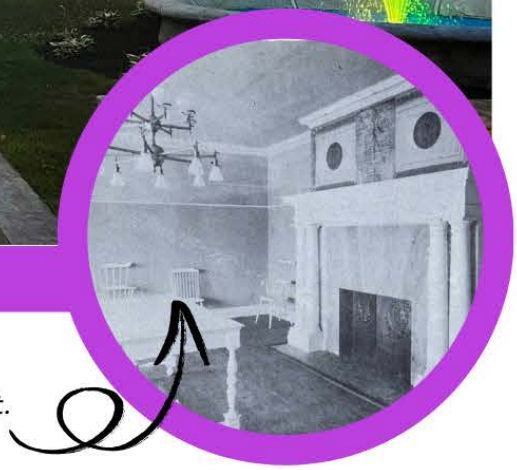
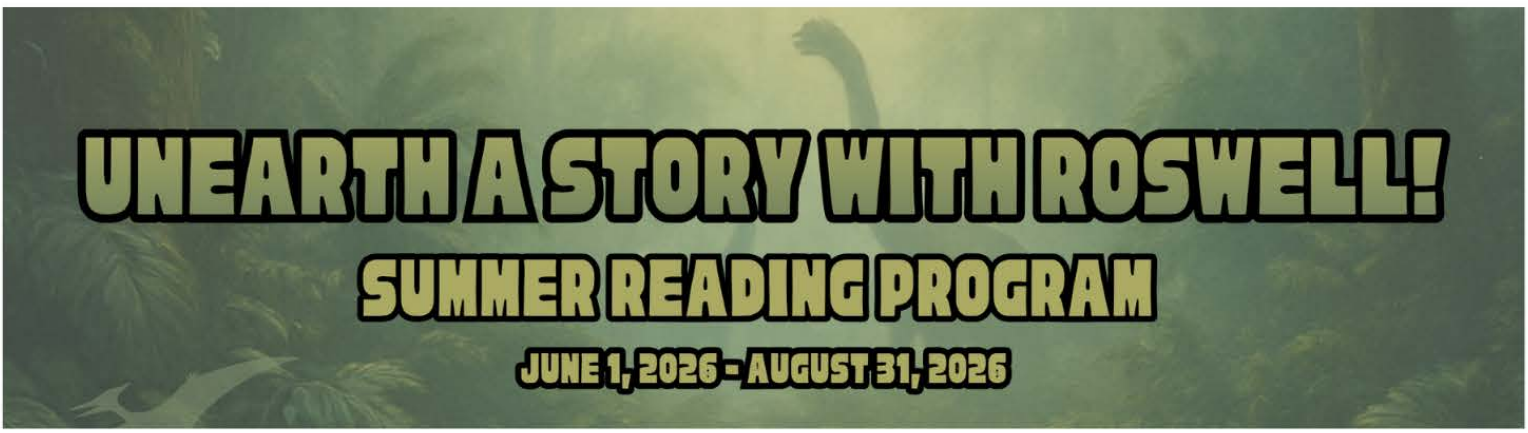
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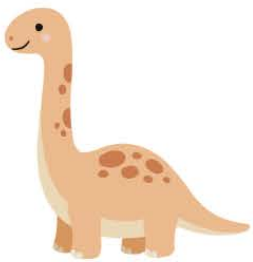
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Did you know that before it became the 1812 Room, this space was home to the Historical Society? Today, the 1812 Room serves as a space for private study sessions and small gatherings, while the Historical Society resides across the street. Photo from the original library dedication brochure, circa November 1904.



Summer Reading Program 2026



There is still time to participate in this year's Summer Reading Program!



Jump to page 6 for more information!

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
Every Wednesday

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

Toddler Painting



For ages 0-5
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10:30am
Friday August 14
Friday August 28

Join us in the Children's Room for some fun process painting! Our first process painting involves using cardstock and sponges to create a roaring campfire. The second process painting involves using cardstock and sponges to create melting ice cream cones.

