg Township District Library serves around 130,000 residents in Schaumburg Township, including portions of Elk Grove Village, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg and Streamwood. Each year, more than 1 million visitors come through the doors of our three branches.
- The second largest library in Illinois



Arlington Heights Memorial Library

- 4,559 Facebook followers
- 4,009 Twitter followers
- 1,261 Instagram followers
- Opened N/A



Elk Grove Village Public Library

- 1,749 Facebook followers
- 1,279 Twitter followers
- 390 Instagram followers
- Opened N/A
- The Elk Grove Village Public Library's mission is to facilitate the sharing of knowledge among people of all ages by providing various formats in an organized, accessible collection for the purpose of enriching lives through accurate information, reading, and entertainment within an inviting facility.

West

Anderson's



- Listed in 0 out of 7 articles about best Chicago bookstores
- 11,600 Facebook followers
- 13,500 Twitter followers
- 9,395 Instagram followers
- Opened 1875
- Our history dates back to 1875 when our great-great grandfather opened W. W. Wickel Pharmacy in Naperville, IL. Naperville was a small farming town at that time, and our great-great grandfather and his son-in-law Louis Oswald sold books along with all of the other items in the store. In 1964 our grandfather opened our first official bookstore above the drugstore, calling it Paperback Paradise. Since then we have expanded and moved several times, opening our Downers Grove store in 1980 and a children's wholesale warehouse bookfair company, Anderson's Bookfair Company (ABCFairs), in 1982, now located in Aurora. In 2015 we opened our La Grange store and in 2016 Anderson's Toyshop in Naperville. The 5th generation that own and run the businesses today all started to work at a very young age at our family's drugstore. Working alongside with your grandfather, parents, brothers, sister, and children is a family tradition that creates community within your family and reaches your



employees, your customers, and beyond. We are proud to have the sixth generation now working in the businesses. For 143 years we have lived and breathed this community; we are here to stay, thrive, and help make it a great place for all with whom we come in contact.



The Book Table

- Listed in 2 out of 7 articles about best Chicago bookstores
- 6,206 Facebook followers
- 2,630 Twitter followers
- 1,451 Instagram followers
- Opened 2003
- We're an independent discount new & used bookstore in Downtown Oak Park.



Naperville Writers Group

- 113 Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened 1987
- Our Mission is to support all writers from novice to pro. Join us for an honest and lively critique of all forms of writing. The Naperville Writers Group encourages every member to reach their full potential with the written word.

South West



Barbara's Bookstore - Burr Ridge Village Center

- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened N/A
- 805 Village Center Drive
- Burr Ridge, IL ~ 630.920.1500



Books-A-Million

- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened N/A
- 444 Chicago Ridge Mall, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415



DuPage Writers Group



- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened N/A
- A vibrant non-profit writing group that meets monthly to nurture the potential of writers at all levels. We are dedicated to encouraging each writers creative voice in a welcome and constructive atmosphere.
- Bartlett Public Library, 800 S. Bartlett Road, Bartlett, IL 60103

Side Street Press



- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened 2011
- Through the combined efforts of Bill Donlon, Mitch Dawson and Harry Everett. We are committed to helping new Chicago voices find their fictional and non-fictional way to the page.

South

Town House Books & Cafe



- Listed in 0 out of 7 articles about best Chicago bookstores
- 2,275 Facebook followers
- 0 Twitter followers
- 0 Instagram followers
- Opened 1974
- An independent bookstore for all ages, with a friendly knowledgeable staff located in historic Century Corners in downtown St. Charles, Illinois. The uniqueness and ambiance of the bookstore carry over into the Town House Café, featuring a menu of fresh-from-scratch soups and creative sandwiches. The back courtyard is open for lunch every day, weather permitting! In addition, they have tables set up outside in front of the bookstore that are available for self-service... a perfect spot to sit and enjoy your morning paper with coffee or an afternoon iced tea & sandwich.
- One book club currently at capacity.

Da Book Joint



- 792 Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Opened N/A



- Built on a dream and a need for an African-American owned and operated, African-American author based bookstore on the Southeast Side of Chicago.

