



bookstores in Halton Hills, making our neighbourhood a good destination for book lovers.

White Rabbit Books

Tom Konyndyk never contemplated selling new books. "It's a continually changing industry. Always has been," says the owner of White Rabbit Books.

But fortunately second-hand books are a different story. During a family vacation four years ago, the Konyndyks (wife, Marilyn,) dared to dream of having their own bookstore in Georgetown.

"I walk around the corner to work," he says with a satisfied smile. A far cry from the commute to Transcontinental offices at Toronto's bustling Bayview and Sheppard area.

The home of this small, inviting, well-organized shop is the main floor of a quaint, century house in downtown Georgetown. Konyndyk credits his wife Marilyn, for its welcoming ambiance.

"It looks the way it does because of what she does," he says proudly.

In a time when bookstores are closing across the country, Konyndyk points out that the second-hand bookshop provides what many can't- older books within reach.

"Indigo won't keep their inventory very long. Here, you don't have to order; it's on the shelf."

Konyndyk says the best part of having your own bookstore is, "I get to connect books with people."

White Rabbit Books is located at 16 Main Street S. in Georgetown. For more info phone 905-702-0316 or visit <http://whiterabbitbooks.ca>

Bay Books & Collectibles

Bay Books & Collectibles has 4,000 second-hand and rare books that neatly line the store's large interior. Owner Wilkie Oliver also offers a vast array of small vintage items in the shop that is tucked behind The McGibbon Hotel, downtown Georgetown.

Oliver says his appreciation for books began when he was a young boy in his native Trinidad.

"There weren't enough books to go around. We had to



share, so from that I gained a reverence for books. That motivated me to collect them."

Early influence also came through author Christopher Morely in his Parnasus On Wheels series, says Oliver. In these stories, the main character sells books from a wagon as he travels, and he has a mystical gift for finding the right book for each individual.

Bay Books and Collectibles are located at 71 Main Street S. in Georgetown. For info phone 905-873-3131 or visit www.baybook-sandcollectibles.com

What The Dickens Books & Curios

Ann Livingstone comes to the book business with many years of school library experience, and a deep appreciation for the written word.

Some of her books are new, but the majority, she says, are "previously enjoyed," from every genre. All are expertly chosen and attractively organized in her Acton store.

She also carries some collectible items, and a few decorator prints.

"But my specialty is definitely books," she says.

Most are fiction, but there are also cookbooks, lifestyle, art and sports.

"I read all kinds of books myself," says Livingstone, and her store reflects her variety of interests.

Her store is located at 145 Mill Street E. in Acton. Phone 519-853-1225 for more info.





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