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Flower Memorial Library Newsletter



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Did you know the library has a community puzzle in our North Reading Room? Anyone can stop in to work on it! Our puzzles are typically 500-750 pieces.

July is National Family Fun Month!

Summer is in full swing, and July is packed with exciting programs for families of all ages! From hands-on activities and take-home kits to special programs that get you exploring the world around you, there's something for everyone.

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We hope you'll join us for a month filled with community and summer fun!

Early Literacy Information & Events

Note: Our Thursday story times will take a short break in June, July, and August. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Thursday story times in September!

Farmers' Market Story Time

Designed for ages 3-5, but all are welcome
Presented by: Jamie
Side Lawn OR Children's Room at 10:30am

Nothing says summer like an outdoor story time! Join Ms. Jamie every Wednesday throughout the summer for a story time on the lawn. We'll read stories, dance, sing, and have some silly fun. Don't worry if there's inclement weather – the story time will still be held in the Children's Room of the library.

Toddler Painting



For ages 0-5
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10:30am
Friday July 10
Friday July 24

Join us in the Children's Room for some fun process painting! Our first process painting involves using paper plates and sponges to create colorful seashells. The second process painting involves using cardstock and sponges to create textured starfish.

Music and Movement



For ages 0-5
Facilitated by: Jamie (with guest Sarah Wolfe)
Children's Room at 10:30am
Monday July 27

Does your child like to sing and wiggle around? If so, come join guest Sarah Wolfe for a fun music and movement program! Music and Movement is a joyful and interactive music program that encourages little ones to get their bodies moving, their voices singing, and to make some beautiful noise.

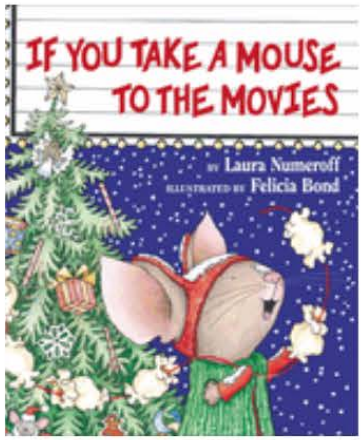
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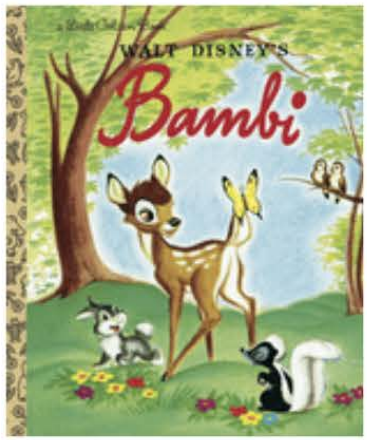












Events for Kids, Tweens, and Teens

Note: If you are 18-years-old and still attend high school, you may attend teen events.

Teen Take & Make Craft Kits



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 9am
Wednesday July 1

Get creative with our monthly teen craft kits! Each kit includes supplies and instructions for a fun project you can make at home. Available in the Teen Space while supplies last. This month: Custom light switch covers.

Note: Limit of 1 kit per person, max of 2 if picking up for a friend. Available in the Teen Space while supplies last!

Tween Gaming



For ages 8-12
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room at 6pm
Monday July 6

Join us for a snack, games (Nintendo Switch, Wii, PC, and board games), and a good time! Betcha can't beat us at Mario Kart!

Note: Limited to 12 participants on a first come, first served basis. No reservations can be made.

Crafternoon



For ages 8-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room at 4pm
Thursday July 9

Join us once a month throughout the summer for a craft at the library! Craft will be announced at the start of the program.

Note: Limited to 25 participants on a first come, first served basis. No reservations can be made.



Teen Open Gaming



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 4pm
Every Friday except 7/3

Stop by on Fridays for videogames, board games, and a snack!

Note: Limited to 12 participants. First come, first served.

