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**Canada's BEST Used Book Sale Returns to Niagara:
The Birchway Book Riot is Back June 3–8, 2025**

NIAGARA FALLS, ON –The **Birchway Book Riot**, Canada's best and biggest used book sale, is returning to the **Gale Centre** from **June 3–8, 2025**—and this year's event promises to be more exciting and impactful than ever.

Now in its **46th year**, this beloved community tradition is hosted by **Birchway Niagara** in support of local domestic violence services in **South Niagara**. Last year, over **6,000 book lovers** came out to show their support, raising an incredible **\$164,000** to help provide safe shelter and support for women and children fleeing abuse.

This year's sale will feature:

- **Over 100,000 fiction and non-fiction titles** spanning all genres
- **Games, puzzles, CDs, DVDs, and vinyl**
- Most items priced at **just \$3**
- The return of **daily specials Thursday to Sunday**, including the **Bag Sale on Sunday**—fill a bag for **only \$10** (or 3 for \$20!)

The **popular Pre-Sale** kicks off the event on **Tuesday, June 3 from 4–9 p.m.** for a **\$10 admission fee** (guests under 14 are free).

The Book Riot wouldn't be possible without the **incredible support of Birchway Niagara's allies**—including the hundreds of volunteers who donate approximately 3000 hours of their time to the event each year. Some volunteers even work year-round to sort the books, games, puzzles, DVDs, CDs and vinyl generously donated by our community.

Proceeds from the Book Riot directly fund Birchway Niagara's programs and services, including the **15 shelter beds that are fully funded by community donations**. These beds are crucial to expanding Birchway Niagara's capacity

beyond its **government-funded 30 beds**—allowing the agency to provide **45 safe beds** every night.

This year's event will also launch Birchway Niagara's **15 Beds Campaign**, shining a spotlight on the urgent need for community support to ensure that these 15 beds are able to remain open, keeping **15 more women and children safe from violence** every night.

"We're so grateful to everyone who makes this event possible—from the donors and shoppers to the volunteers and staff," said **Amanda Braet**, Director of Development and Stewardship at Birchway Niagara. "The Birchway Book Riot is more than just a sale. It's a powerful community effort that brings hope and safety to those who need it most."

Event Details:

- **What:** Birchway Book Riot – Canada's Best and Biggest Used Book Sale
- **When:** June 3–8, 2025
- **Where:** Gale Centre, 5152 Thorold Stone Rd, Niagara Falls
- **Admission:** Free (except for \$10 pre-sale on June 3, 4–9 p.m.)
- **More Info:** birchway.ca/bookriot

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Originating in the 1980s with two women's shelters in Welland and Niagara Falls, Birchway Niagara provides compassionate services to individuals impacted by abuse including a 24-hour support line, safe shelter, and counselling. Formerly known as Women's Place, the agency evolved in 2022 by consolidating emergency shelter services for women and children at their Niagara Falls location on McLeod Rd and continues to offer outreach services at offices across South Niagara. In March 2023, a new name and logo were announced to reflect the growing understanding that abuse is an issue that negatively impacts everyone, and that everyone must be involved and supported to build a community without abuse.