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- Hunt & Gather (p115)
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MOUNTAIN EQUIPMENT CO-OP

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Outdoor Equipment

☎ 604-872-7858; www.mec.ca; 130 W Broadway;
☎ 10am-7pm Mon-Wed, 10am-9pm Thu & Fri,
9am-6pm Sat, 11am-5pm Sun; ☎ 9

The granddaddy of outdoor stores, where grown hikers have been known to weep at the amazing selection of own-brand clothing, kayaks, sleeping bags and clever camping gadgets, MEC has been turning campers into fully-fledged outdoor enthusiasts for years. You'll have to be a lifetime member to buy here, but that's easy to arrange and only costs \$5.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY OF TEXT

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Specialty

☎ 604-877-2247; www.assemblyoftext.com;
3934 Main St; ☎ 3

This quirky stationery store brims with hand-made journals, T-shirts and lexicographical paraphernalia – the staff might even let you try one of their vintage typewriters if you ask nicely. You can join the hipsters for a monthly letter-writing club (7pm, first Thursday of every month), complete with stationery, tea, cookies and encouragement.

BUREL'S ANGELS Map p81 Vintage Clothing

☎ 604-874-9773; 2335 Main St; ☎ 3

This outrageous place has been known to rent out its vintage stock to visiting film crews. It's best known for its collection of '70s clothing, but there's also a fascinating selection from the turn of the century to the 1950s. Consider donating to the '24-hour free box,' where donated clothes are left outside for anyone who needs them.

LEGENDS RETRO FASHION

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Vintage Clothing

☎ 604-875-0621; 4366 Main St; ☎ 11am-5:30pm
Mon-Sat, noon-5pm Sun; ☎ 3

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