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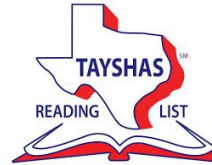
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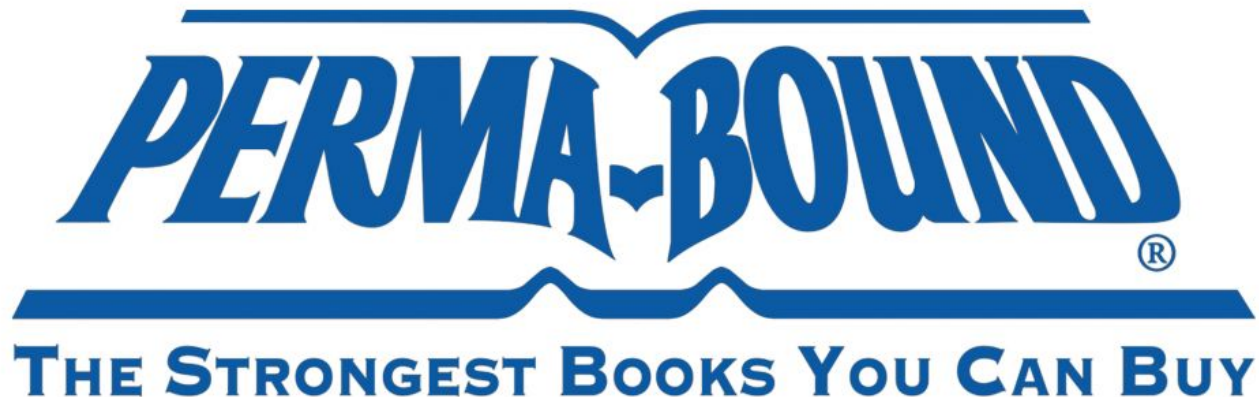
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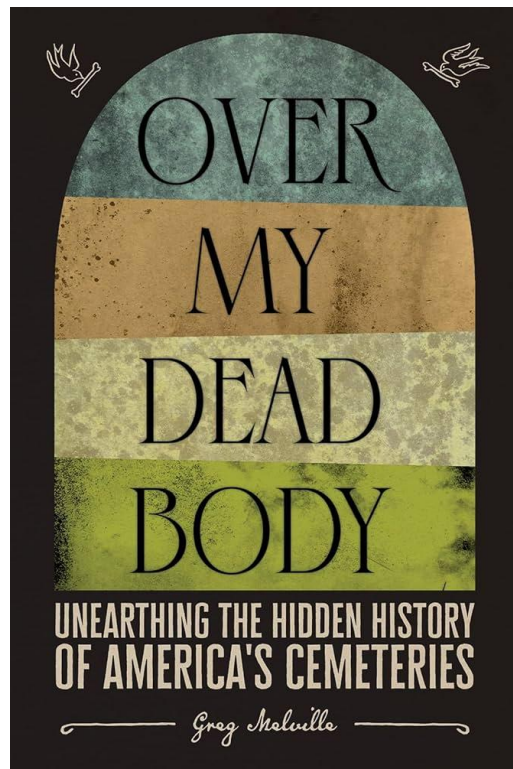


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Nonfiction Reading List**

Hidden Histories



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Hidden Histories

Audience: Adults interested in local hidden histories such as local lore, historical/haunted houses, or local cemeteries.

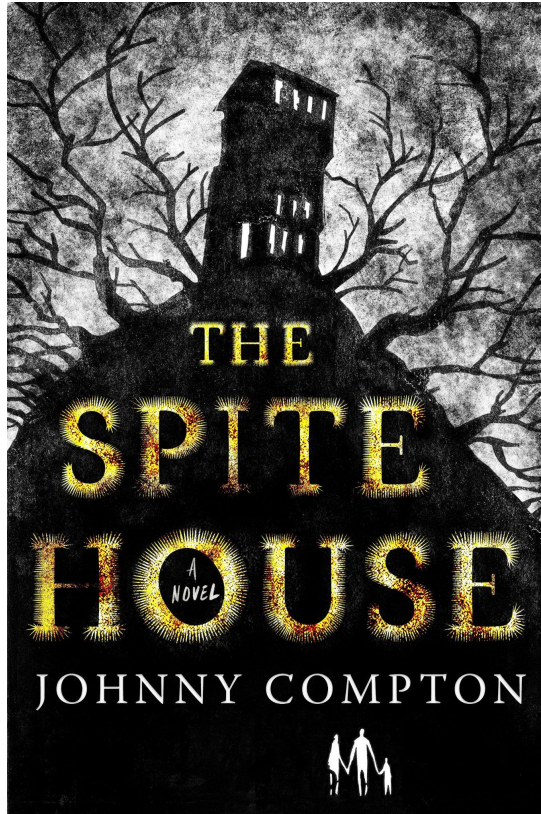
Programs:

- Collaborate with local organizations to showcase your city's histories/cemeteries
- Visit local haunted buildings/houses or a presentation on these for patrons to visit on their own
- Birding in cemeteries

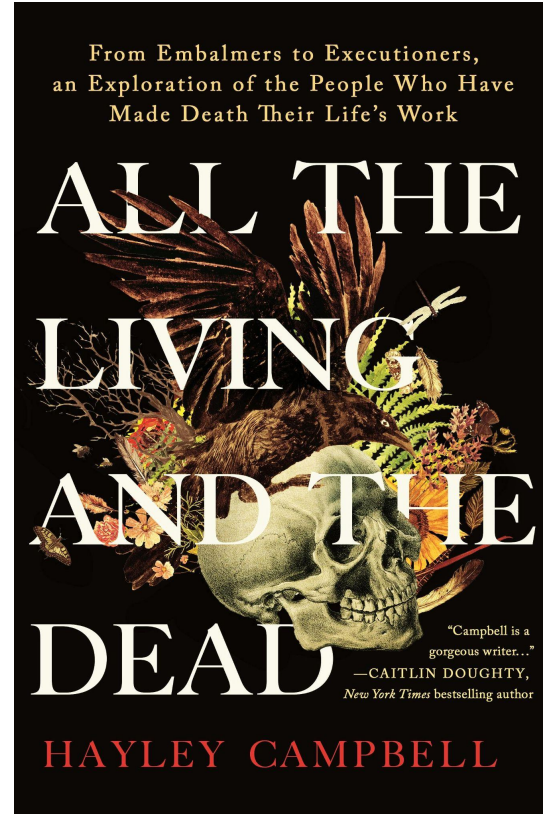
Book Display Ideas:

- Haunted Houses
- Birding
- Local history, stories, lore

Death/Grief



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Death/Grief

Audience: Adults interested in the subject of death or those grieving the loss of a loved one.

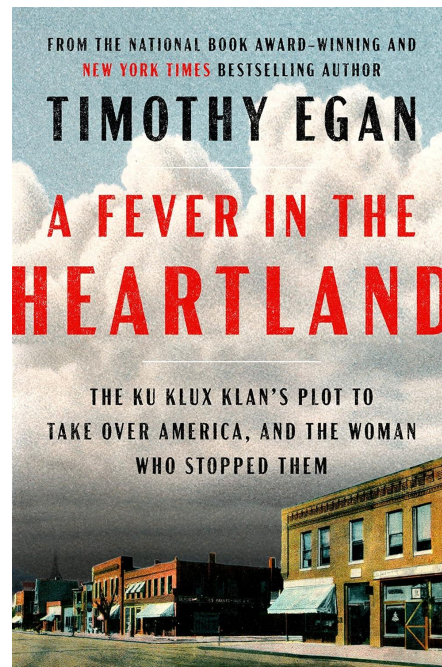
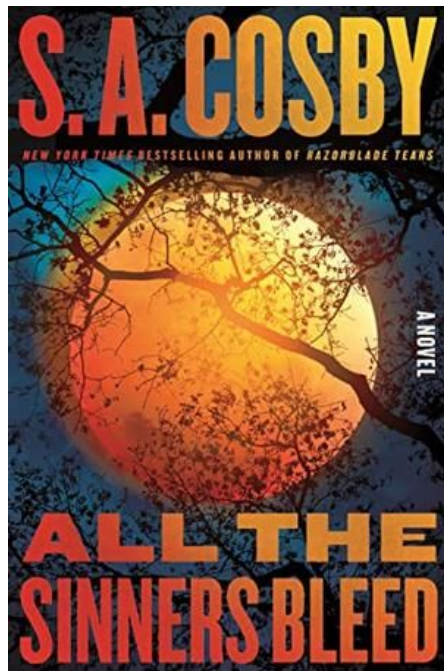
Programs:

