Seattle Guide: Book Stores, Drinking, and Shopping
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⭐Google Map for Seattle Shopping

Bookstores and Comic Book Stores

Arcane Comics
This comic book store is actually in the Ballard neighborhood, rather than downtown, but we had to put it on the list. It makes our local “best of” lists recurrently. Travel and Leisure says it's "Seattle's come-as-you-are, Cheers-like clubhouse for all kinds of geekery." Take the D Line bus from 3rd Avenue.
http://www.arcanecomicbookstores.com/

Elliott Bay Book Company
Located in the heart of the Capitol Hill neighborhood, The Elliott Bay Book Company is a full service bookstore, home to over 150,000 titles, set on cedar shelves in a multi-level, inviting unique atmosphere. A bibliophile's trip to Seattle is not complete without a stop here. Take the #49 bus from 4th Avenue. Elliott Bay Book Company will offer 20% off books to conference attendees who show conference badge or business card indicating library work.
http://www.elliottbaybook.com/

First & Pike News
Located in the Pike Place Market, First & Pike News is the only stand left in Seattle that sells nothing but publications — no coffee or convenience items. Although it has an impressive array of national magazines and newspapers, it’s the region’s top dealer in foreign language periodicals. Read more about it here.

Golden Age Collectibles
Golden Age is America’s oldest comic book shop. They have everything you need to spoil your inner child: comics and manga, toys and games, pictures of your favorite stars and scripts from their movies. From light-sabers to Bobbleheads, they’ve got your pop culture needs covered. Located in Pike Place Market, Lower Level.
http://www.goldenagecollectibles.com/

Kinokuniya Bookstore
This Japanese-language book store is located inside the Uwajimaya supermarket. In addition to a great selection of English- and Japanese-language manga, they have great knick-knacks. Kinokuniya has been described as one of the most authentic Japanese bookstores in the US. Located at 525 S. Weller Street in the International District.
http://www.yelp.com/biz/kinokuniya-bookstore-seattle

Left Bank Books Collective
Left Bank Books Collective has been a fixture of Seattle's radical community since 1973. Left Bank is collectively owned and operated by its workers, and has been since its inception. As an anarchist collective, Left Bank has no bosses or managers. Located in the Pike Place Market.
http://www.leftbankbooks.com/
Lion Heart Book Store
Tucked into the Pike Place Market, this store features new and used books, but is most well-known for its owner, David, who can tell you just about anything you need to know on just about any book. Located in the Pike Place Market.

Paper Hammer Shop (part of Lucia | Marquand Books)
This shop features exquisite hand-bound books and letterpress printed goods made in their Tieton studios. They also feature a nice selection of museum exhibition catalogues produced by Lucia | Marquand Books. Located downtown.
http://www.paper-hammer.com

Peter Miller Books
Peter Miller is a design bookshop located very close to the hotel. They carry titles in design, architecture, graphics, landscape, urban design, residential and interiors. They also feature design products, fine pens and pencils, and unique home decor items. Located downtown.
http://www.petermiller.com/

Seattle Mystery Bookshop
Opened after a chance encounter in Philadelphia with Seattle-based author Aaron Elkins, this bookshop opened in Pioneer Square dedicated exclusively to the mystery genre. Visualized as a "reader’s shop," original owner Bill Farley wanted it to be a place where you’d feel surrounded by books, and where you’d find the widest possible selection of mysteries. After 25 years, it still fulfills that dream. Located in Pioneer Square.
http://www.seattlemystery.com/

Zanadu Comics
Located close to the hotel, Zanadu has been in business since 1975. They have an “awe-inspiring collection of merchandise,” including: an extensive inventory of back issues, graphic novels, statues, toys, collectibles, and of course, new comics. Located downtown.
http://www.zanaducomics.com/

Coffee, Beer and Spirits
See the “Featuring Seattle: Local Beer” post.

Ancient Grounds Coffee and Tea
Ancient Grounds is the perfect intersection of coffee, tea, art, and artifacts. Located downtown.