Intellectual Property of Michelle Higgins



Colleges & University Programs

Local Journalism Schools

Northwestern University -Medill

- Ranks as the 4th Best Journalism School in the Country
- Evanston Campus
- 847-467-1882
- Medill Chicago
- 312-503-3800

DePaul University

- Ranks as 135th Best Journalism School in the Country
- 312-362-8000

Loyola University Chicago

- Ranks as 140th Best Journalism School in the Country
- 312-915-6548
- loyolasoc@luc.edu

University of Illinois at Chicago

- Ranks as 201st Best Journalism School in the Country
- 312-996-3187

Northeastern Illinois University

- Ranks as 266th Best Journalism School in the Country
- 773-442-5950
- cmt@neiu.edu

Wheaton College - Illinois

- Ranks as 277th Best Journalism School in the Country
- 630-752-5095
- communication@wheaton.edu

Illinois Institute of Technology

- Ranks as 297th Best Journalism School in the Country
- 312-567-3465
- humanities@iit.edu

North Park University

- Ranks as 331st Best Journalism School in the Country
- Margaret Haefner
- 773-244-5738
- mhaefner@northpark.edu

Dominican University

- Ranks as 335th Best Journalism School in the Country
- John Jenks
- jjenks@dom.edu

Roosevelt University

- Ranks as 468th Best Journalism School in the Country
- 312-341-3500
- The Torch is the student-run weekly newspaper; The Blaze is the student-run internet broadcast radio station; and, The Fire is our start-up, student-run video channel.

Columbia College Chicago

- Ranks as 525th Best Journalism School in the Country
- Betsy Edgerton
- Associate Chair
- bedgerton@colum.edu

Creative Writing Programs at Colleges

Northwestern University

- MA/MFA in Creative Writing
- english-dept@northwestern.edu

- 847-491-7294

DePaul University



- MA in Writing and Publishing
- 773-325-7315
- graddepaul@depaul.edu

University of Illinois Chicago

- MA or Ph.D. in English with a Specialization in Creative Writing
- 312-413-2200
- english@uic.edu

Roosevelt University

- MFA in Creative Writing
- Christian TeBordo, Program Director
- ctebordo@roosevelt.edu
- 312-341-2417

School of the Art Institute

- MFA in Writing
- Amber Da, Senior Administrative Director
- ada@saic.edu

Chicago State University

- MFA in Creative Writing
- 773-995-2000

University of Chicago

- MAPH Writing Option
- 773-834-1201
- ma-humanities@uchicago.edu

Columbia College

- BA in Creative Writing
- Contact N/A
- MFA in Creative Writing
- gradstudy@colum.edu
- Creative Writing Reading Series
- Hosted by the English and Creative Writing Department, the series attracts prestigious, award-winning fiction writers, poets and nonfiction writers who perform, engage and educate on a myriad of topics and traditions.
- <https://www.colum.edu/academics/liberal-arts-and-sciences/initiatives/creative-writing-reading-series.html>



Niche Groups with a Connection to Maureen's Background

Autism Eats

- 2,285 Facebook followers
- 455 Twitter followers
- 381 Instagram followers
- Not to promote that you are a mother of a child with Autism but rather creating an event the parents of children with autism can attend without feeling shamed

Chicago Spartans - the Chicago branch of the Michigan State Alumni Board

- 4,879 Facebook followers
- 2,937 Twitter followers
- 869 Instagram followers
- The Official Facebook Page of the Michigan State Alumni Club of Metro Chicago

Wesleyan Chicago Alumni

- 227 Facebook Group
- Michael Leung '15
 - Regional Representative
 - Chicago, IL
 - yleung@wesleyan.edu
- Johanna Russ '03
 - Regional Representative
 - Chicago, IL
 - johanna.russ@gmail.com
- Hayley Stokar '06
 - Regional Representative
 - Chicago, IL
 - hayley.stokar@gmail.com

Dragon Boat Race For Literacy – Chicago Chinatown Community

- June 22, 2019
- 250 Facebook followers
- 231 Instagram
- info@chicagodragonboat.com
- <https://www.ccc-foundation.org/dragon-boat-race-for-literacy/>
- Started in 2000, the Chicago Dragon Boat Race for Literacy is a family-fun activity enjoyed by visitors from all over the city and surrounding suburbs.
- <http://www.greaterchicagodragonboatclub.org/>



