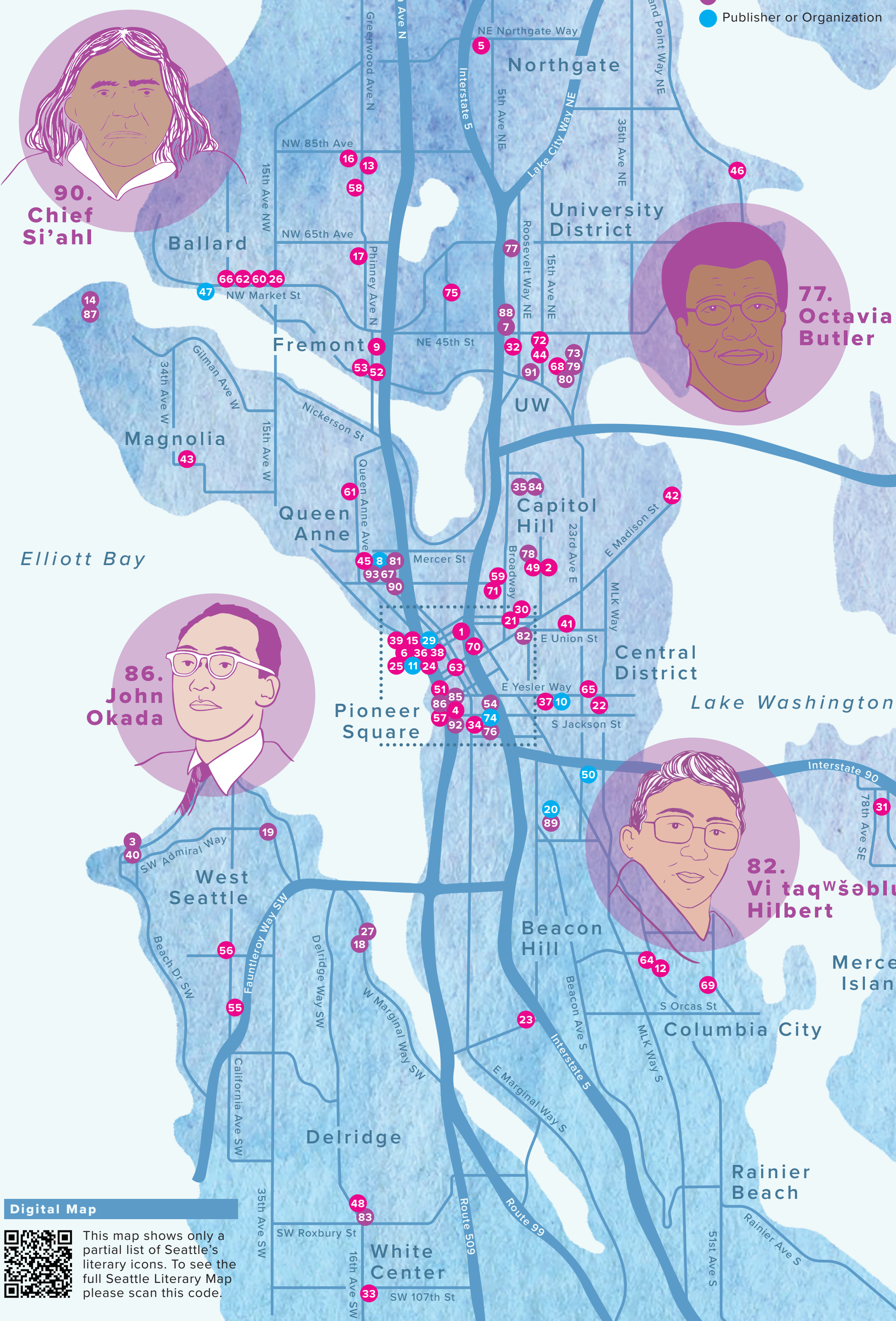



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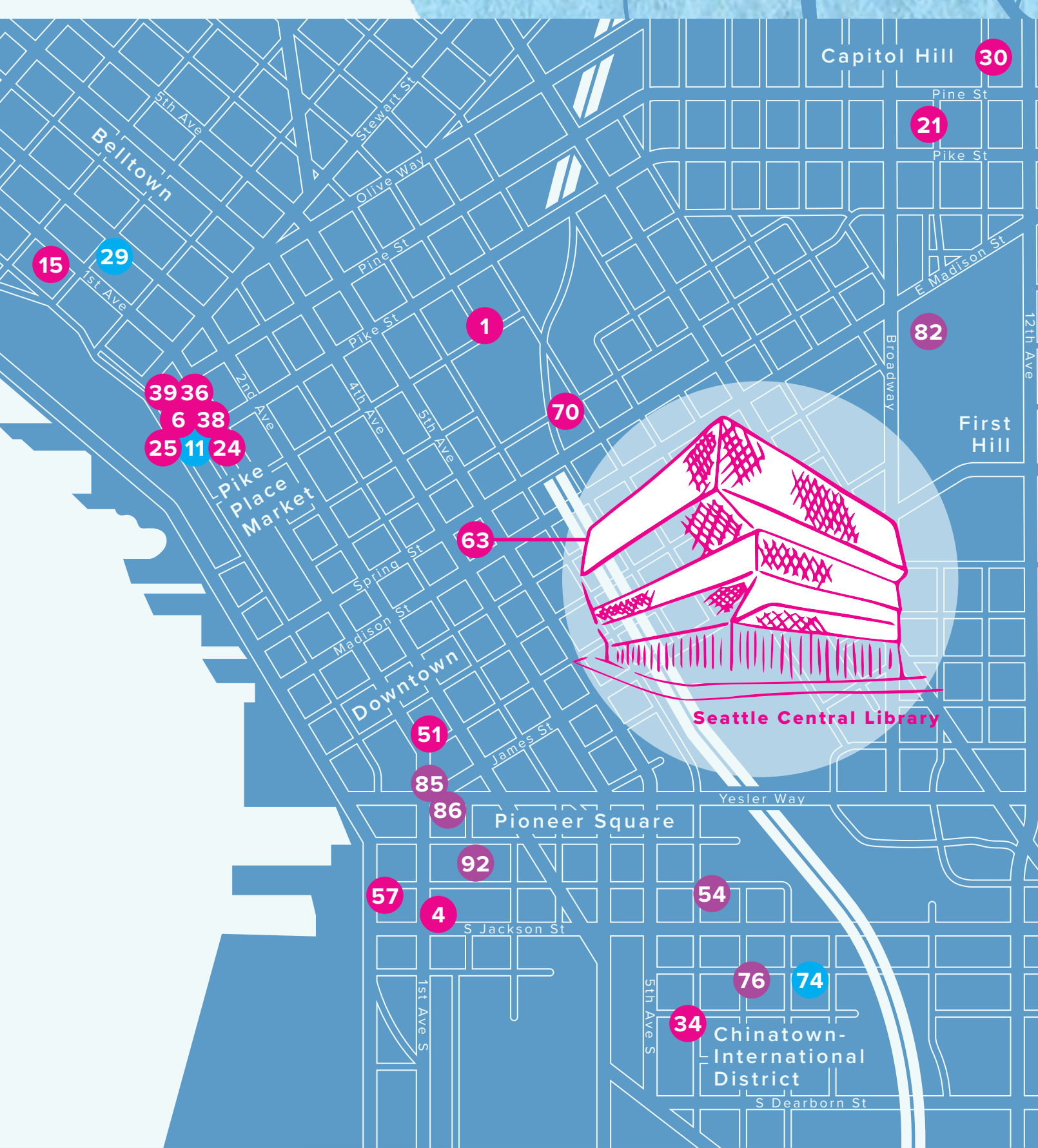
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- Publisher or Organization



Digital Map



This map shows only a partial list of Seattle's literary icons. To see the full Seattle Literary Map please scan this code.



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- African-American Writers' Alliance, Densho, La Sala Latinx Artists, Northwest Native Writers Circle, Pinoy Words Expressed Kultura Arts, Seattle Escribe, Seattle Urban Book Expo, Shade Literary Arts, South Seattle Emerald, Tasveer, Wa Na Wari, We the Indigenous, among many others.

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About

Founded in 2013 to manage Seattle's bid to join UNESCO's Creative Cities Network, Seattle City of Literature is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to serving our city's literary community by connecting it to the world.