Kids & Tween Art Club



For ages 6-12
Facilitated by: Suzie
(with guest Shalaina Thompson)
Children's Room at 4pm
Friday July 10

Get messy and explore the world of art! Projects will be announced at the start of each event.

Kids Beat the Heat Kits



For ages 3-12
Presented by: Jamie
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday July 11

Beat the heat with this wellness kit for kids! Kits include: Sunscreen, supplies to make a paper fan, SPF lip balm, a cooling towel, a reusable water bottle, and information on our Summer Reading Program.

Note: Limit of 1 kit per child on a first come, first served basis. No reservation option.

Q: What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary?



Jump to page 4 for the aswer!

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Teen Drop-In Crafts



For ages 8-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room at 10am-4pm
Wednesday July 15

Drop-in for a craft once a month throughout the summer! Craft station will be set-up in the Teen Space during the day. All supplies will be provided.

Dinosaur Craft Night



For ages 3-12
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 6pm
Tuesday July 21

Step back in time and get creative at our Dinosaur Craft Night! Join us for a crafty evening where we'll make a variety of dino-themed crafts. All supplies are provided. Just bring your imagination and get ready for a dino-mite time!

Custom Sunglasses Bar



For ages 8-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room at 11am
Wednesday July 29

The sun is out and summer is here! Stop by the library to create your own pair of custom sunglasses. All supplies will be provided. Sunglasses will be provided, but feel free to bring your own pair to customize.

Book Display Brigade

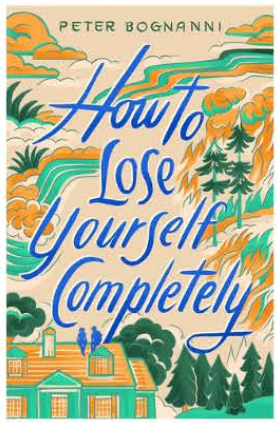


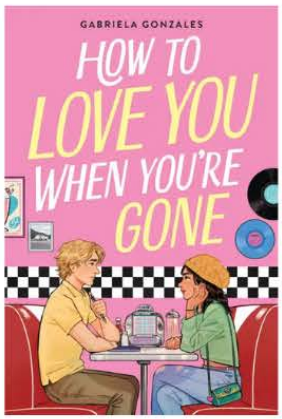
For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 4pm
Thursday July 30

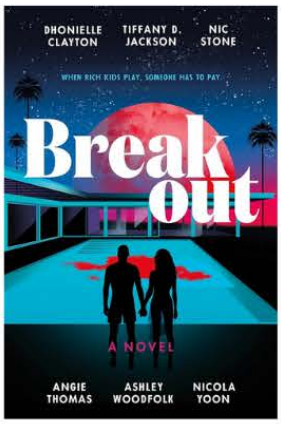
Channel your inner designer and help make a book display for the Teen Space. Participants gain volunteer time for attendance.

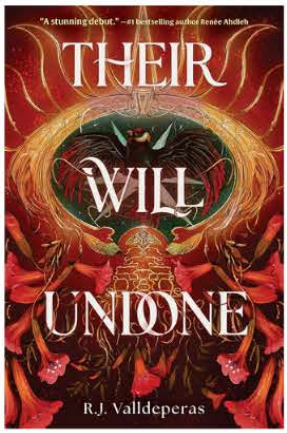
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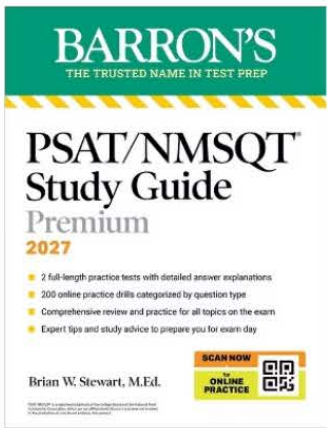












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Information & Events for Both Youth & Adults

PSA: The library will be closed on Friday, July 3 & Saturday, July 4 for Independence Day. We will reopen on Monday, July 6 at 9am.

Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie
Room TBD at 4pm
Tuesday July 14

The Board of Trustees monthly meeting is held the second Tuesday of each month. Meeting documents are listed on the library's website.

LEGO Club

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie (with guest Jack Falge)
South Reading Room at 4pm
Thursday July 16



Come build with us! Themed builds will be announced at each event.

Interactive Movie: The Grinch (2018)

All ages and abilities
Presented by: Jamie & Ashley P.
South Reading Room at 3:30pm
Thursday July 23

Happy Christmas in July! Don't worry about being shhh'ed during this movie. We want you to make some noise! Join Ms. Jamie and Ms. Ashley P. for an interactive movie experience where YOU play a part in the film. Follow along with our script as you woof like Max, sing Christmas carols, search for hidden presents, and more. The total runtime for this movie is 1 hour and 25 minutes.



Prehistoric Play Day

All ages and abilities
Presented by: Jamie & Ashley M.
Children's Room at 10:30am
Saturday July 25



Get ready for a prehistoric adventure at the library! Dig through sensory bins to uncover hidden fossils, create your own air-dry clay fossil to take home, and more!

Birding 101 with Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust

All ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
South Reading Room at 6:30pm
Wednesday July 29



Join us for a fun introduction to the wonderful world of birds for all ages!

Learn how to spot common local birds, practice using binoculars, and discover simple tips for identifying birds by their colors, shapes, and songs. Whether you're a curious kid, a nature-loving adult, or a family looking for a new hobby to enjoy together, this program is a great way to start exploring the world right outside your door.

No experience is needed – just bring your curiosity and love of nature! Please bring your own binoculars if you have them. If you're able, you'll find it helpful to download Cornell Lab of Ornithology's free eBird (checklist keeper) and/or Merlin (bird ID) apps to your smart phone prior to the event. Make sure to download the northeast US bird pack from the apps' settings menus.

RSVPs are appreciated – contact THTLT at 315-779-8240 or lgibbs@tughilltomorrowlandtrust.org

Summer Reading 2026

"Unearth a Story with Roswell!"

June 1, 2026 - August 31, 2026

1 hour of reading = 1 prize entry

To redeem in person, pick up a paper tracker and bring it to the Circulation Desk. To log your hours online, visit our website at flowermemoriallibrary.org Be sure to complete all sections of your tracker, ticket, or online form to qualify. You can redeem hours as often as you'd like - no need to wait until the end! Each hour read can only be claimed once; either online or on paper.

Participants can choose which prizes they want their hours entered into. And every participant, regardless of age, will automatically receive one entry into our grand prize drawing: 4 tickets to the NY State Fair with a Parking Pass!

Children's (ages 0-11) Prizes:

- Movie Night Gift Basket
- Billy Beez Gift Card
- 4 tickets to Zoo NY
- Paint It! Pottery Gift Card
- LEGO Medium Brick Box
- Arts & Crafts Supplies Kit

Teen (ages 12-17) Prizes:

- Hydro Flask Water Bottle + Dino Nugget Pillow
- Walmart Gift Card + Dino Nugget Pillow
- Ulta Gift Card + Dino Nugget Pillow

Adult (ages 18+) Prizes:

- Stewarts Shops Gift Card
- Aldi Gift Card
- Lowe's Gift Card
- Ulta Gift Card
- Chrissy Beanz Gift Card
- Owala or Stanley Water Bottle – Winner's Choice!

