

# Calmlee's Bookstore offers readers (real) page turners

By Jolene Guzman  
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — Tired of looking at screens? A recently opened store in downtown Dallas has just the remedy: books.

Paperback books, to be specific, is the specialty at Calmlee's Bookstore on Southwest Court Street.

"It's all new books, and eventually I'm going to have comic books, too," said owner Chris Mann Monday.

Mann said it was an accident, really, but he found a weakness in the e-reader market. He said people are more frequently using e-readers for newspapers, magazines, and newly released books.

"It's normally new books that are still in hardcover," he said of what people buy with e-readers. "In paper it's \$30. If you buy the e-book, it's \$15. But the mass market paperback is still cheaper than that."

Mann said he had been thinking of owning a bookstore for some time before opening Calmlee's in November of last year.

### A good read

**What:** Calmlee's Bookstore.  
**Where:** 147 SW Court St., Dallas.  
**Hours:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Saturday.  
**Contact:** 503-623-3025, or find Calmlee's Bookstore on Facebook.

"I was selling on eBay, selling used CDs and used DVDs," Mann said. "I got this book vendor by accident and realized it's a lot cheaper than I thought to open up a store."

For now, Calmlee's shelves are stocked with best-selling titles and genres. But customers are not limited to what is in-store. For those looking for something harder to find, Mann can order nearly any title.

Calmlee's is hosting its first author event on Jan. 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. with Oregon author Carl Lee Scott, whose debut, "The Vow," was published in 2015. The novel is about a woman trying to prove an active serial killer is on the hunt in Salem.



Chris Mann opened Calmlee's Bookstore in November 2015, stocking his store with best-selling mass market paperbacks, which still are cheaper in print than on e-readers. He is planning to carry comic books in the future.

Mann said he's hoping to host more authors in the future, but his first few months

have been about letting people know that Dallas has a downtown book store again.

"It's just taking time to get the word around," Mann said. "I know it's going to

take some time, slow growth, to build a real steady customer base."

# IndyWorks app may streamline service to citizens

By Emily Mentzer  
The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — See something awry in the community? Don't try to remember to let city hall know about it later; download the IndyWorks app for free and report it on the spot.

The app for Android and iPhone allows citizens to report issues such as potholes, broken streetlamps or overgrown vegetation, as well as ask questions about Independence city government.

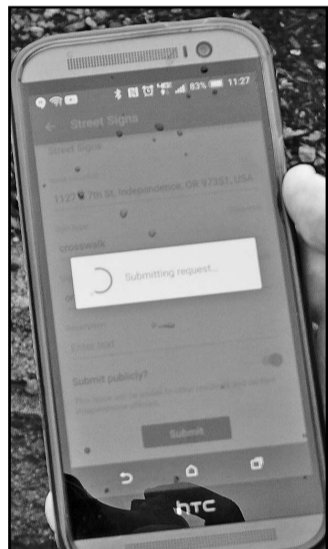
"What this does is let the resident submit different types of requests that automatically starts a whole chain of events on the back-end," IT Manager Jason Kistler said.

Citizens are notified of the progress of their complaint or report. Other residents may choose to follow the progress, too.

For example, a citizen may report a pothole on a main street in town — complete with a photo, if they like.

"So say someone else sees it and they say, 'yeah, I want that fixed, too,'" Kistler said. "They hit 'follow,' and any updates you get, they will also get. It's a whole different level of transparency going on."

Submitting a report is slightly more complicated than posting to Instagram or



Emily Mentzer/Itemizer-Observer  
Citizens can report issues on IndyWorks app.

Facebook from a cellular device. The app may also be accessed via the city's website for people who would prefer not to use their cell-phones that way, Kistler said.

Just about 24 hours after a broken crosswalk sign was reported using the app, public works had repaired it.

"We assign a typical amount of time that it would take to resolve that prob-

lem," Kistler said. "So if it goes beyond that time, a manager will get alerted as well as the employee in charge of the problem."

Kistler said he hopes the app will help curb communication issues between city government employees and citizens.

Before, either the complaint is made and fixed without the citizen knowing when or how; or a city worker doesn't get all the information he or she needs to fix the concern, Kistler said.

"Also, let's say someone scribbles something down on a sticky note because they're on the main phone and things are blowing up," he said. "And it falls through the cracks. And you have another upset citizen."

Now, even if someone makes a report at the front desk, someone can enter it straight into the IndyWorks system.

The app was created with PublicStuff, and costs the city \$5,000 per year for the setup and ongoing maintenance.

For more information: ci.independence.or.us.



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Jason Kistler, Independence IT manager, takes a photo of a sign that blew down in the last wind storm using the IndyWorks app. The sign was fixed about 24 hours later.

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**How to do Sudoku**  
 Fill in the grid so the numbers 1 through 9 appear just once in every column, row, and three-by-three square. See example above.

By Ben Arnoldy  
 The Christian Science Monitor

**West Valley Housing Authority** will hold their **Work Session Meeting on Wednesday January 27, 2016 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at 204 SW Walnut in Dallas, Oregon. The Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday January 27, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at 204 SW Walnut in Dallas, Oregon. An Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 will be held immediately following the Regular Meeting, if required.**

**Agenda** for the meeting is posted on the Housing Authority website at www.wvpha.org. The location for the meeting is handicapped accessible. Please advise the West Valley Housing Authority if you need any special accommodations to attend the meeting. For information, please call 503-623-8387, TDD 1-800-735-2900.

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