

COMO Bookstore Profiles

An essential guide to the best bookstores in downtown Columbia and what makes them important.

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- Owner, Joe Chevalier



The Yellow Dog Bookshop is run by husband and wife duo Joe Chevalier & Kelsey Hammond. They moved to Columbia from California in 2006 and opened up Yellow Dog; fulfilling their dream of owning a cozy bookshop.



THE YELLOW DOG Location: 8 S 9th St, Columbia, MO

Q: How would you describe Yellow Dog Bookstore?

A: “I’d describe Yellow Dog as a carefully curated, full service book store,” said Chevalier.

Q: What makes Yellow Dog stand out from other bookstores?

A: “Because we are so small we get to be selective in the books we choose to sell and it reflects our experience of book-selling through the years”

Q: Why are books/literature important to you?

A: “Why is it not important? you could fully educate yourself on the world around you through literature alone they allow us to see into other worlds and open our minds.”



BOOK RECOMENDATION:

“Norse Mythology” by Neil Gaiman

THE PEACE NOOK



Location: 804 E Broadway # C, Columbia, MO

Q: How would you describe The Peace Nook?

A: “We think of ourselves as a non-profit fair trade bookshop that promotes peace, justice and sustainability,” said Feyerherm

Q: What makes The Peace Nook stand out from other bookstores?

A: “We have a wide variety of books you can’t find anywhere else; from books on Native American history to the LGBTQIA community. Our products also promote a sustainable lifestyle.”

Q: Why are books/literature important to you?

A: “Without literature we would be ignorant to so many things and the world around us. Books and reading contribute so greatly to a life worth living.”

BOOK RECOMENDATION:

“One Straw Revolution” by Masanobu Fukuoka



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- Volunteer, Mitch Feyerherm



The Peace Nook is a non-profit bookstore, volunteer-based community resource center operated by Peaceworks. All proceeds from the Peace Nook go to support the educational work of Mid-Missouri Peaceworks.

ROCK BOTTOM COMICS

Q: Why are books/literature important to you?

A: “Comic books provide escapism in a way books can not. They also are creative and effective about making important statements.”

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Location: 1013 E Walnut St #101, Columbia, MO



Q: How would you describe Rock Bottom Comics?

A: “We are a classic; small; old-school comic bookshop,” said worker Anthony Willroth

Q: What makes Rock Bottom stand out from other bookstores?

A: “We have been around for nearly 44 years-since 1973. We are very committed to the comic community”

Rock Bottom comics is Missouri’s 2nd longest operating Comic Shop. It has a wide variety of comic books and graphic novels.