Special Events

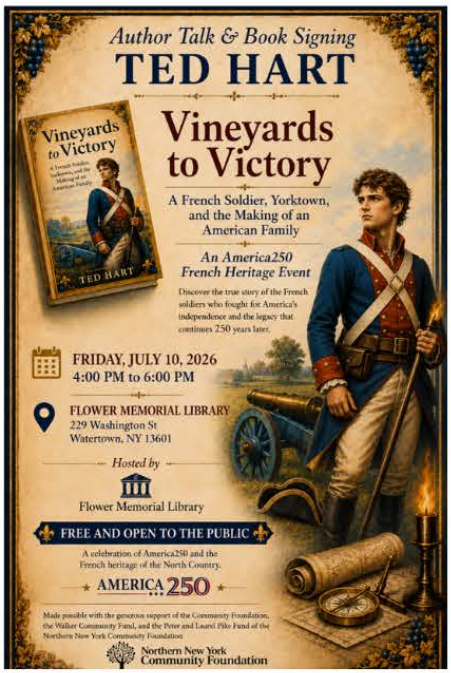
Author Talk & Book Signing with Ted Hart

All ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Jamie
South Reading Room at 4pm
Friday July 10

Flower Memorial Library is excited to announce another author visit! Please join us in welcoming Ted Hart, author of *Vineyards to Victory*. During this special event, Hart will discuss his newest book, answer audience questions, and share a brief history of the North Country's French heritage and its connection to America's upcoming 250th anniversary celebration.

In Vineyards to Victory, readers will discover the true story of the French soldiers who fought for America's independence and the legacy that continues 250 years later. Free copies of *Vineyards to Victory* will be available at the event, and light refreshments will be provided. A book signing will follow the discussion.

Note: This event was made possible with the generous support of the Community Foundation, the Walker Community Fund, and the Peter and Laurel Pike Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation.

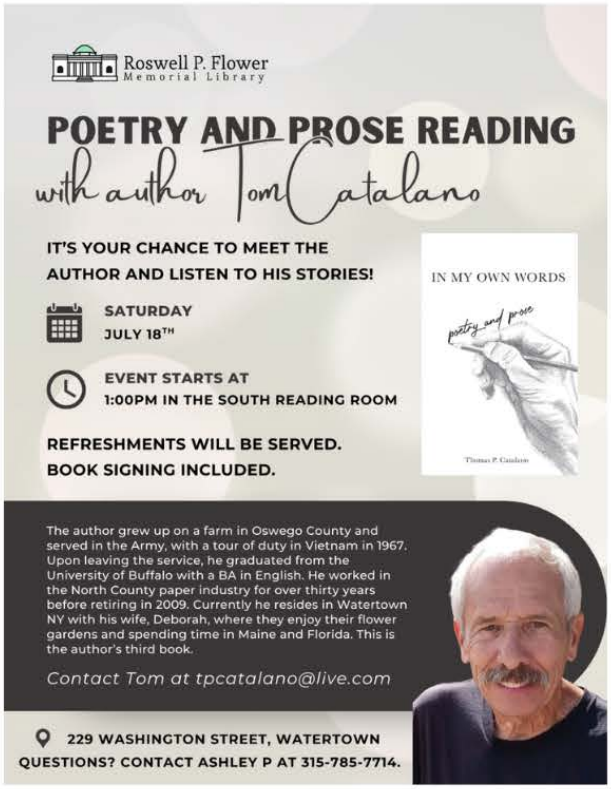


Poetry and Prose Reading with Author Tom Catalano

For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
South Reading Room at 1pm
Saturday July 18

It's your chance to meet local author Tom Catalano and listen to his stories! Refreshments will be served. Book signing will be included.

Catalano grew up on a farm in Oswego County and served in the Army, with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1967. Upon leaving the service, he graduated from the University of Buffalo with a BA in English. He worked in the North Country paper industry for over thirty years before retiring in 2009. Currently he resides in Watertown NY with his wife, Deborah, where they enjoy their flower gardens and spending time in Maine and Florida. This is the author's third book.



Events for Adults

Adult Book Clubs

Original Library Book Club
For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Olivia

Stay tuned for our 2026-2027 dates and book titles!

VIRTUAL Between the Covers: Romance Book Club
For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
Online via Zoom at 6:30pm
Wednesday July 15

Join us on Zoom to chat about all things books and romance! At this meeting, we'll discuss Beautiful Things by Emily Rath.

