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Biblichor

(bib-li-chor)

(n) The comforting, faint and musty smell of old books; the distinctive fragrance of old books.

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(<https://lawhimsy.com/2017/09/13/word-nerd-biblichor/biblichor-definition-word-nerd-via-lawhimsy/>) **Biblichor** is the word that describes the particular smell that belongs to old books. **Biblichor** is a newly created word that combines the Greek words *biblio* (book) with *ichor* (the fluid that flows like blood in the veins of the gods), much the way *petrichor* (<https://lawhimsy.com/2012/10/08/word-nerd-petrichor/>) was created. Like *petrichor*, **biblichor** describes a very distinct fragrance that somehow inhabits one's very soul when they encounter it. To be fair, **biblichor** is not a scent that everyone loves, and it can be rather misunderstood by those who just don't get the delight that can be found in the musty, ink and paper and glue mixed with age and sweetness scent that accompanies old tomes. **Biblichor** is created by the breakdown of chemical compounds and there is an actual sweet and woody scent that belongs to old books (thank you science!). Each book has its own unique scent, sometimes almond, sometimes vanilla, sometimes coffee or chocolate, sometimes a smokey, sweet mixture of the above, all of them described with the word **biblichor**.



(<https://lawhimsy.com/2017/09/13/word-nerd-biblichor/the-heady-dreamy-soothing-scent-of-biblichor-via-lawhimsy/>) *Heady, soothing, dreamy / the perfume of wondrous things. / Each tome exudes a fragrance / that wends about and clings. / At once exotic and homey / mysterious and known / each book reaches out, caresses / inebriates my soul. / **Biblichor**, the scent of kings / of empresses / of time. / The stimulating potency / the attar of books defined... ~Ella*

As far as I'm concerned **biblichor** is a very real and very perfect word to describe the long known scent that belongs to old books and bookstores and it adds to the definition of vellichor (<https://lawhimsy.com/2015/08/12/word-nerd-vellichor/>). It's perfect. Absolutely perfect!

Namaste ~ Ella

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