



Community Bookstore

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2026 Press Kit

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OVERVIEW

Community Bookstore has been at the heart of literary Park Slope for the last 55 years. Local and visiting patrons alike come to our space for its cozy atmosphere and varied general selection. Our staff of serious readers represents a wide range of tastes and knowledge, and our customers come for our thoughtful recommendations and warm service. We place particular emphasis on international literature and titles in translation.

 21.4k Instagram followers

 13k Newsletter subscribers



OUR NEW TRANSLATION SERIES...

This fall, we're launching a new event series for books in translation, which will bring together authors, translators, and readers in celebration of international literature. More to come!

IN-STORE EVENT INFORMATION

- Seating for 50 people with a capacity of 100 people for larger events
- Option for microphones and sound for larger events
- Use of our garden space in warmer weather, perfect for intimate readings and parties

RECENT AND NOTABLE EVENTS



<u>Author</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Books sold</u>
Francesca Wade	October 2025	60	30
Stefan Fatsis	October 2025	60	35
Jonas Hassen Khemiri	August 2025	60	25
Vincenzo Latronico	April 2025	85	52
Moshtari Hilal	March 2025	60	20

OFFSITE EVENT INFORMATION

- A historic synagogue located one block from the bookstore, Congregation Beth Elohim seats 500 to 1200; higher capacity with balcony open
- All programming is ticketed, with full or partial book bundles
- Socially and politically diverse congregation with an interest in a variety of programming
- Professional sound, tech, and security brought on for all large-scale programs



Congregation Beth Elohim

PAST NOTABLE EVENTS

<u>Author</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Books sold</u>
George Saunders	January 2026	1200	1200
Randi Weingarten	September 2025	360	115
Jeff Tweedy	November 2023	730	730
Lucinda Williams	April 2023	645	645
Patti Smith	September 2019	1200	1200



The Berkeley Carroll
Marlena Clary Performance Space

- Located inside of Park Slope's Berkeley Carroll School, this theater seats 100-330
- Near Grand Army Plaza on 7th Ave, just a few blocks north of Community Bookstore
- All events are ticketed, with full or partial book bundles
- Venue includes professional sound, tech, and lighting
- Flexible space can readily accommodate a smaller number of people for a more intimate event

PAST NOTABLE EVENTS

<u>Author</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Books sold</u>
Benjamín Labatut	April 2024	169	169
Peggy Orenstein	January 2020	220	200
Rebecca Traister	October 2018	310	2018
Michael Ondaatje	May 2018	200	125
Zadie Smith	September 2017	330	330