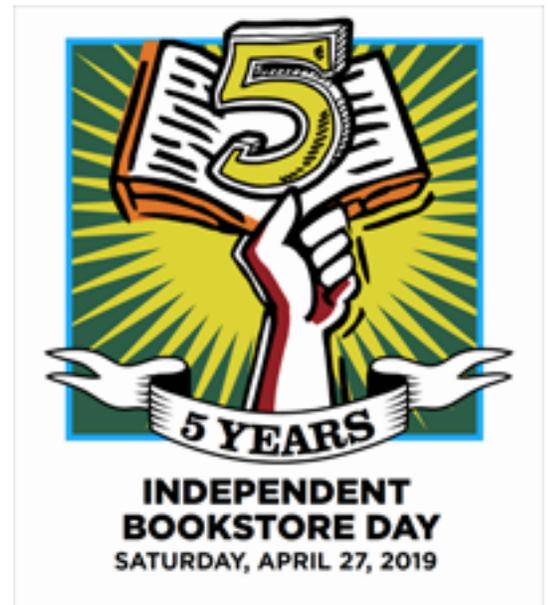


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Albuquerque Bookstore, Bookworks, Celebrates Independent Bookstore Day April 27

ALBUQUERQUE—As its moves into its thirty-fifth year as the North Valley’s local, independent bookstore, Bookworks celebrates the national holiday, Independent Bookstore Day, on April 27.



Independent Bookstore Day (IBD) celebrates local bookstores across the country, and in 2019 IBD is celebrating its fifth year. Begun as California Bookstore Day, the one-day party at indie bookstores the last Saturday in April now features a collectible literary product line and events, music, baked good, games, readings, and more.

Why a holiday? As the IBD website says, “Independent bookstores are not just stores, they’re community centers and local anchors run by passionate readers. They are entire universes of ideas, lively performance spaces and quiet places ... bookstores are not a dying anachronism. They are living, breathing organisms that continue to grow and expand.”

At local bookstore, Bookworks, the celebration includes a Batman and Catwoman Costume contest to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Batman at 11 am. At 3 pm, former Albuquerque Poet Laureate, Jessica Helen Lopez, reads from her new *Swimming with Elephants* collection, *Provocateur*. At 5 pm, literary trivia commences, with local teams welcome to battle it out for book related prizes. For more information or to sign up for literary trivia, please email Amanda Sutton @ events@bkwrks.com.

IBD revelers can enjoy free audio books from **LibroFM**. More information is available in the store or at bkwrks.com. For a list of bookstores taking part nationwide, visit indiemap.bookweb.org

INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORE DAY AT BOOKWORKS

11 am: Batman & Catwoman Costume Contest and Craft. More info: kids@bkwrks.com

3 pm: Jessica Helen Lopez, *Provocateur*

5 pm: Literary Trivia. Email events@bkwrks.com to sign up your team of 4.

MEDIA NOTE: For more information about Bookworks’ Independent Bookstore Day promotions and events, contact Amanda Sutton, Bookworks Events & Marketing, at events@bkwrks.com or 505-344-8139