

What to buy

2016 HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

## SHOP LOCAL GIFTS

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If I have to buy something, I'd rather buy it from my friends and neighbors. Shopping locally, supporting small businesses, is one of the most-satisfying types of retail therapy out there. Plus, for every \$100 you spend at an independent, local business, \$68 stays here;

when shopping at a national chain, only \$43 remains in the community, according to the Andersonville Study of Retail Economics. So not only does "it matter where you make it," it matters where you buy it.

—TAYLOR DUNGJEN

## Great Lakes plaque

This plaque was made at **Copper Moon Studio, 8007 Airport Hwy.** The studio, which specializes in metal and glass works, take custom orders, which require a two-to-three week turnaround. This plaque, though, is perfect for your Great Laker. **\$65 for the small version; \$135 for the large.**



## Bath bombs

Give the gift of relaxation with bath bombs — and other fun bathtime accessories — from **The Ticklish Giraffe, 2443 Collingwood Blvd.** The Toledo couple who craft each bomb by hand also offer soaps, lotions, bubble baths, face masks, and more. **Bath bombs start at \$5.**



## Carry all

One can never have too many purses, and there's an abundance of them at **Handmade Toledo, 1717 Adams St.** Each bag is made by the shop's owner, Jessica Crossfield. She offers wallets for \$18, purses (like the one here) for \$78, and messenger bags for \$152.



## Gilded candlesticks

These **Michael Aran** candlesticks would be a show stopper on any mantle or tabletop. Find the set — candles not included — at **Paula Brown Shop, 912 Monroe St.,** for \$200.

## If It Looks Like Fun ...

... Then it probably is, and there's a lot of fun happening at **Jupmode's** new UpTown Toledo retail shop, 2022 Adams St. They have T-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, socks, mugs all allowing you to wear or carry pride for Toledo. The gray, lightweight women's hooded sweatshirt is \$32; the unisex blue hooded sweatshirt is \$45; Available in the store or at [jupmode.com](http://jupmode.com).



## Cashmere ponchos

There are an array of options at **Devoon, 1500 Adams St.** Pink, red, blue, green, yellow — the ponchos and scarves come in a variety of colors. Get them for \$75 each or two for \$130. There's also a version made of thinner cashmere for \$50.

## Audio-technica record player

This beauty is Bluetooth enabled and comes with two speakers. The wireless connectivity allows you to set up the record player in one room and speakers in another. This system is \$399.95 at **Culture Clash, 4020 Secor Rd.** The West Toledo record store offers a similar set-up for those new to vinyl, audio-technica LP60 system for \$199.95.



\* Prices and availability subject to change.

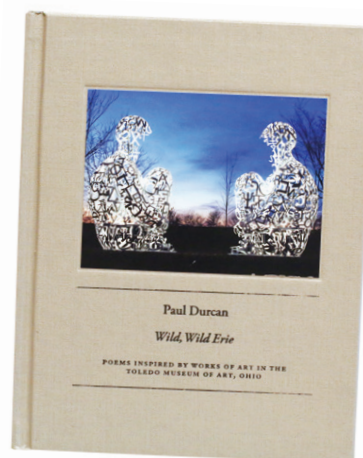
## Scent solutions

Put together a sweet (and sweet-smelling) gift set at **Floral Pursuit, 48 S. St. Clair St.** They offer candles (\$20), cabin sprays (\$38), and sticks of palo santo (\$2 each). The palo santo sticks are naturally fragrant and can be lit like incense, but they last a lot longer.



## 'Wild, Wild Erie'

This book, found at the Toledo Museum of Art's Museum Store, is a collaboration between poet Paul Duncan and the museum. Duncan spent time visiting the museum's works and then wrote poems inspired by pieces in the permanent collection. **\$34.95 or \$39.95 for an autographed copy.**



## Bibliophile accessories

The gift shop at the **Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, 325 N. Michigan St.,** has all sorts of gifts for those who love to read, but few are more fun than a tote bag featuring titles of previously banned books (\$21.99). The shop has socks to match too for \$9.99.

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