For the Love of Books

The Twin Cities’ literary scene has something for bibliophiles of all interests.

Calling all bookworms! The Twin Cities has a unique assortment of bookstores and literary festivals to enjoy. Plus, there are over 50 libraries scattered throughout Minneapolis, St. Paul, and the surrounding suburbs, so you will always have easy access to the latest titles.

Downtown Minneapolis is a literary haven, with everything from workshops and educational experiences to quiet places to read. The Minnesota Center for Book Arts (MCBA) is the largest and most comprehensive book arts center of its kind. With a mission to ignite artistic practice, inspire learning, and foster diverse creative communities, MCBA offers access to tools and equipment, mixed-media craft workshops for people of all ages, art galleries, and more. Just next door is Open Book, a community gathering space centered around reading, writing, and book arts. At the nearby Loft Literary Center, sharpen your skills with a writing class or attend the annual Wordplay festival. Explore the historic Minneapolis Central Library in the heart of downtown, one of the oldest libraries in the city with more than 2 million books to choose from.

You can find all kinds of literary events around the Twin Cities metro every year—find a one-of-a-kind copy for your collection at the Twin Cities Antiquarian Book Fair, or come together with thousands of other book lovers, authors, and literary organizations at Rain Taxi’s Twin Cities Book Festival. Storytellers can seek inspiration and collaboration with peers at events like Narrativity and the Rosemount Writers Festival as well.

Readers of all ages will love the treasure troves found within the Twin Cities’ selection of bookstores. Wild Rumpus in South Minneapolis is fun for the whole family—browse a vast selection of children’s books while interacting with friendly cats, chickens, and other critters in the store. Tropes & Trifles is a new romance-only bookshop, and Moon Palace Books features an impressive collection of new, used, and bargain copies. In St. Paul, Black Garnet Books curates a selection of literature by Black and racially diverse authors, and Next Chapter Booksellers is the city’s largest independent bookstore.
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