Music and Movement

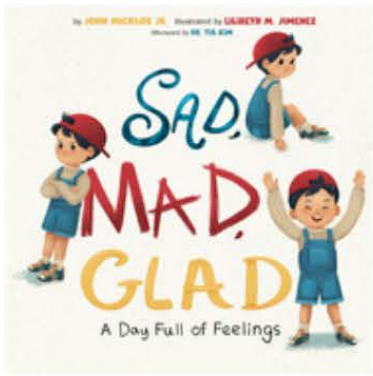


For ages 0-5
Facilitated by: Jamie (with guest Sarah Wolfe)
Children's Room at 10:30am
Monday August 17

Does your child like to sing and wiggle around? If so, come join us 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.

New in Our Children's Room

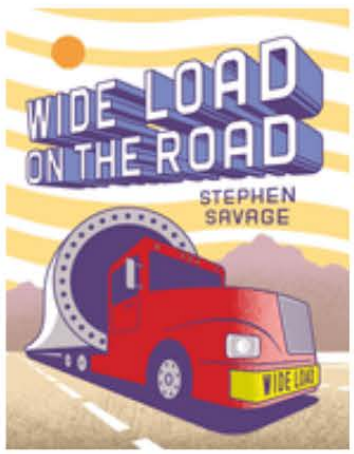












Events for Kids, Tweens, and Teens

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

Kids Take & Make Craft Kits



For ages 3-12
Presented by: Jamie
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday August 1

On one Saturday of each month, grab a craft kit to make with your little ones! All the supplies needed for the craft will be included in the kit. Patrons are welcome to take the craft home or make it here at the library. This month: Sea Turtle Beaded Necklace.

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

Teen Take & Make Craft Kits



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 9am
Saturday August 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 Mirrors.

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 August 3

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.

Teen Open Gaming



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

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

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

Teen Drop-In Crafts



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 10am-4pm
Wednesday August 12

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.

Crafternoon



For ages 8-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room at 4pm
Thursday August 13

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.

Q: What kind of books do chickens read?



Jump to page 5 for the aswer!

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

Kids & Tween Art Club



For ages 6-12
Facilitated by: Suzie
(with guest Shalaina Thompson)
Children's Room at 4pm
Friday August 14

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

Paint by Numbers



For ages 6-12
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 6pm
Tuesday August 18

Watch your masterpiece come to life one number at a time! Join us for a relaxing Paint by Numbers program where all supplies are provided and no artistic experience is needed. Follow the guide or add your own flair as you bring a beautiful design to life!

Note: There is a limit of 24 participants on a first come, first served basis.

DIY Squishies



For ages 8-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room at 11am
Wednesday August 26

Get ready to squish, squeeze, and create! Use foam to design a custom squishy. From cute fruit to iconic emojis, create a squishy that totally matches your vibe!

Book Display Brigade



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 4pm
Thursday August 27

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

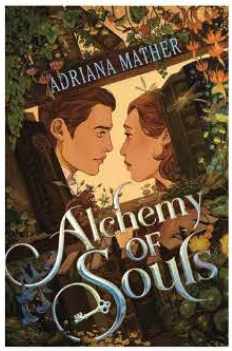
Youth End of Summer Party

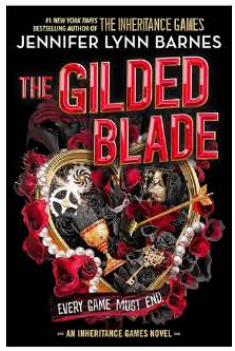


For ages 0-17
Presented by: Jamie & Ashley M.
Side Lawn OR Children's Room at 6pm
Monday August 31

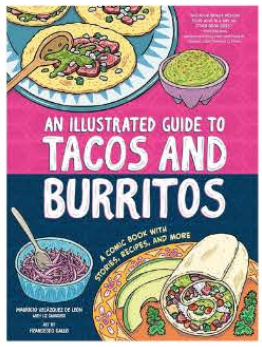
Help us wrap up an awesome summer! Join youth services librarians Ms. Jamie & Ms. Ashley M. as we say goodbye to summer with a variety of crafts and games for youth of all ages. We kindly ask everyone to bring their own t-shirts for our t-shirt tie-dye station. Only the first 20 participants will receive a free t-shirt on us.

