

To whom it may concern,

For more than forty years, 698 Spadina has housed a bookstore. During this time, many artists, authors, more than a few celebrities, academics, movie and theatre prop suppliers, book collectors, librarians and of course neighbours have frequented the shop.

The crossroad of Spadina and Sussex, the location of store, is a gateway to a reading community. At the beginning of each term, we have poor students searching for the books on their reading list at an economical price. Every day, we have neighbors who drop in to chat or to get a recommendation for a murder mystery, a sci-fi paperback, a Canadian novel, a gift for a child, perhaps a classic or a slim volume of poems. History buffs come by to check out the books and pamphlets and are amazed by the extensive selection of books about Toronto and small town Ontario. Their heritage and culture are found at 698.

The heritage is not just in the collection. Ryerson films students, photographers, and music video producers have recognized the rare ambiance that this 19<sup>th</sup> century store with floor to ceiling books can bring to their productions. It is a magical place for those who visit. We ask that you support the preservation of this rare example of Toronto heritage.

Sincerely,  
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