Sisters in Crime Chicagoland

- 102 Facebook followers
- 221 Twitter Followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- Sisters in Crime is made up of writers, readers, publishing professionals, booksellers, and librarians, promotes women writers of crime fiction through opportunities to network, socialize, and learn. Sisters in Crime was founded by Chicagoland member, Sara Paretsky, and a group of women writers at the 1986 Bouchercon in Baltimore. Membership is open to men and women with an interest in mystery and suspense. We welcome readers, writers and everyone in between.
- Our purpose is to further promote the interests of Sisters in Crime, our members to the community, and to allow our members to network with each other, learn about the craft and business of writing, and to promote their own writing. We meet monthly for instruction, information, and camaraderie. Join us on Facebook, Twitter, and during our monthly meetings and special events.



Podcasts

Chicago Area

Chicago Review of Books

- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- <https://chireviewofbooks.com/category/podcasts/>

Nerdette

- 6,196 Facebook followers
- 9,373 Twitter followers
- 3,986 Instagram followers
- *Nerdette* is a safe space for nerding out about all the things you're watching, reading, listening to and encountering IRL.

Open Stacks Podcast - By Seminary Co-Op

- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- <https://www.semcoop.com/open-stacks>

Outside of Chicago

All the Books

- 880,413 Facebook followers
- 207,000 Twitter followers
- 180,000 Instagram followers
- Book Riot is dedicated to the idea that writing about books and reading should be just as diverse as books and readers are. So sometimes we are serious and sometimes silly. Some of our writers are pros. Many of them aren't. We like a good list just as much as we like a good review. We think you can like both J.K. Rowling and J.M. Coetzee and that there are smart, funny, and informative things to say about both and that you shouldn't have to choose. And the only thing we like as much as books is talking about books with other readers. So welcome to Book Riot—you seem like our kind of people.

Book Fight

- 420 Facebook followers
- 2,102 Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers



- The Book Fight podcast is, in a nutshell, writers talking about books. Books we love. Books we hate. Books that inspire us, baffle us, infuriate us. These are the conversations writers have at the bar, which is to say they're both unflinchingly honest and open to tangents, misdirection, general silliness. Each episode starts with a particular book, story or essay, chosen either by one of us (Tom or Mike) or by our guest, though you don't need to read the books to enjoy the show. We promise not to spoil anything too serious, plot-wise, and the books themselves generally serve as jumping-off points for larger discussions about writing and reading: craft issues, the ins, and outs of publishing, the contemporary lit scene, such as it is. We've also gotten in the habit of building our short story and essay episodes around seasonal themes, like the Winter of Wayback and Spring of Success. During the first two years of the show, our installments on non-book weeks were called Writers Ask, episodes focused on answering questions from listeners about writing, reading, publishing, MFA programs, and more. In 2015, we won an award for Best Streaming Media Project at the Philly Geek Awards.

Lit Up

- N/A Facebook followers
- 2,286 Twitter followers
- 3,603 Instagram followers
- Welcome to Lit Up, a sanctuary for people crazy about books, stories, and the literary life. Angela Ledgerwood talks to the world's most provocative thinkers and writers about the power of stories, the importance of literature in 2018, and why they're compelled to create the work they do. Lit Up is also about pushing the boundaries and revealing the messy and complicated - rarely talked about - parts of what it means to be human. No topic is off the table and no conversation is too weird, too personal or too controversial. We go beyond the book and ask the writers and thinkers what they're reading and what they are thinking, and the truth about who they really are.

New Yorker Fiction Podcast

- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- A monthly reading and conversation with the New Yorker fiction editor Deborah Treisman.

