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BUFFALO SMALL PRESS BOOK FAIR

April 18th & 19th  
Karpeles Manuscript  
Library Museum

**What:** 2015 Buffalo Small Press Book Fair

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

**When:** Saturday April 18th, 12-6pm, Sunday April 19th, 11am-5pm

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

**News:** 9th Annual Buffalo Small Press Book Fair takes place April 18th and 19th, 2015

Almost in its 10th year, the Buffalo Small Press Book Fair keeps charging along under the direction of organizer Chris Fritton. The Fair is now a true harbinger of Spring, and as in past years, will bring together hundreds of vendors and thousands of writers and artists for one long weekend in April. Kevin Thurston, co-founder of the Fair, has made a surprise return to Buffalo this year, and he's been helping orchestrate readings and schedules. It's been a while since the two have worked together, but Fritton is happy to have him back. "It takes a little of the pressure off me, and Kevin brings a different perspective."

This is the third year the Fair will be hosted on two days. Fritton notes "The two-day format has really become popular; often people tell me that they like Sunday better than Saturday because it has a great, relaxed atmosphere where there's more time to share." Fritton also 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 140 vendors and close to 5,500 participants; this year he hopes to have 150 vendors and 6,000 participants.

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. There will also be Open Readings on Saturday during the Fair, and Saturday evening will feature an off-site small press poetry reading. The 9th Annual Fair will have authors and artists not just from Buffalo, but from Montreal, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, NYC, California, 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 18th and Sunday April 19th - but the Buffalo Small Press Book Fair Post-Party and readings will take place at other venues. The full schedule and info can be found at [www.buffalosmallpress.org/schedule](http://www.buffalosmallpress.org/schedule)

Not sure what you'll find? 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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