Spice Club Kits: Sumac
For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Main Floor at 9am
Wednesday July 1



Explore the world of flavor. The packet will include a spice sample, recipe cards, history of the spice, and a list of cookbooks you can check out from the library.

If you miss the kits, you can still get a peek at the recipes by visiting the homepage of our website!

Open Craft Club
For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Community Room at 6pm
Wednesday July 1

Join us for an open craft club, bring your current project or borrow library supplies to start something new. Or just spend some time with other crafty people. Light refreshments will be provided.



Adult Craft Kit
For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Circulation Desk at 10am
Thursday July 2



Take home a DIY Craft Kit on the first Saturday of each month. July's kit will be available on Thursday June 2nd due to the weekend holiday.

July's kit will include the supplies and instructions needed to make a cardboard loom bracelet.

Start Your Resume: JobNow
For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Community Room at 6:30pm
Tuesday July 7

Join us for a supportive, hands-on workshop where you can create a resume using JobNow, an online resource. Whether you're applying for your first job, returning to the workforce, or taking the next step in your career, this session is designed to help you move forward with confidence. Laptops will be available to use.

To make the most of your time, please bring your work history, education, certifications, and any special skills you'd like to highlight. The more info, the better!

Military History of the North Country with the 10th Mountain Division & Fort Drum Museum



For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley M.
South Reading Room at 6pm
Monday July 13

Curious about the North Country's connection to the military? Discover its impact and legacy at a special presentation by the 10th Mountain Division & Fort Drum Museum! There will be time for questions following the presentation.

DIY Stencil Tote Bag



For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Community Room at 3pm
Tuesday July 14

Join us to make a summer themed tote bag with paint and stencils. All supplies will be provided.

No Pressure Book Club



For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Community Room at 5pm
Friday July 17

Bring your current read, a well loved favorite, or find something new to love. Come and read at your own pace with other book lovers.

Adult Coloring Hour



For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Community Room at 4pm
Monday July 20

Join us for a relaxing afternoon of coloring at the library. Bring your own coloring page or grab one here. Coloring supplies will be provided. However feel free to bring your own supplies to use if you have a coloring supply preference.

Senior Planet: Computer Essentials



For ages 55+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Community Room at 10:30am
Monday July 27
Tuesday July 28

This 5-week course covers the essentials of how to use the basic functions of a personal computer, how to navigate the Internet, and how to send and receive email. By the end of the course, you'll have a foundation for using a computer and the Internet to enrich your life.

Note: Registration is required! You are expected to attend 5 weeks of classes! August dates include: August 3, August 4, August 10, August 11, August 17, August 18, August 24, August 25.

America's 250th: Movie & a Craft



For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley M.
South Reading Room at 4:30pm
Monday July 27

Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary with us at Flower Memorial Library with a free screening of The Patriot (2000) while crafting your own wooden box beaded flag. Flag craft is limited to the first 15 participants.

The total runtime for the movie is 2 hours and 45 minutes. Refreshments and all craft supplies will be provided.

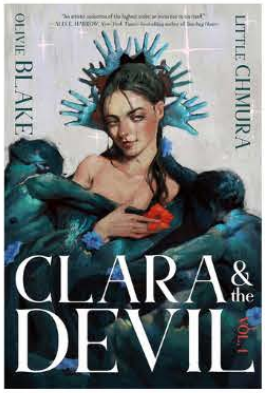
The warm weather is finally here! It's the perfect time to borrow an Empire Pass! These passes give vehicle access to most New York State parks, beaches, and other facilities. All you need is a North Country Library System library card!

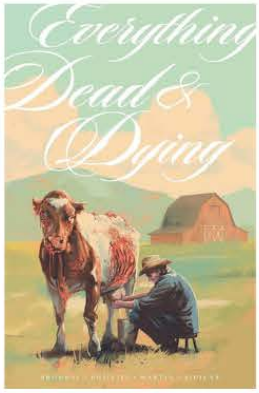
Passes check out for 3 days and cannot be renewed or placed on hold. A $20 late fee will automatically be applied if the pass is returned late. Passes are available on a first come, first served basis.