Radio 4's Open Book

- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- This podcast features Open Book and A Good Read. In Open Book Mariella Frostrup talks to authors about their work. In A Good Read, Harriett Gilbert discusses favorite books.
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02nrsfl/episodes/downloads>

So Many Damn Books

- N/A Facebook followers



- 1,253 Twitter followers
- 1,013 Instagram followers
- During the 2014 Tournament of Books, in one of the lighter corners of the internet, Christopher Hermelin and Drew Broussard recognized kindred literary spirits in the like-minded commentary they were both posting about books and reading. When the ToB Tenth Anniversary Party invites went out, they decided that this was the moment: they would be friends IRL. Drew was dressed vaguely as a rooster; Christopher, as a normal person. Neither was too put off by that and their budding friendship proved strong enough to at least go to the after-party. And then it happened. An idea was born, over cheap beer in a SoHo dive bar. It would be a podcast unlike any other. Many years and hundreds of books later, So Many Damn Books continues to blend the high and the low, the wicked and the divine, the sober and the not-so-sober, the famous and the infamous. Author guests, special drinks, and more book recs than you can shake a stick at -- what more could you need?

TLS Voices

What Should I Read Next

- 51,829 Facebook followers
- 10,900 Twitter followers
- 51,000 Instagram followers
- What Should I Read Next? grew out of a blog post series I did called literary matchmaking. I've now been matching books for over two years by asking people three books they love, one they hate and what they are reading now. Consistently ranked as one of iTunes top arts podcasts, we're approaching ten million downloads.



Book Clubs with over 100 Members

Starting with the largest at 3000+ and move to the smallest at 106

1. Happy Hour Book Club in the Loop
2. Read Between the Wines Chicago 20s/30s
3. City Lit Books in Logan Square
4. Logan Square Book Club
5. One Thousand and One Nights in Chicago
6. The Chicago Girly Book Club
7. Des Plaines Pint & Click
8. Hyde Park Book Club
9. Drinking Team with a Reading Problem
10. Rogers Park Library Book Discussion Group
11. The Far Northside Co-Ed Book Club
12. The American Writers Museum
13. Chicago Feminism Book Club
14. 20s-30s Female Friends, Fiction and Food
15. Book Club Express Meetup Group in Wood Dale
16. Wine About Books
17. Womens Night Out Book Club
18. 20s/30s Book Readers
19. Indian Prairie Public Library
20. NEW Wine Wednesday Book Club
21. Books, Brews, and Beverages for Busy Book lovers!
22. NEW Beers + Books Of The Western Suburbs
23. Oak Lawn Public Library Meetup
24. Women's Book Club - Niles/Skokie area



Utilizing Chicago's Book Culture

Literary Themed Locations to Take Pictures At

Ernest Hemingway's Birthplace and Home

- 3,910 Facebook followers
- 837 Twitter followers
- 5,118 Instagram followers
- Ernest Hemingway's Birthplace Museum is nestled just west of downtown Chicago in Oak Park, Illinois. This is the ideal place to begin exploring the roots of the author's life and work. It is here that Ernest Hemingway was born in a second-floor bedroom on July 21, 1899. This Queen Anne home was built in 1890 by his maternal grandparents and was the first home in Oak Park to have electricity. The famed Pulitzer Prize-winning author spent the first six years of his life at what is now 339 N. Oak Park Ave. The restoration, which began in 1992, authentically returned the house to its 1890s' Victorian heritage; ensuring that your experience of the furnishings and stories told reflect the young man who lived there.
- 339 N Oak Park Ave, Oak Park, IL

American Writers Museum

- 7,825 Facebook followers
- 4,490 Twitter followers
- 5,503 Instagram followers
- The mission of the American Writers Museum Foundation is to establish the first national museum in the United States dedicated to engaging the public in celebrating American writers and exploring their influence on our history, our identity, our culture, and our daily lives.
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<http://www.americanwritersmuseum.org/>
- There are more than 17,500 museums in the United States. Among these are museums that focus on art, history, sports, pop culture, science, technology, race, and ethnicity.
- Although there are many wonderful small museums that commemorate the lives of individual writers, almost unbelievably, there is not a single museum dedicated to the history of American literature and to American writers.
- Today, the American Writers Museum Foundation is addressing this profound omission through its commitment to establishing The American Writers Museum™
- 180 N Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL

Chicago Literacy Alliance

- 1,113 Facebook followers
- 1,654 Twitter followers
- 942 Instagram followers
- Working together, we envision a future in which 100% of Chicagoland residents are functionally literate, and in which their shared literacy is a defining characteristic and point of pride for our home.