Caffe Ladro
A favorite among coffee snobs. Try their seasonal coffee beverages like lavender and gingerbread lattés. Several locations downtown.
http://www.caffeladro.com

Cherry Street Coffee
Another favorite among coffee snobs. They won the coveted “Best Rock-Star Barrista” at this year’s U.S. Barista Championship competition. Several locations downtown.
http://cherryst.com/
Copperworks Distilling
Known for their gin and vodka spirits, Copperworks was voted “Best Distillery” in Seattle Magazine’s 2014 Readers’ Choice Awards. Located downtown near the Waterfront.
http://copperworksdistilling.com/

Elysian Brewing Company
Known for variety, Elysian has brewed over 350 craft beers since it opened on Capitol Hill in 1996. Several locations in and near downtown.
http://www.elysianbrewing.com/

Ghostfish Brewing Company
Ghostfish is becoming legendary as Seattle’s first gluten-free taproom. It starts with their use of unusual malted grains: millet, buckwheat, and brown rice. All beers are produced in small batches in dedicated gluten-free facilities. Hallelujah! Located in the Georgetown neighborhood.
http://ghostfishbrewing.com/

J & M Cafe and Cardroom
Established in 1889 as a gambling and dancing establishment for the men of the Gold Rush, the J&M remains a pinnacle in Seattle’s history and is still one of the most popular bars in the city. Located in Pioneer Square.
http://www.jandmcafe.com/

Market Spice Tea
Since 1911, this shop in the Pike Place Market offers nearly 200 bulk teas and teabag flavors. Located downtown.
https://www.marketspice.com/

Pike Brewing Company
Located in the Pike Place Market, this brewery uses hops from Washington’s Yakima Valley and brews with organic malts. Located downtown.
http://pikebrewing.com/

Starbucks – Historical Pike Place Market Location and LEED Location at First and Pike
You’ll find Starbucks nearly everywhere you turn in Seattle. These two locations are especially interesting. Both are located downtown.
http://www.starbucks.com/

Vital Tea Leaf Seattle
Free tea samplings make this tea shop distinctive. Located downtown.
http://www.vtlseattle.com/
Special Section: Irish Pubs

**Fado Irish Pub**
Fado has Seattle’s Longest Running Irish Session, every Sunday from 4pm – 7pm. Come along to join in or just listen. Families are welcome. Located just north of Pioneer Square.
http://www.fadoirishpub.com/seattle/

**Kells**
Kells proudly serves Seattle’s largest Single Malt Scotch collection and has live music nightly. Located on Post Alley.

**Owl N’ Thistle**
Contact the pub for information on live music. Located on Post Alley.
http://www.owlnthistle.com/

**The Blarney Stone**
Contact the pub for information on live music. Near Pike Place Market.
http://blarneystoneseattle.com/

**Paddy Coyne’s Irish Pub**
Contact the pub for information on live music. Located on the Waterfront.
http://www.paddycoynes.net/

Shops of Note

**de Medici Ming Fine Paper**
Inspired by Marie Papier in Paris, this small, yet distinctive shop offers a selection of papers from around the world. Located downtown.
http://www.demedicimingfinepaper.com/

**Frye Art Museum Shop**
A curated collection of one-of-a-kind objects and innovative items from Pacific Northwest designers and artists. Located on First Hill.
http://fryemuseum.org/program/museum_store

**The Paper Feather**
The Paper Feather is proud to offer fun and fancy paper products, custom design, art and gifts all handmade by its owner, Jennifer Cullin. Located in Pike Place Market.
http://www.thepaperfeathershop.com/

**Paper Hammer Shop** (part of Lucia | Marquand Books)
This shop features exquisite hand-bound books and letterpress printed goods made in their Tieton studios. Begun in 2007 in a rural town in central Washington State, Paper Hammer is working to revitalize Tieton’s economy by connecting creative, urban professionals with underused resources. Located downtown.
http://www.paper-hammer.com
Seattle Art Museum Shop
At the SAM Shop you’ll find uncommon objects, contemporary design for your home, toys for kids, handcrafted artisan gifts, and jewelry by local artists. Located downtown.
http://www.seattleartmuseum.org/visit/shops

Seattle Public Library Shop
Located within the Seattle Public Library’s Central Branch, the Friends shop carries items selected to interest readers and book-lovers, including distinctive custom items made for the Library. You’ll also find cards, artwork and crafts by Northwest artists.

So Much Yarn
Located in Pike Place Market, this is a knitter’s dream. They have an amazing assortment with so many colorways and a very nice staff. As the name says, there is so much yarn! Located downtown.
http://www.somuchyarn.com/

Ugly Baby and La Ru
This fun shop has everything from artwork and crafts by Seattleites and other Northwesterners as well as D.I.Y craft kits made by indie artists. Located downtown on the backside of the Pike Place Market.
http://www.uglybabyandlaru.com/

Watson Kennedy Fine Living and Fine Home
WK Fine Living offers a luxurious assortment of bed, body, and bath products. WK Fine Home offers furniture, jewelry, and one-of-a-kind finds from the owner’s travels. Located near Pike Place Market and in lower downtown.
http://www.watsonkennedy.com/