

Barnes & Noble bringing the beer, wine and books to Plano's Legacy West

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The last remaining restaurant space in Legacy West will sit near the water fountain in the middle of the shops.

Legacy West developer Fehmi Karahan has landed yet another new retail concept — a new Barnes & Noble store with a restaurant that serves up wine and beer — within the \$3.2 billion mixed-use development in West Plano.

This will be the first type of new Barnes & Noble restaurant and store of its kind to open in the southwest United States when it opens next March.

Adding a bookstore destination to Legacy West is a huge win, said Legacy West developer Fehmi Karahan, who is also president of The Karahan Cos. of Plano.

"Even though bookstores are changing, I love them," Karahan told the Dallas Business Journal. "This is a new concept for Barnes and Noble to offer wine, beer and other food items.

"This will be another social experience and a gathering place for the community," he added. "This is what will give this place character."

This will be Barnes & Noble's fifth such store with a restaurant and is part of a concept store program the book retailer is testing nationwide, said David Deason, vice president of development at Barnes & Noble.

Other concept stores are in Eastchester, New York, Folsom, California, Ashburn, Virginia and Edina, Minnesota.

"It's a tremendous opportunity to join the list of 'best in class' restaurants and merchants opening at Legacy West," Deason said, in a statement.

The book retailer signed a lease for 9,000 square feet along Windrose Avenue near the food hall, which Karahan said will be "like the Fifth Avenue," of the project.

"We have a lot of exciting things to announce in the near future," Karahan said, which includes upcoming office leasing.

In all, Legacy West has about 355,000 square feet of office space above ground-floor retail space in the master-planned vision.

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