- Host a Death Cafe where patrons can spend time talking about death. [How-to guide here.](#)
- Offer a Healing Library/Kits for patrons to check out

Book Display Ideas:

- Haunted Houses (fiction or nonfiction)
- Grief/self help/bereavement

Murder in America: History & Mystery



Murder in America: History & Mystery

Audience: Adults interested in American history or crime fiction.

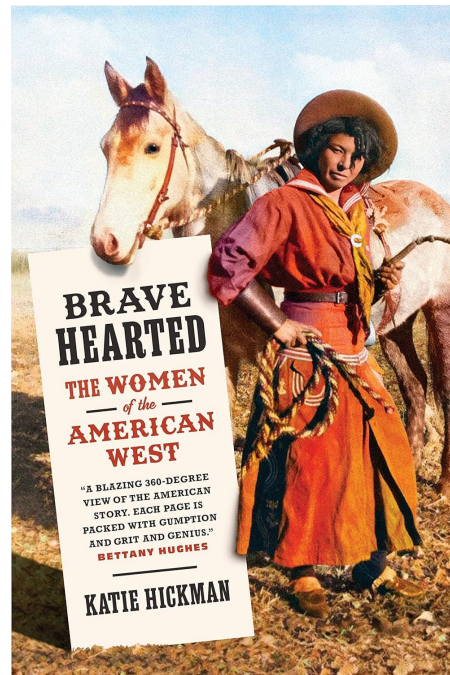
Programs:

- Host a Murder Mystery party (in person or online)
- Invite a guest speaker from the Texas DPS Crime Laboratory
- Share secret histories of the local area
- Plan a local history tour/walk with a tour guide from a local historical society

Book Display Ideas:

- Crime fiction
- Books by Timothy Egan and/or S.A. Cosby
- The Jazz age

Untold Stories of American Heroines



Untold Stories of American Heroines

Audience: Adults interested in American history or women's roles in American history.

Programs:

- Invite a speaker from the local Red Cross and/or Red Cross blood drive
- Show a movie featuring PBS *Women in American History* videos from the [American Experience collection](#)
- Host a women in history trivia night
- Create a Women's History Month speaker series focused on women change-makers from the local community
- Add a donut tasting/decorating event to any of the above

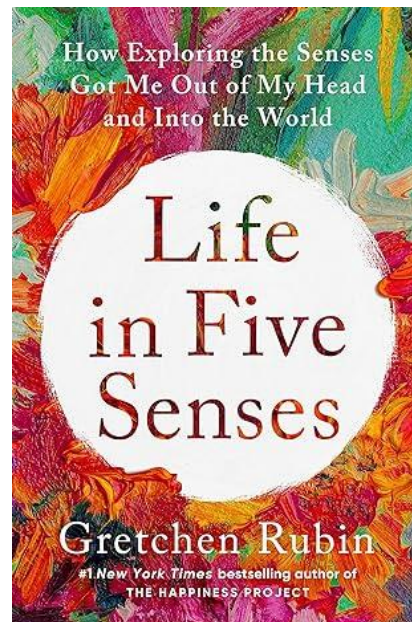
Book Display Ideas:

- World War II
- American West / Westward expansion
- Biographies focused on women throughout history

Senses



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Senses

Audience: Adults interested in the five senses.