- The Chicago Literacy Alliance is an association of agencies operating in and around the city to help meet literacy needs for people of all ages and backgrounds. We are dedicated to increasing the combined impact of the community's literacy agencies by providing opportunities for creative and effective collaboration.
- 641 W Lake St, Chicago, IL

Lorraine Hansberry House

- N/A Facebook followers
- 4 Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- For its associations with the Chicago Black Renaissance literary movement and iconic 20th-century African American playwright Lorraine Hansberry, the Lorraine Hansberry House possesses exceptional historic and cultural significance. Although subject to a racially-discriminatory housing covenant, this building was purchased in 1937 by African-American real estate developer Carl Hansberry. Despite threats, Hansberry moved his family into the building and waged a three-year-long battle culminating in a U.S. Supreme Court decision that was an important victory in the effort to outlaw racially-restrictive housing covenants. Hansberry's daughter, pioneering playwright Lorraine Hansberry, drew inspiration from this traumatic experience when writing *A Raisin in the Sun*. This groundbreaking play was the first drama by an African-American woman to be produced on Broadway.
- 6140 S Rhodes Ave, Chicago, IL

Carl Sandburg House

- N/A Facebook followers
- N/A Twitter followers
- N/A Instagram followers
- The modest house was an early home of the poet Carl Sandburg.
- Sandburg moved to Chicago in 1912, living in a second-floor apartment in this building. He was a reporter for the *Chicago Daily News* and a member of All Saints Episcopal Church. Here he composed among the best known of his poems, *Chicago*, published in 1915.
- He lived here with his wife Lillian and his daughter Margaret, then two years old. On locating the apartment Sandburg wrote Lillian he had found "our really, truly home."
- The Sandburgs moved to Maywood in 1914. The building itself has been 'marred,' according to a 1994 writer, by poor choices in window replacement, aluminum siding and the removal of the front porch. It was built between 1891 and 1894.
- 4646 N Hermitage, Chicago, IL

Literary Themed Food Locations

The Albert

- Glass panels separate the main dining room from a semi-private area — set to accommodate larger parties but available to all — that overlooks the open kitchen. Opposite the wall of books, a long shelf displays mismatched artwork — not hung and carefully spaced, but leaning against the wall, overlapping each other. It's a bit of unexpected randomness in an otherwise precise tableau.



Red Lion Pub

- Retaining the same feel as the original Red Lion Pub, whilst giving it a more modern updated twist, Proprietor Colin Cordwell has kept the dark oak planked bar and Tudor beams, and added bookshelves throughout which are lined with books about British history and literature- Colin's personal collection he's been procuring over the years. Referring to himself as the "guardian or custodian" of the pub, rather than the owner, Cordwell pays homage to his family; a wall dedicated to John Cordwell's exploits during World War II, specifically his role as a forger helping coordinate the famed "Great Escape."; the second floor balcony is named "The Africa Room", honoring his mother Justine Cordwell, who was an African studies scholar and an expert on Yoruba art and culture; the front "War Room" will be dedicated to his grandfather, Robert, who fought in World War I, surviving multiple gunshot wounds and an attempted bayoneting.
- With an open-air dining room in the summer, three roaring fireplaces in the winter, a private balcony room for groups of 10-20 people, enough history and ghost tales to fill an encyclopedia, 14 unique drafts, a locally sourced and delicious menu, a wide selection of single malts, bourbons & ryes AND a promise from Colin Cordwell that The Red Lion Pub will remain "a place to talk about ideas" this Lincoln Park Pub promises to offer something that's hard to come by these days, in the neighborhood or the city of Chicago.

Wilde Bar and Restaurant

- Inspired by Oscar Wilde's love of good drinks, this former hardware store is now a shrine to the witty Irish writer. His sayings, famously including "love and gluttony justify everything" adorn the restaurant's walls, and a modern portrait of Wilde hangs above a working fireplace. In addition to creating a plush Irish pub feel, there are stained-glass touches and a library nook perfect for an evening read. There's also an extensive brew selection, including flights and cocktails.

