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Brookline Booksmith, The Heart of Brookline for 60 Years

Brookline.Booksmith, 279 Harvard Street in the heart of Coolidge Corner, has been in business since 1961. The shop was founded by the Smith family as “Paperback Booksmith”. At one time there were nearly 40 “Paperback Booksmiths” in the region. Judy Smith, co-founder of the store, is still on the Board of Directors.

Lisa Gozashti, manager and co-owner, has worked at the Booksmith for 21 years. She is passionate about books. She believes that books carry forth the soul of human beings. Lisa remarked that books “hold memories, confluences, philosophies that endure as an honest reflection of time.”

The store has a deep relationship with the Brookline community. Brookline Booksmith is BrooklineCAN's partner in providing author's books for sale at our educational events.

Over the years, several generations of readers have come to rely on the shop to find exactly the right book or gift. Older customers are well served by wide aisles, excellent lighting, two restrooms, and a welcoming, helpful staff that will provide a chair upon request.

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The Booksmith schedules readings by authors, book clubs, and special events for children—on Zoom now due to the pandemic. They publish a weekly Newsletter, and they offer ordering online or by phone and curbside pickup. The Booksmith often works cooperatively on special events with another Brookline treasure, the Coolidge Corner Theatre, right across the street.

The Booksmith was closed for several months due to the pandemic. Now open after a complete rearrangement of aisles to prevent crowding, and expansion into another space, customers can safely shop in person. In the new expansion space, the Novel Kitchen is opening soon, a lovely and innovative no-cook restaurant, serving wine, beer, mocktails, and wonderful food.

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