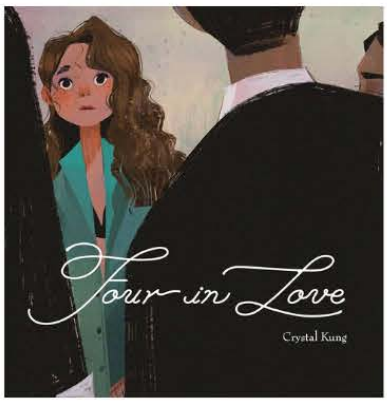


New in Adult Graphic Novels



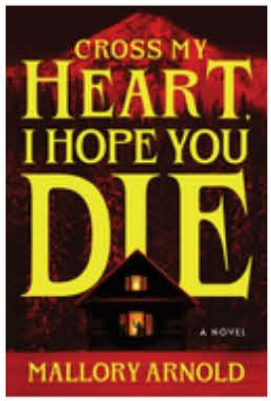


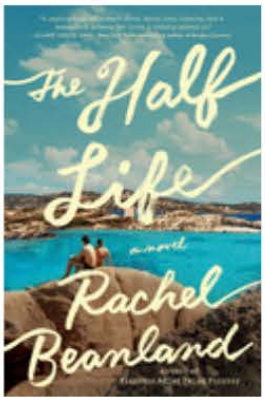


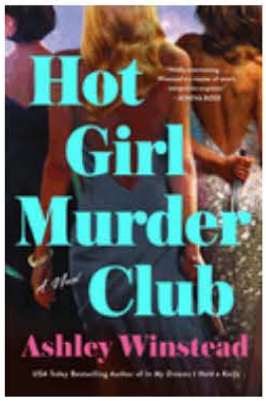


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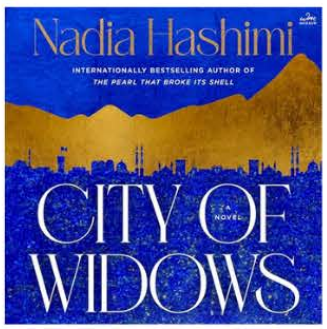
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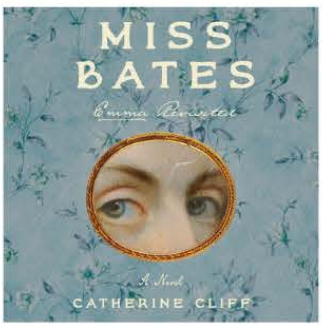
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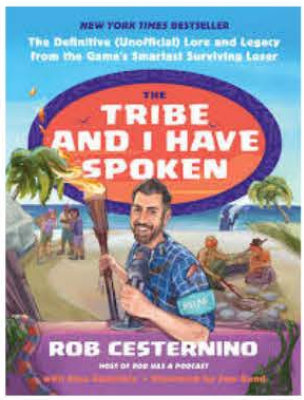


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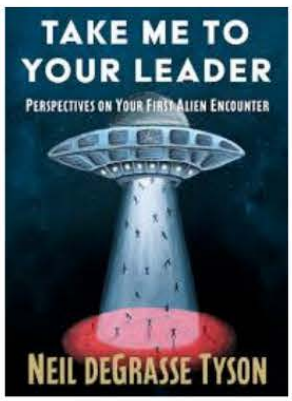


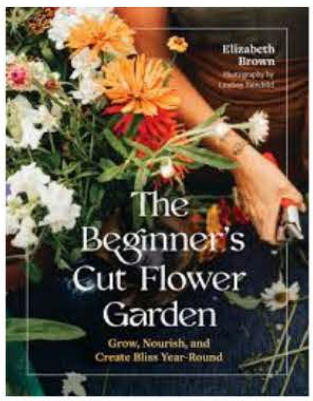
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