

Regina bookstore closing, e-books blamed

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The Book & Brier Patch is closing after 33 years. (Google)

One of Saskatchewan's last major independent bookstores is closing, saying e-books are partly to blame.

Regina-based Book & Brier Patch says it will close its doors after 33 years.

Over that time, the family-owned business on Albert Street has been the scene of many book launches involving Saskatchewan authors.

But in a news release Tuesday, the store said it's been under relentless pressure from bookstore chains, big box stores and online retailers that have been chipping away at its profits.

Now, cheap electronic books that can be ordered online are becoming popular and the bricks-and-mortar book store is no longer viable, the release said.

The company plans a going-out-of-business sale starting on Wednesday.

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[Think Twice](#) wrote: Posted 2010/06/29

at 6:17 PM ET MortimerSnerd, I believe it's the story headline that is blaming e-books. In the article the closure is blamed on bookstore chains, big box stores, online retailers AND e-books.

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[BillHammond](#) wrote: Posted 2010/06/29

at 6:09 PM ET Another sad day. Bookstores are one of my favourite places on the planet. To find a gem of an obscure book hidden in a stack in the back is one of the primary pleasures of life for me. I know they are losing the battle against big box and digital and have never really been a good way to get rich quick (or at all) but I'm sorry to see the independents go.

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[CBSK76](#) wrote: Posted 2010/06/29

at 5:51 PM ET I used to love saying I bought books from B&B ... but then they stopped carrying the books I like to read.

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[JimmyJanga](#) wrote: Posted 2010/06/29

at 5:46 PM ET amonostri wrote:

"The manufacturers that produced crank and rotary dial telephones were the ones who developed touch-tone. Try again."

Word processing on a PC taking over a typewriter. Email taking over snail mail. Times change and companies have to adapt, sink or swim.

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[James T.](#) wrote: Posted 2010/06/29

at 5:42 PM ET I haven't been to Book & Brier since I got horrific customer service there two Christmases ago. I buy all my books online at Amazon.ca now. There's no uppity salesgirl to sneer at you for buying the latest "Doonesbury" compilation there!

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