We build relationships and community partnerships to help creative potential meet opportunity. We connect and strengthen the local and global storytelling ecosystem and center stories rooted in traditionally marginalized communities. In our work, we integrate UNESCO Sustainable Development Goals to foster an exchange of knowledge, resources, and lived experience.

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Places

- 1. ACT Theatre**
700 Union St / acttheatre.org
Contemporary theater committed to local playwrights with a young playwrights program.
- 2. Ada's Technical Books & Cafe**
425 15th Ave E / adasbooks.com
Seattle's technical bookstore and cafe.
- 3. Alki Point Monument, "Birthplace of Seattle"**
Alki Ave SW & 62nd Ave SW
Monument marking the place where the first white settlers, the Denny party, landed in 1851. With resources and aid from Chief S'ahl, the Denny party built a settlement lasting for three years.
- 4. Arundel Books**
322 1st Ave S / arundelbooks.com
Provides rare and fine books for both readers and collectors.
- 5. Barnes & Noble**
401 NE Northgate Way / barnesandnoble.com
- 6. BLMF Literary Saloon**
1501 Pike Pl, Ste 324
Secondhand bookstore and literary saloon.
- 7. Blue Moon Tavern**
712 NE 45th St / thebluemoonseattle.com
Former haunt of poets Theodore Roethke, Richard Hugo, David Wagoner, and Caroline Kizer. It's now a music venue and bar.
- 8. Book-It Repertory Theatre**
305 Harrison St / book-it.org
Regional theater company that brings the page to the stage by using an author's exact words in their adaptations of books.
- 9. Book Larder**
4252 Fremont Ave N / booklarder.com
Cookbook shop offering classes and events.
- 10. Central District Forum for Arts & Ideas**
104 17th Ave S / cdforum.org
Presents emerging Black arts, artists, and ideas.
- 11. Chin Music Press**
1501 Pike Pl, #329 / chinmusicpress.com
Indie publisher and bookstore with beautiful, engaging books.
- 12. Clara's Books**
5018 Rainier Ave S
Radical bookstore specializing in feminist and political titles.
- 13. Couth Buzzard Books**
8310 Greenwood Ave N / naonobuzzard.com
Specializes in used books with a small selection of new books.
- 14. Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center**
5011 Bernie Whitebear Way
Major community center for Native American cultural activities featuring the work of artist Lawney Reyes.
- 15. Downtown Seattle Jewish Library**
2121 1st Ave #101
Library open to all featuring Jewish religious texts, classic literature, and children's books in Hebrew and English.
- 16. Dreamstrands Comics**
115 N 85th St, #106 / dreamstrands.com
Offers graphic novels, new comics, and quality back issues.
- 17. Drink Books**
5817 Phinney Ave N / drink-books.com
Bookstore and natural wine bottle shop.
- 18. Duwamish Longhouse and Cultural Center**
4705 W Marginal Way SW / duwamishtribe.org
Community center promoting the social, cultural, and economic survival of Seattle's Duwamish Tribe.
- 19. Duwamish Story Pole**
3600 SW Admiral Way
25-foot story pole carved by Duwamish artist Michael Halady, a descendant of Chief Si'ahl, to honor the Duwamish people.
