

# Fable Books

## Get Lost in Literature

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Take a trip to an enchanting children's bookstore where kids of all ages and the young at heart can let their imagination and creativity soar to new heights. Located in downtown Venice, Fable Books is adorned with trees, lush vinery, and woodland critters artistically scattered about the store, offering a friendly greeting to visitors who seek the excitement found in a good book.

Owner Robyn Lee (left) opened the bookstore in June 2021. She shares that while she never considered herself an avid reader, that quickly changed after her daughter, Jordan, was born. Together, they embraced the imaginative journeys of reading and storytelling, making it a big part of their lives. As a preschool teacher at the Venice YMCA for 13 years, Robyn has always enjoyed creating literature-based curriculum and quickly realized that she had a knack for guiding a youngster's growth and development through books. As Robyn puts it, "You always have that dream in the background that you always want, so after COVID became a part of everyone's lives, I decided I was going to go for it and open the shop."

Walk into Fable Books and you will immediately be transported into a fairytale forest of endless possibilities. On the shelves, you'll find classics such as *Goodnight Moon*, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, and *Where the Wild Things Are* alongside *Llama Llama Red Pajamas* and several by the well-known, Dr. Seuss. "Our selection is very inclusive of every reading ability, and we can order books for adults too. We make it so that there is a book for anyone," tells Robyn. Here, children will also discover soft plush animals, boardgames, and unique toys tucked throughout the shop. For parents, grandparents, and others seeking a unique gift, Fable Books has a wide range of options perfect for birthdays, holidays, or those *just because* moments.

In an age when electronics are a go-to for leisure time, Robyn is passionate about getting kids excited about reading again. She partners with schools and teachers with the same



goal to host drives, collect donations, and bring awareness to holidays such as National Literacy Day. Tablets and cell phone devices might be all the buzz, but Robyn understands the many benefits that also come from some quiet reading time.



At Fable Books, children are the stars of the show. Join the crew for Storytime held every other Saturday each month, with this month's events being held from 11 a.m. to noon on April 9 and 23. Dancing, singing, crafting, and gift giveaways are all part of the fun. As Robyn invites, "We encourage newcomers to join us and get all the wiggles out!"

Then, all day April 30 the shop will be celebrating National Independent Bookstore Day by hosting giveaways, a kids' coloring book workshop, an author event, and more.

This month, stop by and feel free to bring along your toddlers or tweens as you greet the owner, make new friends, and get lost in the dreamy wonder only found at Fable Books.

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