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Tattered Cover turning a page

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The [Tattered Cover Book Store](#) says good-bye to Denver's Cherry Creek North retail district this weekend, after 35 years there.

The bookstore moves out of its prime Cherry Creek location at First and Milwaukee streets on Sunday and reopens at its new home on Monday.



The Tattered Cover's new store will be located in the old, 66,000-square-foot [Lowenstein Theater](#) at East Colfax Avenue and Elizabeth Street, across from East High School. The bookstore will occupy most of the theater, and will stock the same number of titles it has in Cherry Creek.

Tattered Cover's decade-old Fourth Story restaurant, however, will not make the trip to the Lowenstein.

Bookstore owner Joyce Meskis continues to look for a smaller store site in Cherry Creek, which might include a cafe or restaurant, according to the store's Web site.

Another homegrown retailer, the Twist & Shout music store, will occupy half of a new building that's part of the theater complex. Twist & Shout owner Paul Epstein still is considering whether to vacate his existing two stores on Alameda Avenue at Logan Street.

Tattered Cover long has been a major Cherry Creek North anchor. The store has two other locations, as well -- on the 16th Street Mall in Lower Downtown Denver and in suburban Highlands Ranch.

Meskis decided not to renew the lease for her four-story, 50,000-square-foot Cherry Creek bookstore and to move early this year. She and the building's owner, Denver financier Donald

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Sturm, could not come to terms on a new lease rate.

The Tattered Cover was started in Cherry Creek, on Second Avenue, in 1971. Meskis bought the store in 1974 and moved it to the First Avenue location in late 1986.

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