



BSPBF  
BUFFALO SMALL PRESS BOOK FAIR

April 5th & 6th  
Karpeles Manuscript  
Library Museum

**What:** 2014 Buffalo Small Press Book Fair

**Where:** Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum, Porter Hall, 453 Porter Ave, Buffalo, NY

**When:** Saturday April 5th, 12-6pm, Sunday April 6th, 11am-5pm

**Who:** Writers, artists, and cultural workers from the Great Lakes Region and beyond

**News:** 8th Annual Buffalo Small Press Book Fair takes place April 5th and 6th, 2014

The weather isn't warming up yet, but Spring is on its way, and so is the Buffalo Small Press Book Fair. Chris Fritton, the organizer of the Fair, will again bring together hundreds of vendors and thousands of writers and artists for one long weekend in April.

This is the second year the Fair will be hosted on two days. Fritton notes "The Fair continues to grow, and people responded positively to the two-day format last year." Fritton knows that holding the Fair on two days allows room for more vendors - not all vendors can vend both days, so new cultural workers can set up shop on the second day. Last year, the Fair boasted 125 vendors and close to 4,500 participants; this year he hopes to have 140 vendors and 5,000 participants.

The Fair's online presence continues to grow, attracting national attention from other big brands like AWP, the New York Art Book Fair, and MLA, thanks to an [article posted last year on the Poetry Foundation's website](#). Fritton and cohort Jason Dettbarn have redesigned and redeveloped the entire website to give it a sleeker, more modern look, as well as greater functionality. "The new site is mobile-friendly too," say Fritton, "people can even apply for a table right from their phone."

In keeping with the format from previous years, the fair will host a number of free workshops that take place concurrent with vendors selling their wares. "This year we will have readings off-site the two nights prior, as well as number of other events taking place in conjunction with the weekend of the fair." Fritton adds "The book fair has really become a week-long event that draws people from all over the Northeast and Midwest, and having activities on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday make that trip worthwhile." The 8th Annual Fair will have authors and artists not just from Buffalo, but from Montreal, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Utah, NYC, Washington DC, Milwaukee, and beyond.

The event will be held once again at the beautiful Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum, Porter Hall, 453 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, NY on Saturday April 5th and Sunday April 6th - but the Buffalo Small Press Book Fair Pre-Parties, demos, screenings, and readings (on April 3rd and 4th) will take place at the Western New York Book Arts Center, 468 Washington St., Buffalo, NY.

This year, the Thursday night reading will take place at WNYBAC; it will feature internationally renowned progressive fiction authors [Shane Jones](#) and [Lance Olsen](#). For the first time ever, the BSPBF will host a film screening as part of the festivities: the critically acclaimed [Sign Painters documentary](#) will be shown at 7:30pm Friday evening, immediately following a letterpress demo and Meet & Greet with printer extraordinaire, [Amos P. Kennedy Jr.](#) Friday night acts as the official Fair pre-party, showcasing small press poets from [Argos Books](#), [Dusie Press](#), and [Cage Match](#) magazine. To see the entire agenda, visit [www.buffalosmallpress.org/schedule](http://www.buffalosmallpress.org/schedule)

Open readings during the Book Fair will also be scheduled, giving poets and authors a chance to share their work; the marathon reading will be held upstairs at Karpeles in short back-to-back ten-minute time slots on Saturday.

Vendors run the gamut from visual artists to small press poets, book artists to letterpressers, comic book makers to do-it-yourself crafters. This preserves the original intention: hosting an event that brings together a diverse cross-section of cultural workers (and enthusiasts) in a venue where they can share ideas, showcase their art, and peddle their wares.

Details of the event are available online at: [www.buffalosmallpress.org](http://www.buffalosmallpress.org) Remember this event and all the events surrounding the Fair are **free to attend and open to the general public!**

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