

**LIBRARY:** Browsing and other services will begin again

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- Services such as Homeward Bound, interlibrary loans (ILLs) and obituary research resume.

- All returned materials are quarantined for 96 hours before being checked in.

Customers who prefer to remain out of public buildings and spaces can still access much of Deschutes Public Library's resources online at [www.deschuteslibrary.org](http://www.deschuteslibrary.org), including eBooks, digital audio books, streamable films and television shows and more. Outside (walk-up) pick-up of holds is also available for library customers who want to check out physical materials but are not able to enter buildings.

Public seating, meeting and tutor rooms, magazines, newspapers, board books, early learning spaces and museum passes are not available during Phase 2.

The latest information about Deschutes Public Library's current operations can be found at <https://www.deschuteslibrary.org/about/news/news?newsid=9301>.

Library customers with questions about the phases or their accounts can call or text their question to 541-617-0776.

# Sisters businesses partner to build community

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Books and coffee go together perfectly. For two decades, Paulina Springs Books and Sisters Coffee Co. have enjoyed the symbiosis of growing up right across Hood Avenue from each other, becoming two of Sisters' signature independent businesses.

Now, as both businesses seek ways to stay connected with their customers in the constraints of the coronavirus pandemic, they have, for the first time, launched a direct partnership.

The bookstore and the coffee house are offering a monthly subscription box with a read and a supply of coffee. It's called Reads & Roasts.

Each box includes a new book, a choice of one or two 12 oz. bags of Black Butte Gold coffee from Sisters Coffee Company (or tea from Metolius), and "an assortment of other bookish swag or goodies from Sisters Country businesses and artisans."

"Each book featured in the box is hand-selected from among thousands of titles that are published each month," Paulina Springs explains. "Some might be from authors you

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— Lane Jacobson

recognize, but we’re sure you’ll discover some new ones, too! We emphasize diverse, global, and under-represented voices — but above all else, these are books that we believe in and stories that deserve to be shared.”

Reads & Roasts subscribers also get access to a monthly virtual book club to talk about the books featured in the box. Those sessions may sometimes include guest appearances by the author.

"Just being across the street from them, we've always been looking for ways to collaborate," said Paulina Springs owner Lane Jacobson. "We love our little corner of Sisters here. We had some plans in the works that COVID threw off the rails."

But, as they've been

doing since March, the shops adapted and pivoted — and the response so far has been gratifying.

"So far the enthusiasm for it has been high," Jacobson said.

Many patrons of both Paulina Springs Books and Sisters Coffee Co. are visitors to Sisters who don't have an independent bookstore or coffeehouse in their community and want to support those homegrown businesses year-round. The Reads & Roasts program is a good fit for that.

"It's definitely meant to feel like taking a piece of Sisters," Jacobson said.

Like many businesses in town they are discovering communities that exist

outside the confines of the geography of Sisters. In a time of limited interaction and physical distancing, programs like Reads & Roasts are helping to maintain a sense of community connection.

"This is just another form of attachment to the community," Jacobson said.

The first book of the program is "Homeland Elegies" by Pulitzer Prize-winner Ayad Akhtar.

"It's a biographical fiction about the Muslim experience in post-9/11 America," Jacobson said. "It's really good. It's a page-turner; it's compulsively readable."

For more information visit [www.paulinaspringsbooks.com](http://www.paulinaspringsbooks.com).



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