- 20. El Centro de la Raza**
2524 16th Ave S / elcentrodelaraza.org
Latinx-rooted community cultural center co-founded by Roberto Maestas, a member of Seattle's influential "Gang of Four" along with Bernie Whitebear, Bob Santos, and Larry Gossett.
- 21. Elliott Bay Book Company**
1521 10th Ave / elliottbaybook.com
Full-service bookstore and community space hosting readings.
- 22. Estelita's Library**
241 MLK Way S / estelitaslibrary.org
Social justice community library and online bookstore.
- 23. Fantagraphics Bookstore & Gallery**
1201 S Vale St / fantagraphics.com
Comics and graphic novel publisher and indie bookstore.
- 24. Folio: The Seattle Athenaeum**
93 Pike St, Fl 3-Ste 307 / folioseattle.org
Nonprofit member-supported library and cultural center.
- 25. Golden Age Collectables**
1501 Pike Pl, Ste 401 / goldenagecollectables.com
Considered the oldest comic book shop in the world.
- 26. Grumpy Old Man's Comics, Art & Collectibles**
1732 NW Market St
Carries old and new comics, trades, magazines, and collectibles.
- 27. həʔapʌs Village Park**
4500 Duwamish Trail
Important Duwamish archaeological, cultural, ecological, and ancestral site sitting on the shores of one of the last remaining original bends of the Duwamish River.
- 28. Hex Enduction Records & Books**
12330 1/2 Lake City Way NE / hexenduction.com
Focuses on international novels, poetry, and vintage mass market paperbacks.
- 29. Holocaust Center for Humanity**
2045 2nd Ave / holocaustcenterseattle.org
Nonprofit education center and publisher of *More Than Any Child Should Know: A Kindertransport Story of the Holocaust*.
- 30. Hugo House**
1634 11th Ave / hugohouse.org
Nonprofit literary center offering writing classes, workshops, and other programs, as well as reading series and fellowships.
- 31. Island Books**
3014 78th Ave SE (Mercer Island)
Independent bookstore serving Mercer Island for 50 years.
- 32. Jack Straw Cultural Center**
4261 Roosevelt Way NE / jackstraw.org
Multidisciplinary audio arts center with a writers program.
- 33. King County Library System, White Center**
1409 SW 107th St / kcls.org
The White Center location of the County public library system.
- 34. Kinokuniya Seattle**
525 S Weller St / usa.kinokuniya.com
Japanese bookstore chain housed at Uwajimaya Village.
- 35. Lake View Cemetery**
1554 15th Ave E
This cemetery is the burial place of many well-known Seattleites, including poet Denise Levertov, Princess Angeline (daughter of Chief Si'ahl), and Bruce and Brandon Lee.
- 36. Lamplight Books**
1514 Pike Pl, Ste 14
Features literature, philosophy, poetry, and children's books.
- 37. Langston Seattle**
104 17th Ave S / langstonseattle.org
Arts organization centering Black artists, writers, and audiences, based in a cultural center named in honor of the famed Harlem Renaissance writer.
- 38. Left Bank Books**
92 Pike St / leftbankbooks.com
Collectively owned and operated anarchist bookstore.
- 39. Lion Heart Bookstore**
1501 Pike Pl, Ste 432
Carries children's books, philosophy, local history, and more.