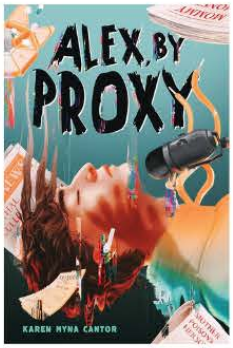
New in Our Teen Space













Information & Events for Both Youth & Adults

The Great Dino Escape: Teen & Adult Escape Room



For ages 12+
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room at 10am-3pm
Saturday August 8

Oh no! A T-Rex is on the loose, and you need to find the key to the library to escape. You'll have 45 minutes to solve puzzles and find clues to escape the T-Rex.

Note: Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome if a time slot is available! Limit of 5 per group. Call 315-785-7714 to register.

Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie
Room TBD at 4pm
Tuesday August 11

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

Family Puzzle Tournament



For ages 6+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Main Floor at 10am
Saturday August 15

Gather a team of up to 4 participants and put your puzzle skills to the test! Compete to be the fastest team to finish a 200 piece puzzle. The 1st place team will receive a prize, and all teams will get to keep their puzzle. Teams must contain at least 1 child ages 6 to 17 and at least 1 adult ages 18 or over.

Note: Registration is required! Registration is open on July 15th until full. You can register by filling out an online form or by calling Ashley at 315-785-7714. When registering, please have all team member names, a phone number for at least one team member, and a team name.

LEGO Club

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie (with guest Jack Falge)
South Reading Room at 4pm
Thursday August 20



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

Movie & Craft Afternoon: Bob's Burgers: The Movie



For ages 13+
Presented by: Olivia
Community Room at 2:30pm
Saturday August 22

Join us in the Community Room for a movie, a simple craft, and a treat. Everyone 13+ is welcome. We will be watching Bob's Burgers: The Movie (Rated PG-13, 1hr 42min runtime). All particpants under the age of 13 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Family Movie & Craft: The Super Mario Galaxy Movie



For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Jamie
South Reading Room at 2:30pm
Saturday August 29

Cool down at the library with a movie & craft! All ages & abilities are welcome. We'll be watching The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (rated PG, 1hr 38min runtime). Light refreshments will be provided.

A: Egg-citing stories!

Jump back to page 3 for the question!



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

Meet the Author Devan Robinson

All ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie
South Reading Room at 6pm
Tuesday August 11

What if you've spent so much time looking for validation from everyone else that you've forgotten how to trust yourself? Join author, speaker, and Certified Self Doubt Exorcist Devan Robinson for an engaging and interactive conversation about the inspiration behind her book, Validate Your Damn Self.

Through personal stories, honest reflections, and practical takeaways, Devan explores why so many of us seek approval from everyone except ourselves and what it takes to finally trust our own voice. You'll get a behind-the-scenes look at the writing process, hear the story behind the book, and leave with practical tools to recognize self-doubt, stop outsourcing your authority, and make decisions with greater confidence. Whether you're feeling stuck, second-guessing yourself, or simply looking for encouragement to take up more space in your life, this talk will leave you feeling empowered, inspired, and reminded that the validation you've been searching for has been inside you all along.

Note: Copies of Devan's book will be available for purchase at the event. A book signing will follow the presentation.



