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Tuscaloosa's Alabama Book Store Listed in Alabama Register

The Alabama Historical Commission recently listed the Alabama Book Store on University Boulevard to the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage.

The Alabama Register is an official listing of buildings, sites, structures, objects, and districts. These properties, which may be of national, state, and local significance, are deemed worthy of preservation by the Alabama Historical Commission.

The Alabama Book Store is noted for its local significance as one of the only examples of an Art Deco commercial building in the city of Tuscaloosa. Notable Alabama architect, D.O. Whildin designed this building as well as the Public Works Administration era City Hall, Bama Theatre, and many noteworthy buildings in Birmingham.

Alabama Book Store has been and continues to be a family owned and operated business since its inception in 1942. As a book store on the edge of the University of Alabama campus, it has been an important part of the educational fabric of the state for some sixty years. The building retains a high degree of historical integrity, both on the exterior and in the interior spaces.

Listing to the Alabama Register is an honorary designation and carries no restrictions or financial incentives.

To protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places is the mission of the Alabama Historical Commission, Alabama's state agency for historic preservation.

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