

ABC TREEHOUSE

Dear renter/user,

After nearly 14 years continual use as a clubhouse for the bookstore, we'd like to take a little break and rethink/refresh the concept of The ABC Treehouse and how we at The American Book Center can best use the building in the future. We are grateful to everyone who's helped grow the ABC Treehouse programs – in particular, Donna DuCarme and her team of volunteers, but also those who have been active from the very beginning.

Right now, we all know that the book business is changing - we have added the Espresso Book Machines to both our stores and logically want to serve local writers who might want to use the machines. Our team of creative booksellers will surely come up with other ways to keep readers coming to our bookstores. We want to slow down, let the sap go down into the roots over the winter and see which buds burst forth in the springtime, but don't want to turn our loyal users out into the cold.

As of November 1st, please contact Treehouse2012@abc.nl with questions about rentals/use in 2012. We don't know yet exactly what will be happening in the ABC Treehouse after April 1, 2012, but will keep you posted. Until then, we'll maintain the same price and time schedule as you've agreed with Donna. There will be some changes in the key and billing procedures but we'll let you know when you book your next event. Without Donna's hosting presence, please take care of your own coffee, tea and chair setup. The ingredients will be provided, but please allow extra time for making beverages, setting up chairs, and cleaning up afterwards. (We won't charge you for that extra time.) Please bear with us during this time of transition - and thank you for your loyalty in the past.

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