



MIDWEST ANTIQUARIAN BOOKSELLERS ASSOCIATION (MWABA)

Membership Benefits

- Members are affiliated with a professional booksellers' organization operating since 1977.
- Book fair participants receive discounted booth rates at the MWABA Chicago Book & Paper Fair.
- Non-book fair participants receive free admission to the MWABA Chicago Book & Paper Fair.
- The right to display the MWABA logo on leading bookselling websites such as ABEbooks and Biblio. This provides you with greater visibility, promotes consumer confidence, and distinguishes your shop from non-members.
- Members' names and business information are listed on the MWABA website and in the member directory distributed at book fairs.
- Members enjoy enhanced opportunities to network with fellow booksellers and receive information and updates regarding various book matters, events, and people.
- Occasional member social events.

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Membership Application

Membership is open to rare and antiquarian booksellers, as well as anyone involved in other related trades, including autographs, ephemera, manuscripts, maps, photographs, prints and other paper collectibles. Bookbinders and other rare book trade members are encouraged to apply, too. You must have a business in one of the states of our region, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. You will need to provide three letters of reference from current MWABA members.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the MWABA, kindly complete the attached application and return it to the Membership Chair; contact information is below.

The information you provide below will be used to create your listing on the MWABA Website and the MWABA Directory.

Name of Business: _____

Name of Owner (s): _____

Address of Business: _____

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Have you previously been a MWABA Member? _____

Brief description of your business specialties and your business hours (if an open shop), or mail order/internet only, or only open by appointment, etc. _____

Any other comments? _____

Enclose letters of recommendations from three current Midwest Antiquarian Booksellers Association members who are familiar with your business. These individuals should know you and/or have done business with you. Also note that it is your responsibility to make sure these letters accompany your application. Non-receipt or delays in receiving recommendations are the primary reasons why the processing of new members may be delayed.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please forward your completed application to the MWABA Membership Chair:

Kurt Gippert, Membership Chair

2898 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Chicago, IL 60618

Email address: books@kurtgippert.com

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What happens next?

Upon receipt of a completed application, the Membership Chair notifies the general membership of the new prospective member. The general membership then has 30 days to review the application. At the end of this period, all comments and recommendations will be shared with the Board of Directors who will be asked to vote on the application. The Membership Chair will notify the applicant of the results.

Accepted applicants will also be contacted by the MWABA Coordinator regarding the details of where to send the initiation fee of \$50 and the annual dues of \$85 per year, which are due upon acceptance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Membership Chair directly at any time in the process at books@kurtgippert.com Telephone: (773) 583-7613.