



Why is a local author membership good for you as an author?

Independent bookstores and local authors have always had a symbiotic relationship and the cooperative model has great built-in benefits for authors. We are interested in highlighting the work of a diverse range of voices, and as an independent bookstore, we have the freedom to do that.

If you are a published author and your books are available to us at a standard trade discount through our wholesalers, or direct from you, we will highlight them both in the store and on the store's website. You will have an author page on our website with links to your books. Also, you are able to host your signings, readings, or other events at the bookstore.

Local author members work with our marketing and events committees to help make their events successful. We believe that we can help each other to thrive and we believe that by becoming members, local authors are making an investment in their own future as well as the future of the culture of independent art and literature in our region.

We suggest authors join at the Local Author Member Level, or make a larger investment, but every co-op member is valuable to us and we can work with you according to your needs. We appreciate your interest in being a part of this unique cooperative project!

Annual Membership Support Levels:

1. **Standard Membership \$50:** You have voting power at co-op meetings. You receive 10% discounts on all store merchandise. You are invited to quarterly member sale days.
2. **Support Membership \$100:** You have voting power at co-op meetings. You receive 10% discounts on all purchases. You are invited to quarterly member sale days and member events TBA.
3. **Local Author Membership \$100:** We carry your books and feature them on the Website. You have use of the store for book events, readings, signings, etc. You have voting power at co-op meetings. You receive 10% discounts on all purchases. You are invited to quarterly member sale days and member events TBA.

4. **Solidarity Membership \$200:** You have voting power at co-op meetings. You receive 15% discounts on all purchases. You have access to member events TBA. You are invited to quarterly member sale days.
5. **Youth Membership (18 years and younger) \$15:** For people 18 years and under. You receive 5% discounts on all purchases. You have voting power at co-op meetings. You are invited to quarterly member sale days.
6. **Sliding Scale \$25-49:** Your choice of support level, sliding scale. No questions asked. You receive 10% discounts on all store merchandise. You have voting power at co-op meetings. You are invited to quarterly member sale days.

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<https://asburybookcoop.indiecommerce.com/become-member-or-donate> or in the store. Thank you!