History and Genealogy Fair

All ages and abilities
Presented by: Ashley M. & Ashley P.
Jefferson County Historical Society at 11am-2pm
Saturday August 22

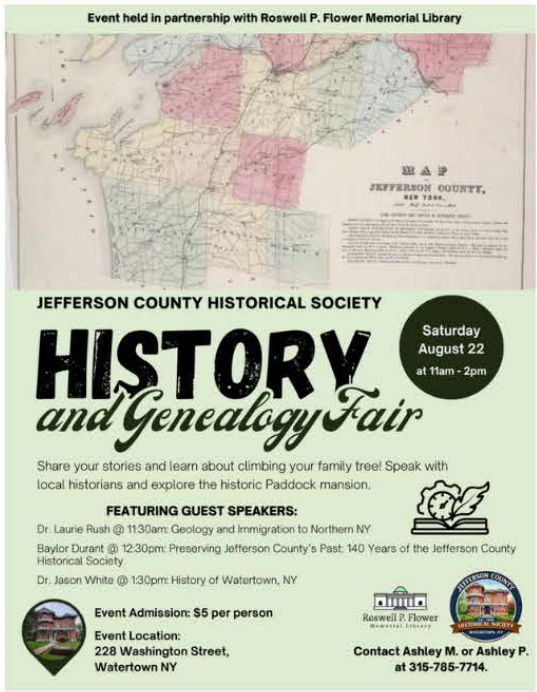
Share your stories and learn about climbing your family tree! Speak with local historians, genealogical organizations, and listen to presentations from our guest speakers while exploring the historic Paddock mansion. Our featured guest speakers for this year are:

11:30am Dr. Laurie Rush: Geology and Immigration to Northern NY

12:30pm Baylor Durant: Preserving Jefferson County's Past: 140 Years of the Jefferson County Historical Society

1:30pm Dr. Jason White: The History of Watertown, NY

Note: Admission for this event is $5 per person and will be held at the Jefferson County Historical Society, located at 228 Washington Street. This event is presented in partnership with Flower Memorial Library and the Jefferson County Historical Society.



Events for Adults

Adult Book Clubs

Original Library Book Club
For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Olivia
Community Room at 6:30pm
Monday September 14

Get a head start on our next book! We will discuss the book Moonflower Murders by Anthony Horowitz. Copies of the book are available for check out on a first come, first served basis at the Circulation Desk.

VIRTUAL Between the Covers: Romance Book Club
For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
Online via Zoom at 6:30pm
Wednesday August 12

Join us on Zoom to chat about all things books and romance! At this meeting, we'll discuss Raiders of the Lost Heart by Jo Segura.

Spice Club Kits: Cilantro

For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Main Floor at 9am
Saturday August 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!

Adult Craft Kit
For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday August 1

Take home a DIY Craft Kit on the first Saturday of each month.

August's kit will include the supplies and instructions needed to make watermelon inspired coasters.



Golden Girls and Cheesecake

For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Community Room at 3pm
Saturday August 1

Come join us for two episodes of The Golden Girls and a slice of cheesecake. Tea and/or coffee will also be available.

There's still plenty of time to enjoy the warm summer weather, so why not try one of our new Disc Golf sets?

Each set includes a driver disc, a putter disc, and instructions to help you get started.

Disc Golf sets can be checked out for 3 days and are available on a first come, first served basis. Holds and renewals are not available. Stop by the Circulation Desk to grab your set!

Ready to hit the course? Check out the disc golf courses at Thompson Park or Parkside Bible Church!





No Pressure Book Club



For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Community Room at 6pm
Tuesday August 4

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.

Bead Art Plants



For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Community Room at 3pm
Tuesday August 11

Join us to make your own beaded plant. All supplies will be provided.

Blood Drive with the American Red Cross

For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
South Reading Room from 9am-2pm
Wednesday August 19

You are invited to give back and give blood! This event is hosted at the Flower Library; it is held in the library's South Reading Room on Wednesday, June 3rd at 9am – 2pm.

Registration is strongly encouraged and can be accessed online. Walk-ins may be accepted if time permits.

Scan the QR code to register!



Sneak peak!