- 40. Log House Museum**
3003 61 Ave SW / loghousemuseum.org
Museum of the Southwest Seattle Historical Society, featuring the monthly series, "Words, Writers, and Southwest Stories."
- 41. LOVING ROOM: diaspora books + salon**
1400 20th Ave / lovingroombooks.community
Black-owned community reading room featuring literature by Black and African writers for readers of all ages.
- 42. Madison Books**
4118 E Madison St / madisonbks.com
Nationally recognized indie bookstore serving Madison Park.
- 43. Magnolia's Bookstore**
3206 W McGraw St / magnoliasbookstore.com
Independent general bookstore serving Magnolia.
- 44. Magus Books**
1408 NE 42nd St / magusbooksseattle.com
Eclectic used bookstore in the University District since 1978.
- 45. Mercer Street Books**
7 Mercer St / mercerstreetusedbooks.com
Independent, general used bookstore in Lower Queen Anne.
- 46. Mountaineers Books**
7700 Sand Point Way NE / mountaineers.org
Storefront for leading independent publisher of outdoor recreation, lifestyle, and conservation books since 1960.
- 47. National Nordic Museum**
2655 NW Market St / nordicmuseum.org
Presents the history and culture of the Nordic region and its immigrants to North America. In-house research library available by appointment containing over 20,000 books and periodicals.
- 48. Nepantla Cultural Arts Gallery**
9414 Delridge Way SW / nepantlaculturalarts.com
Community arts hub grounded in Chicana/o Latinx arts traditions.
- 49. Nook & Cranny Books**
324 15th Ave E, #101 / nookandcrannybooks.com
Small new and used bookstore selling literary accoutrements.
- 50. Northwest African American Museum**
2300 S Massachusetts St / naamnw.org
Museum that celebrates and honors the history of African Americans in the Northwest.
- 51. Open Books: A Poem Emporium**
108 Cherry St / openpoetrybooks.com
Poetry-only bookstore featuring new, rare, and out-of-print books, chapbooks, journals, and more.
- 52. Ophelia's Books**
3504 Fremont Ave N / opheliasbooks.com
Eclectic source of quality used books.
- 53. Outsider Comics and Geek Boutique**
223 North 36th St / outsidercomics.com
A queer and trans worker-owned comic book store.
- 54. Panama Hotel & Tea House**
605 1/2 S Main St / panamahotelseattle.com
National Historic Landmark representing Japanese immigration and incarceration featured in Jamie Ford's bestselling novel *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* (2009).
- 55. Paper Boat Booksellers**
6040 California Ave SW / paperboatbooksellers.com
Family-owned, independent bookstore.
- 56. Pegasus Book Exchange**
4553 California Ave SW / pegasusbookshop.com
Used and new bookstore focused on paperback fiction.
- 57. Peter Miller Books**
304 Alaskan Way S / petermiller.com
Bookstore specializing in architecture and design books.
- 58. Phinney Books**
7405 Greenwood Ave N / phinneybooks.com
Bookstore offering new books, paper goods, and puzzles.
- 59. Phoenix Comics & Games**
113 Broadway E / shop.phoenixseattle.com
Capitol Hill comic and game shop.
- 60. Push/Pull**
2000 NW Market St / pushpullseattle.com
Seattle's home for underground art and comics.
- 61. Queen Anne Book Company**
1811 Queen Anne Ave N / qabookco.com
Independent bookstore in Queen Anne.
- 62. Seattle Metaphysical Library**
2220 NW Market St / seattlemetaphysicallibrary.org
Resource center providing esoteric and alternative material to support personal growth.
- 63. Seattle Public Library, Central Library**
1000 4th Ave / spl.org
The Central branch of the Seattle Public Library (SPL) system that includes 27 locations around the city.
- 64. SPL, Columbia Branch**
4721 Rainier Ave S
The Columbia branch hosts regular readings with the African-American Writers' Alliance.
- 65. SPL, Douglass-Truth Branch**
2300 E Yesler Way
The Douglass-Truth branch features the African-American Collection of Literature and History.
- 66. Secret Garden Books**
2214 NW Market St / secretgardenbooks.com
General bookstore since 1977 specializing in children's books.
- 67. Space Needle**
400 Broad St / spaceneedle.com
Iconic landmark featured in several books including the picture book *Wheedle on the Needle* (1974) and the novel *Truth Like the Sun* (2012).
- 68. Suzzallo Library, UW**
4000 15th Ave NE / lib.washington.edu
Opened in 1926, this University of Washington (UW) library was a favorite of iconic authors Beverly Cleary and Ivan Doig.
- 69. Third Place Books**
5041 Wilson Ave S / thirdplacebooks.com
General-interest bookstore with three locations, featuring new and used books.
- 70. Town Hall Seattle**
1119 8th Ave / townhallseattle.org
Arts and culture event space featuring local and national voices.
- 71. Twice Sold Tales**
1833 Harvard Ave / twicesoldtales.com
Used bookstore with thousands of titles and live-in cats.
- 72. University Book Store**
4326 University Way NE / uobookstore.com
Independent bookstore serving UW students, faculty, and staff, and general public.
- 73. wəʔəbʔaltx™, Intellectual House, UW**
4249 Whitman Ct NE
Gathering space for American Indian and Alaska Native students, faculty, staff, and others from various cultures and communities to come together and share knowledge.
- 74. Wing Luke Museum**
719 S King St / wingluke.org
Museum showcasing the history, cultures, and art of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. It hosts literary offerings including "Tateuchi Story Theatre" and a literary tour "Poetry, Voice and Detention."
- 75. The Wise Owl**
2223 N 56th St / thewiseowlbooks.com
New and used book and record store in Tangletown.

