

*A Message from Your Great Lakes Area  
Independent Bookstores...*

# SOMETIMES SHOPPING ONLINE DOESN'T COMPUTE!

	<b>Great Lakes Independents</b>	<b>Amazon</b>
Number of in-store author appearances last year...	<b>Over 2,000</b>	<b>0</b>
Donations to local community organizations last year...	<b>Over \$50,000</b>	<b>0</b>
Number of local people employed...	<b>Over 1,600</b>	<b>0</b>
Sales taxes collected and paid to support schools, social services, and public agencies last year...	<b>Over \$6 million</b>	<b>0</b>

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are members of your  
community. They care  
and they contribute.*