Annual Book Sale

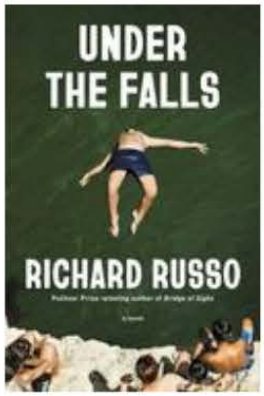
Saturday, October 17 through Monday, October 26
- during regular library hours -
- cash only -

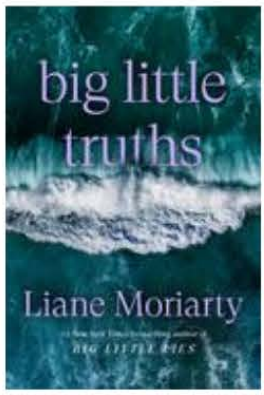
All proceeds raised will support the library.

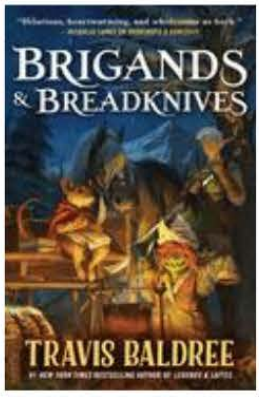
The bag sale begins Friday, October 23.

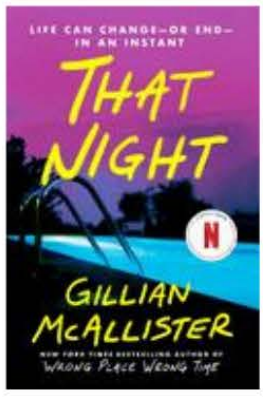
The Friends of the Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library are now accepting donations for their 2026 Annual Book Sale! Donations in new or gently used condition will be accepted. They accept hardcover and paperback fiction and nonfiction, children's books, puzzles, and games. VHS tapes, cassette tapes, textbooks, encyclopedias, reference books, and magazines will not be accepted. Donations may be dropped off at the Security Desk anytime the library is open. Thank you!

New in Adult Fiction



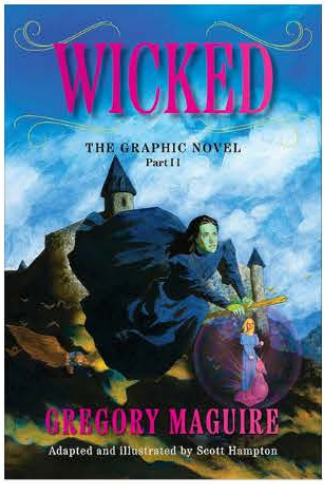


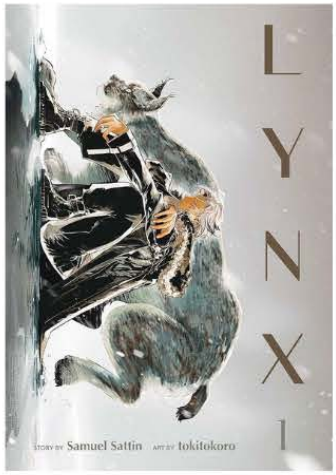


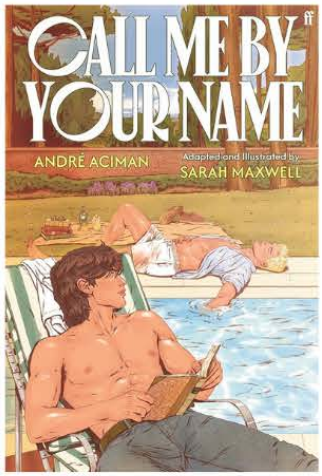


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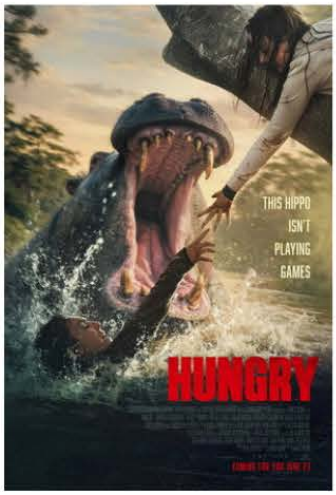




