For Sale

For sale, three heavy-duty rolling wood bookstore/library gondola fixtures, in good condition, adjustable shelves included, slatwall endcaps at both ends. All three are 30" deep and are wheel-mounted. The large unit is 49" wide and includes six 46.5" shelves. Two smaller units are 37" wide and include six 34.5" shelves each. For more information, e-mail Peter Sherman at peter@wellesleybooks.com.

ALA Book Club Survey

The American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office is compiling a list of creative book club ideas for a forthcoming book project.
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book club ideas for a forthcoming book project with ALA Publishing. If your book club is featured in the book, you will be acknowledged in the publication.

To share your book club, please fill out this brief, 12-question online survey. The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

Questions?
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SURVEY

Notes From the NEIBA Advisory Council

Operating in downtown Schenectady, The Open Door Bookstore has been a vital part of its community since 1971. As a way to give back and bring attention to local non-profit organizations, we began an initiative that partners our store with lesser-known groups that benefit our region. Our first official partnership was with Reading is Fun - a Schenectady organization whose mission has volunteers work one-on-one with K-3 students in the Schenectady City Schools to teach them reading-readiness, conversational skills, and vocabulary. We hosted a month-long book drive and donated a percentage of overall sales to their organization this past fall. From this initial connection, we are now taking part in their first ever Reading is Fun Jamboree - being held this coming April - and have decided to make the book drive an ongoing endeavor whereby anyone wishing to donate can buy a book from us at 20% discount. These books are used by volunteers to help build reading skills, and will be given to the kids enrolled in the program - many of whom have never owned a book before.
Similarly, we collected books through the holiday for our annual "Giving Tree" donation to Northern Rivers, an organization that provides coordinated, comprehensive, and responsible delivery of human services to communities in need of our support. Whether these books are added to the libraries of the numerous offices affiliated with Northern Rivers, or given as gifts to children who may not otherwise receive "non-essential" presents during the holidays, it's a cause we've been a part of for decades.

This spring, we are working with ECOS: The Environmental Clearinghouse, originally named The Environmental Clearinghouse of Schenectady. With a mission dedicated to environmental activism and education, ECOS has worked since 1971 to help preserve the natural resources in our region. Their books on the "Natural Areas" of New York's Capital District are extremely popular, and detail the lesser known walking/hiking/biking paths in the cities and towns nestled between the Adirondack and Catskill mountain ranges. As a way of bringing new customers to the store, we will be donating a percentage of any purchases made by an ECOS member/volunteer from now until Earth Day, when we'll have in-store (or weather permitting, outdoor) activities and fun for kids to help encourage their environmental awareness. With so many dedicated non-profits that are locally based we hope to continue to foster these kinds of partnerships for years to come.

~ Amy Lane, Open Door Bookstore, Schenectady, NY