The Monkey's Paw

- 1,460 Facebook followers
- 324 Twitter followers
- 400 Instagram followers
- Opened 2012
- The Monkey's Paw derives its name from the famous short story by W.W. Jacobs, in which a monkey's paw grants three wishes, with unintended consequences. In a nod to the 11 years it took to bring The Monkey's Paw to fruition, owners Barbara and Matt Parkinson, identify with the irony of the famous tale.
- A Neighborhood Gastropub - A warm, inviting atmosphere draws you in, while food and beverage options welcome you to stay awhile. Fresh, artisanal ingredients take center stage on the menu. From dinner for two to special events for larger groups, our engaging staff is always happy to see you and ready to serve.
- Food-and beverage-focused events abound, from small batch whiskey tastings to exclusive brewer's dinners, we look forward to serving you soon.
- Native Chicagoans Barbara and Matt Parkinson are the mother/son duo behind The Monkey's Paw. Barbara Parkinson, a restaurant/bar industry veteran, is the self-described 'sweetness and light' behind the operation. A graduate of Fenger High School, this local gal spent 14 years as CFO of a restaurant group in California after she had planted roots in Santa Barbara. While on a road trip, she took a seven-year detour to Taos, New Mexico, where she owned and operated El Patio de Taos Restaurant and Cantina before she returned to Chicago to develop The Monkey's Paw.



- It's a safe bet that Matt Parkinson is the only University of Chicago Medieval Studies graduate that is currently helming a bar. Perhaps more of a 'renaissance man', Matt has worked nearly every aspect of a bar/restaurant operation from doorman to bartender, server and most jobs in between. An accomplished home brewer of 20 years, Matt has a deep love and knowledge of beer, which may only be matched by his affinity for scotch.

The Map Room

- 7,565 Facebook followers
- 6,320 Twitter followers
- 2,017 Instagram followers
- Opened 1992
- We opened the Map Room in November 1992 with a travelers' theme. We began fleshing out our theme with maps, National Geographics, travel books, and beers from all over the world.
- Thank goodness we met brewer Greg Browne and members of the Chicago Beer Society! Without their guidance, we never would have been able to build a beer selection that did justice to the great brewing nations.
- Still, a great beer selection does not a great place make. But it's a good start, beer being the great democratic beverage, the great leveler, everyman's drink.
- We read a book called The Great Good Place by Ray Oldenburg. It bemoaned the lack of "third" places in America, places where people go for social nourishment, places outside of home and work. We were inspired to make our bar a third place, to create an environment that fostered community. We aim to be a place where people from all walks of life come together, hoist a pint, and make friends.

The Library at Gilt Bar

- 6,291 Facebook followers
- 5,190 Twitter followers
- 2,373 Instagram followers
- An inviting River North bar and restaurant featuring classic craft cocktails and contemporary American cuisine. Designed for sharing, the menu features fresh salads, house-made pasta, seafood, and wood-fired entrees, including the signature Tenderloin Steak Tartare, Truffle Pasta, and Grilled Farm Chicken. The cocktail-driven bar menu showcases classic favorites, offering an array of Negronis, Mules, Manhattans, Martinis, and Old Fashioneds. The sleek and sexy candlelit space features dark leather booths, a gilded bar, and a singular glowing chandelier.
- When you want to keep the night going after Gilt Bar, head down to the basement library bar. Though still Sodikoff-trademark dim, the space has a warmer glow, and the cocktails (such as a thoroughly shaken whiskey sour and a beautiful negroni) are first-rate. Best part: Gilt Bar's full menu (including ideal snacks like roasted garlic and balsamic with toast) is available to accompany them.

The Drawing Room at Chicago Athletic Association

- 54,516 Facebook followers
- 2,385 Twitter followers
- 26,900 Instagram followers
- Remember the days when a hotel lobby was merely a place you'd walk through on your way in or out of the building? These days, a lobby is a hotel's heart and soul, often seen as a gathering place for guests and locals. That's exactly what you'll find within the Chicago Athletic Association hotel's Drawing Room,



a sprawling yet comfortable room comprising a variety of spaces where you can meet, mingle, canoodle and indulge.

- Beyond the food and drink, the welcoming atmosphere — with deep couches and other cozy seats, a communal table for working, fireplaces, fantastic art, a library, and an all-around historic feel — is a wonderful place to spend a few hours. Come join us, won't you?

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