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Kingston is a truly city of books. I don't mean just those in the Kingston Frontenac Public Library, or in Queen's University, or at St. Lawrence College. Go into any Random House in Kingston and you will see a mile of books, a League of Canadian Poets and Writers – Union Street, Sydenham Street, Barrie or Brock – all bearing eloquent witness to Kingston literacy and skills. Citizens of the City of Kingston have, since their earliest days in Kingston Nurseries, thrilled to such classic tales as that of Don Quixote and his sidekick Pan Chancho, who tilted at Windmill's. Even students who only attend Queen's Quarterly have read about life in the North Country, and wondered about things like Igloo Refrigeration, and know that there is something literary, in Kingston, Brewing. Books are the Keystone of the Kingston Community Foundation; all the joys of this Grand Theatre that is literature are, if you live in this part of Ontario, Yours to Discover.

Yes, it is books that make Wendy's Mobile – mark it well! And books that make James Reid, that instill in us the Drive to Fly, that give us the kind of Freedom 55 bookless lifetimes could never provide.

Where else but in books does the Toucan nestle comfortably between the Pig and the Chien Noir? Where else can we watch Olivea Tango with her Beau's, or King's Crossing themselves as they Mug and Truffle for the Camera? Kingston is not

only a fine place to live, with its many friendly Accommodation Partners, but is also an ideal place to take your Holiday Inn. In books, our ship not only comes in – it Dox.

True, books have had their ups and downs; they are, after all, part of that Frontenac Cycle. Reading actual paper books has lately become something of A Novel Idea for some of us. Do not ask for whom Bell tolls: it tolls for Thee, Hellbox Press. But when the studies are Allan, Graphics will show that there are more books in Kingston than computers.

The Government of Ontario will surely keep our libraries open. No one should have, in Toronto, Dominion over who gets to read and who doesn't. Here in the city of Limestone, District School Boards know that. They know that in Ontario, Arts Counsel us to be better citizens. In Kingston, Arts Counsel us to make wiser decisions. Indeed, across Canada, Counsel for the Arts comes from many sources. And art is universally valued: people in Australia Counsel for the Arts.

Without books, we would surely be up the Carrick. Designs against reason and moderation would go undetected. Fortunately, in Kingston every Chris, James and Harry has access to books. Our many fine bookstores ensure that we can Altair out and buy a book. Our city's motto might well be: *Cogeco Ergo Sum*. Our coinage should be stamped: Creativity in Kingston Will Survive, which could be shortened to CKWS.

In brief, whether you sport the wig extraordinaire or bear the Whig-Standard, whether you place your reading in the Amateur file or in the Profile, Kingston, this city of words, has a book for you.