

Thanks for shopping at your local bookstore

HERE'S WHAT YOU JUST DID

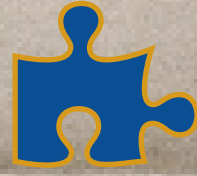
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You kept dollars in our economy.

An independent bookstore recirculates **29.3%** of its money locally, whereas Amazon only recirculates **5.8%**.

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You embraced what makes us unique.

You wouldn't want your house to look like everyone else's in the U.S. So why would you want your community to look that way?

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You created local jobs.

Local businesses are better at creating higher-paying jobs for our neighbors.

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You helped the environment.

Buying from local businesses conserves fuel for transportation, requires less packaging, and means you get products you know are safe and well-made, because we stand behind them.

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You nurtured your community.

We know you, and you know us. Studies have shown that local businesses donate to community causes at more than twice the rate of chains and online retailers.

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You conserved your tax dollars.

Shopping in a local business district means less infrastructure, less maintenance, and more money available to beautify our community. Also, spending locally instead of online ensures that your sales taxes are reinvested where they belong—right here in your community!

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You created more choice.

We pick the items we sell based on what we know you like and want. Local businesses carry a wider array of unique products because we buy for our own individual market.

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You invested in entrepreneurship.

Creativity and entrepreneurship are what the American economy is founded upon. Nurturing local business ensures a strong community.

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You took advantage of our expertise.

You are our friends and neighbors, and we have a vested interest in knowing how to serve you. We're passionate about what we do. Why not take advantage of it?

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You made us a destination.

The more interesting and unique we are as a community, the more we will attract new neighbors and visitors. This benefits everyone!

For more information, visit indiebound.org/cost-of-amazon.

For questions, email advocacy@bookweb.org.

Sources: Civic Economics, Unfulfilled: Amazon and the American Retail Landscape, 2022.

