

Chicago Bookstores

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All entries in this list include not only the address, but the distance from the Hyatt as well as the hours of operation, a descriptions and brief driving directions.

Have a smartphone? Follow the link to the Google Map with directions from the Hyatt to the library or bookstore listed. The Google map allows you to choose directions by car, public transit or by foot. (One tip, if you are using a GPS like software, look at the directions before leaving the hotel as sometimes the buildings and other factors can interfere with the GPS).

Women and Children First

5233 N. Clark St
Chicago, IL 60640

Distance from the Hyatt: 8.2 Miles

<https://www.womenandchildrenfirst.com/>

(773)769-9299

Hours: Mon-Tues: 11-7, Wed-Fri: 11-9, Sat: 10-7, Sun 11-6

About: Founded in 1979, this is one of the largest feminist bookstores in the country with over 30,000 books by and about women, children, as well as LGBTQ fiction and nonfiction. In addition to carrying books, this store carries cards, magazines, posters, calendars and more. This store also offers feminist programming at the bookstore supported by The Women's Voices Fund. Women and Children First is also partnering with MLA to be the bookselling partner for a few of the book signings at the conference.

Driving Directions: First get on US-41 N/N Lake Shore Dr from E Lower Wacker Dr and Lower North Lake Shore Dr then Follow N Lake Shore Dr. Take the Foster Ave exit from US-41 N/N Lake Shore Drive. Finally, Follow US-41 N/W Foster Ave to N Clark St.

Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/nrHLZa44QkK2>

Book Cellar:

4736-38 N Lincoln Ave
Chicago, IL 60625

Distance from the Hyatt: 8.8 miles

<https://www.bookcellarinc.com/>

(773) 293-2665

Hours: Mon, Wed, Sat: 10-9, Tues & Sun 12-6

About: The Book Cellar is an independent bookstore known for its local vibe as well as events such as book clubs, signings and more. Some of the highlights include spotlights on local authors and publishers as well as a well-stocked section for children and young readers. This shop is less than two miles from Women & Children First, so if you are visiting that store, take a detour to the Book Cellar before coming back to the Hyatt.

Driving Directions: First get onto US-41 N/N Lake Shore Dr from E Lower Wacker Dr and Lower North Lake Shore Dr. Next Follow US-41 N/N Lake Shore Dr to W Lawrence Ave. Take the Lawrence Ave exit from US-41 N/N Lake Shore Dr, and then follow W Lawrence Ave to N Lincoln Ave.

Google Map Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/3q5fqTXf5Ft>

Unabridged Bookstore

3251 N Broadway

Chicago, IL 60657

Distance from the Hyatt: 5.0 Miles

<https://www.unabridgedbookstore.com>

(773)883-9119

Hours: Mon-Fri: 10-9 & Sat-Sun 10-7

About: Founded in 1980 this store includes a large sale collection, children's section, a room dedicated to travel, and LGBTQ literature. The staff provides personal recommendations and in 2015 Chicago Magazine voted it the Best Bookstore in Chicago 2015.

Driving Directions: First get on US-41 N/N Lake Shore Dr from E Lower Wacker Dr and Lower North Lake Shore Dr, and then follow US-41 N/N Lake Shore Dr to W Belmont Ave. Take the Belmont Ave exit from US-41 N/N Lake Shore Dr. Next continue on W Belmont Ave, and drive to N Broadway.

OPEN Books West Loop

651 W. Lake St.

Chicago, IL 60661

Distance from the Hyatt: 1.3 Miles

<https://www.open-books.org/>

312.475.1355 x100

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-7, Sun 12-6

About: Open Books is nonprofit organization which improves literacy experiences in Chicago through literacy programs and book grants throughout the Chicagoland Area. One of the major sources for program funding comes from two used bookstores. One of the bookstores, Open Books West Loop is about 1.5 miles from the Hyatt. This bookstores includes over 50,000 used book with a large children's/young adult section of 10,000 books.

