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Oberlin Heritage Center Salutes Historic Community Bookstore

For almost seven decades, the A.G. Comings and Son Bookstore of Oberlin served as a popular crossroads for both college and community members. Local historian and writer, Sid Comings, pays homage to the four family ancestors who owned and operated the downtown business establishment from 1888 to 1959, in a program hosted by the Oberlin Heritage Center on Tuesday, November 26 at 7:15 p.m. The event takes place in Heiser Auditorium at Kendal at Oberlin (600 Kendal Drive) and is free and open to the public.

Throughout its long span of operation, the A.G. Comings and Son Bookstore's mission was to "*meet changing conditions by serving each generation of citizens and students with those necessities that develop the mind and body.*" Sid Comings, great-grandson of the bookstore's founder, provides his audience with a glimpse of local commerce in years gone by and offers insights into the world of booksellers and how they served the community over time.

Sid Comings is a lifelong Oberlinian and a graduate of Oberlin College (OC '69). He ran the music department in the Co-Op Bookstore for 10 years and also served as an adjunct professor of writing at Lorain County Community College for over 25 years. He has written more than 100 articles on various topics that have appeared in 18 different publications. In the 1980s, he was twice elected to Oberlin City Council.

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