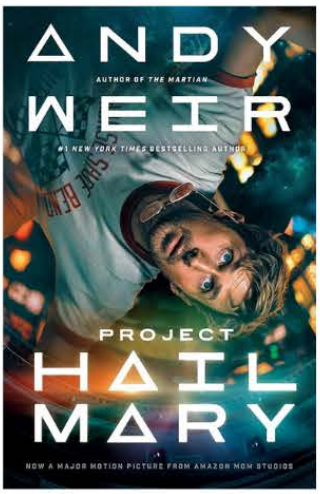
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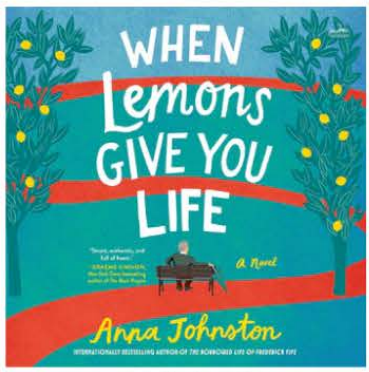
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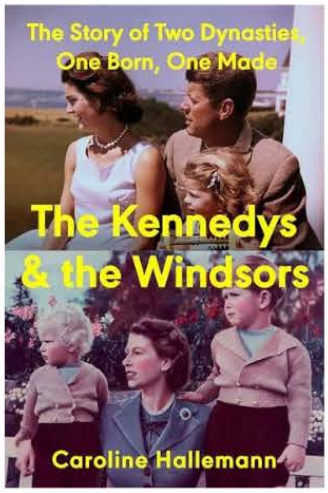


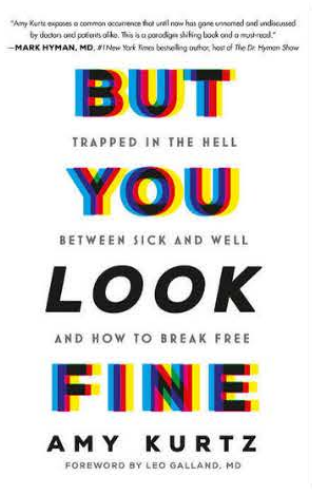
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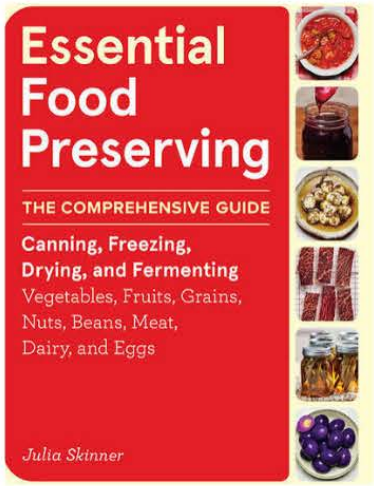


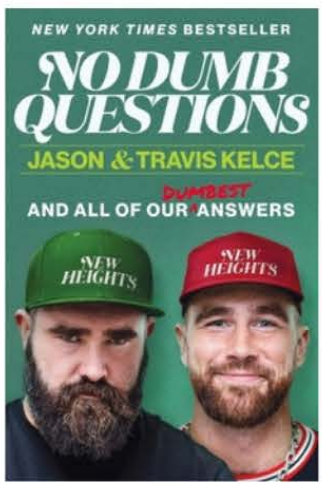
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New in Adult Non-Fiction









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Youth Services

Every Wednesday @ 10:30 am - Farmers Market Story Time
Every Friday @ 4 pm - Ages 12-17 Open Gaming

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