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Seattle Literary Map



A Map of Places and People by Seattle City of Literature

People

- 76. Carlos Bulosan (c. 1913-1956)**
506 Maynard Ave S
English-language Filipino writer best remembered for his semi-autobiographical novel *America Is in the Heart* (1943). In the 1930s Bulosan lived in the historic Eastern Hotel, which hosts a permanent exhibit in his honor.
- 77. Octavia Butler (1947-2006)**
6417 Roosevelt Way NE, Suite #201
Renowned speculative fiction writer and author of *Parable of the Sower* (1993) and *Kindred* (1979), among other books. Butler lived in Seattle from 1999 until her death in 2006, and loved to eat at the Royal Palm restaurant in the University District.
- 78. Horace R. Cayton, Sr. (1859-1940)**
518 14th Ave E
Prominent Black journalist who published the *Seattle Republican* newspaper from 1894-1913. Clayton's family home on Capitol Hill was designated a city landmark in 2021.
- 79. Beverly Cleary (1916-2021)**
Suzzallo Library, UW
Beloved creator of Ramona Quimby who received her library science degree from UW in 1939. UW's Information School has an endowed chair for Children and Youth Services to honor her.
- 80. Ivan Doig (1939-2015)**
Suzzallo Library, UW
Recipient of the Wallace Stegner Award, Doig is best known for his memoir *This House of Sky: Landscapes of a Western Mind* (1978) and his novel *The Whistling Season* (2006). He received his PhD from UW and lived in Seattle until his death in 2015.
- 81. Frank Herbert (1920-1986)**
325 5th Ave N
Best known for his landmark science fiction novel *Dune* (1965) and its sequels, Herbert wrote for the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* in the early 1970s. He was posthumously inducted into MoPOP's Science Fiction Hall of Fame in 2006.
- 82. Vi taqʷəbɫu Hilbert (1918-2008)**
901 12th Ave
Upper Skagit elder who was a storyteller and dedicated conservationist of Lushootseed culture and language. She was the author of *Haboo: Native American Stories from Puget Sound* (1985) and she co-authored the second Lushootseed dictionary.
- 83. Richard Hugo (1923-1982)**
9454 Delridge Way SW
Acclaimed poet born in White Center. Hugo studied under Theodore Roethke at UW and was a regular at the Triangle Pub and Blue Moon Tavern. Hugo House is named for him.
- 84. Denise Levertov (1923-1997)**
1554 15th Ave E
Prolific poet and recipient of the Lannan Literary Award. She lived in Seattle from 1989 until her death in 1997. Levertov is buried at Lake View Cemetery in Capitol Hill.
- 85. Murray Morgan (1916-2000)**
1st Ave S & Yesler Way
Author of *Skid Road: An Informal Portrait of Seattle* (1951). The term "skid road" originally referred to a logging road used to "skid" trees to the mill, which stood at this intersection.
- 86. John Okada (1923-1971)**
109½ Yesler Way
Author of the seminal novel about Japanese American incarceration, *No-No Boy* (1957). He was born in the family quarters of the hotel above the Merchants Cafe and Saloon.
- 87. Lawney Reyes (1931-2022)**
5011 Bernie Whitebear Way
An artist and designer, Reyes is also the author of several books, including his memoir *White Grizzly Bear's Legacy: Learning to be Indian* (2002) and a biography of his brother, *Bernie Whitebear: An Urban Indian's Quest for Justice* (2006).
- 88. Theodore Roethke (1908-1963)**
712 NE 45th St
Celebrated poet who won the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. A street behind the Blue Moon Tavern, where he held "symposia formal and informal" and "celebrated his receipt of both the Pulitzer and Bollingen prizes," is named for Roethke.
- 89. Raúl "Tapon" Salinas (1934-2008)**
2524 16th Ave S
A Chicano poet, memoirist, social activist, and prison journalist who attended UW and later taught Chicano literature there. He was also involved in the development of El Centro de la Raza.
- 90. Chief Si'ahl (c. 1786-1866)**
2701 5th Ave
Suquamish and Duwamish chief, for whom Seattle is named—the name "Seattle" is an Anglicization of Si'ahl. A famous speech advocating ecological responsibility is attributed to him.
- 91. Ruben Sierra (1946-1998)**
3931 Brooklyn Ave NE
A playwright, actor, and UW faculty member, Sierra was founding artistic director of the multicultural Seattle Group Theatre and director of UW's Ethnic Cultural Center and Theater.
- 92. Monica Sone (1919-2011)**
217 Occidental Ave S
Japanese American writer best known for her memoir *Nisei Daughter* (1953), which chronicles her life in Seattle during the 1920s, 1930s, and internment during WWII.
- 93. August Wilson (1945-2005)**
August Wilson Way
Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright known for his ten-play series *The Pittsburgh Cycle*, which includes *Fences* (1983), *The Piano Lesson* (1987), and *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* (1982). Wilson lived in Seattle from 1990 until his death in 2005.