Driving Directions: Head north on N Stetson Ave toward E Wacker Dr, then turn left at the 1st cross street onto E Wacker Drive before turning right.

Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/MW7QJjWM3Pk>

Read It & Eat

2142 N Halsted Street

Chicago, IL 60614

Distance from the Hyatt: 4.6 Miles

<https://www.readitandeatstore.com/home.php>

(773) 661-6158

Hours: Mon & Wed: 12-5, Tue: Closed, Thu & Fri: 12-6, Sat: 11-6, Sun: 11-5

About: This is a bookstore dedicated to everything around cooking. The store includes over 3,500 books on cooking, baking, travel, food history and more. Read it & Eat also hosts cooking demonstrations, book signings, and events.

Driving Directions: First get on US-41 N/N Lake Shore Drive from E Lower Wacker Dr and Lower North Lake Shore Drive. Next, follow US-41 N/N Lake Shore Dr to W Fullerton Ave/W Fullerton Pkwy. Take the Fullerton Pkwy exit from US-41 N/N Lake Shore Dr. Next, continue on W Fullerton Ave/W Fullerton Pkwy. Take W Webster Ave to N Halsted St.

Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/yfz4xuUwWbq>

Seminary Co-Op:

5751 S. Woodlawn Ave.

Chicago, IL 60637

Distance from the Hyatt: 9.0 Miles

<https://www.semcoop.com/>

773.752.4381

Hours: M-F 8:30-8, Sa & Su 10-6

About: This co-operative bookstore specializes in academic books with a focus on the humanities and social sciences. In 1961, this bookstore started with 17 members and has grown to over 53,000. This bookstore is a third of a mile from the Joe and Rika Mansueto Library, and just around the corner from 57th street books, so if you are headed down to the University of Chicago, be sure to check them out.

Driving Directions: Get on US-41 S/N Lake Shore Drive, and then merge onto Merge onto US-41 S/N Lake Shore Drive for seven miles. Then take Midway Plaisance to S Woodlawn Ave.

Google link for map: <https://goo.gl/maps/V9dZnBAxUPH2>

57th St. Books

1301 E. 57th St.

Chicago, IL 60637

Distance from the Hyatt: 8.6miles

<https://57th.semcoop.com/>

773.684.1300

Hours: 10-8 daily

This co-operative bookstore specializes in general interest titles in areas such as children's literature, science fiction, mysteries, cookbooks, and more. Founded in 1983, this co-operative bookstore is run by the same group which oversees the Seminary Co-Op. This bookstore is a third of a mile from The Joe and Rika Mansueto Library, and just around the corner from 57th street books, so if you are headed down to the University of Chicago, be sure to check them out.

Driving Directions: First get on US-41 S/N Lake Shore Drive, and then merge onto US-41 S/N Lake Shore Dr for seven miles. Then Continue on E 57th Dr. for .3 miles and take E 56th St to E 57th St. The library will be on the left. **Google link for map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/Er8HC7qFybs>

Powell's Books Chicago

1501 E 57th St.

Chicago, IL 60637

Distance from the Hyatt: 8.3 Miles

<https://www.powellschicago.com/>

(773) 955-7780

Hours: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

About: Founded in 1970, this store is Chicago's largest independent dealer of used, bargain, antiquarian, and out of print books. This retail store also specializes in academic books in the following fields: ancient and medieval studies, philosophy, science, history and many other subjects. Powell's Books Chicago is in the same neighborhood as The Joe and Rika Mansueto Library, John Crear Library, Seminary Co-Op and 57th street books, so if you are headed down to the University of Chicago, be sure to check them out.

Driving Directions:

Get on US-41 S/N Lake Shore Drive, then merge onto US-41 S/N Lake Shore Dr for seven miles. Then Continue on E 57th Dr. Take E 56th St and S Lake Park Ave to E 57th St. The library will be on the left.