

A Thousand Books

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I gave away 1000 books. Books I hunted.
Books I savored. Books I cared for.
Books I marked. Books I taught.
Books I browsed. Books I amassed.
Books others gave me. Books others
sold or abandoned. Books I kept.

I stuffed them in collection bins,
filled discard shelves, solicited readers,
advertised them, offered them,
boxed them, marked them,
hawked them, mailed them,
promised them, carried them,
scattered them, delivered them.

Once I thought I was made of books.

