



THINGS TO DO

Area merchants have books covered

Whether you need to buy textbooks for classes, or you just like to read for enjoyment, you need to know where to go to find what you're looking for.

The University of Oregon Bookstore, located at the corner of 13th and Kincaid, is the most convenient bookstore, not only for students, but

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for the public as well. The store has a textbook section and an extensive general book section.

Employee Chris Standish of the textbook section says there are usually 3,000-4,000 textbooks in stock, depending on the number of courses and faculty requests. Approximately one-third of the textbooks are used. Students, faculty, and staff receive an 11 percent discount on new and used books. Standish says buy-backs for both new and used books are one-half of the new selling price. 'so you don't wind up spending that much on used books," he said.

The general book section carries about 35,000 titles in 85 sections, according to employee Mike Pritiken.

'The biggest sections would be children's and literature. We also have a large selection of computer books," Pritikin said. The general section also carries calenders and postcards.



Photo by Andy Cripe Although students often complain about a lack of time for outside reading, many Eugene area bookstores provide a variety of books. B Dalton's, a nationwide chain, offers

everything from literature to computer texts.



The Book Mark, located at 856 Olive Street is another option in the vast sea of bookstores in the Eugene and University area.

Bookstore hours this fall will be 7:30 a.m.to 5:30 p.m. Before classes begin, the store hours will be 12:30 p.m.to 5 p.m. on September 27, and 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 28-30. Beginning this fall, the bookstore will have new hours on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Smith Family Bookstore, at 768 E. 13th Ave.. is the main competitor with the University Bookstore for school textbook sales. Smith Family specializes in used texts, both buying and selling.

Co-owner Misa Smith says more and more students have come to Smith Family every year since the store opened at its current location in 1977 (it originally opened in 1974 on Alder Street). Smith Family has another, smaller store one block from the Fifth Street Public Market, at 160 E. Fifth Ave.

The store currently has 250,000 to 300,000 books in stock "on all subjects," Smith said.

'We sell and buy back books at competitive prices," she said, adding that the prices are "almost the same" as the University Bookstore

Smith Family also offers a large selection of non-school books and magazines (such as Sports Illustrated, Time, National Geographic, etc.) at discount prices. Used paperbacks are listed at

The store is open Monday through Saturday. 9 a.m.to 5:30 p.m.

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