Garrison Keillor plans to open bookstore in Minnesota

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ST. PAUL, Minn. — Garrison Keillor wants to run a bookstore.

The 64-year-old humorist plans to open a bookstore in the Blair Arcade building in November, the St. Paul Pioneer Press reported Thursday. In an e-mail to The Associated Press, Keillor said he's doing it "because I am fond of independent bookstores, like to walk into them and sit and read in them, and it's time I make some contribution to my neighborhood."

There's also a connection between the building where Keillor plans to open his bookstore and St. Paul native F. Scott Fitzgerald, one of Keillor's favorite authors.

According to the Pioneer Press, the Blair Arcade building was once known as the Angus Hotel.

It was home to Fitzgerald's mother, Mollie, who lived there off and on after the death of Fitzgerald's father, Edward, in 1931.

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