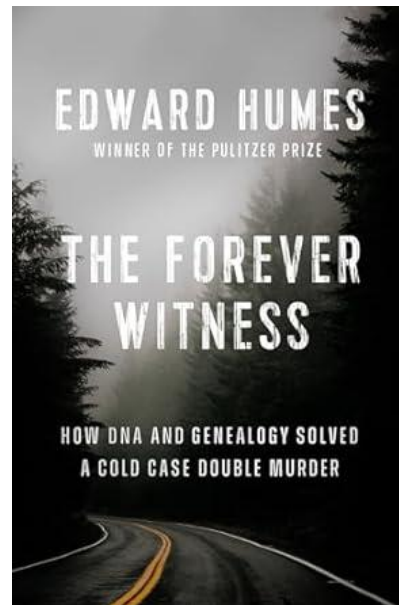
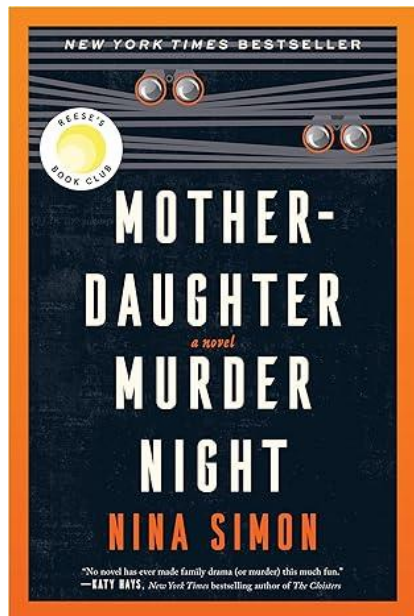
Programs:

- Host a Blind Taste Test
- Provide Handouts featuring ways to explore your senses. See [50 Tips to Get Out of Your Head](#)
- Sensory Activity Event
- Life in Five Senses Video Series Event

Book Display Ideas:

- Senses
- Neurodiverse book display
- Display based on the Pantone Color of the Year
- Book display based on a color scheme

Solving a Murder



Solving a Murder

Audience: Adults interested in murder mysteries, true crime, and genealogy.

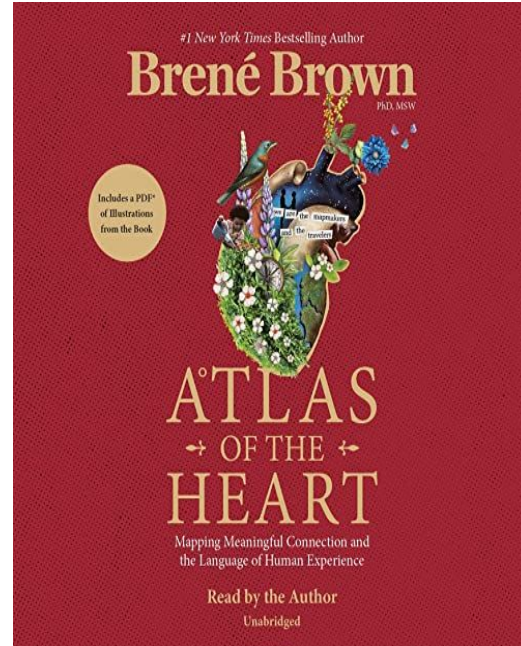
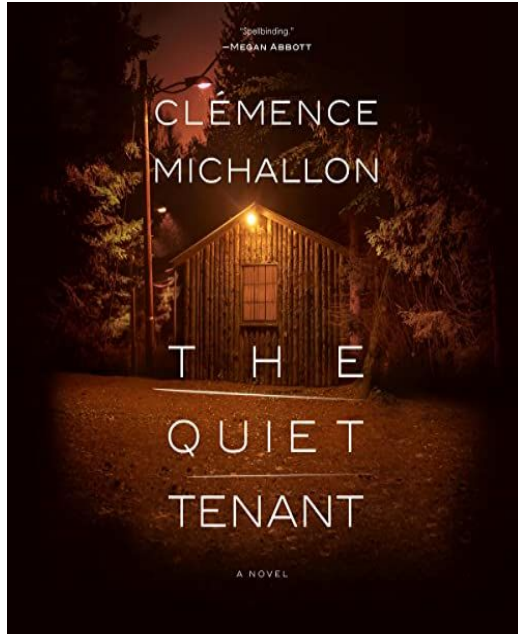
Programs:

- Murder Mystery Event
- Talk by a Forensic Scientist or Detective
- DNA Genealogy Presentation
- True Crime Podcast Event
- DNA Genealogy Event

Book Display Ideas:

- True Crime
- Thrillers and Crime Fiction
- DNA Genealogy

Human Connection



Human Connection

Audience: Adults interested in living a rich life despite difficulties

Programs:

- Self defense class
- Safety speaker from the police department
- Psychologist speaking on human connection
- Group craft activity
- Book discussion

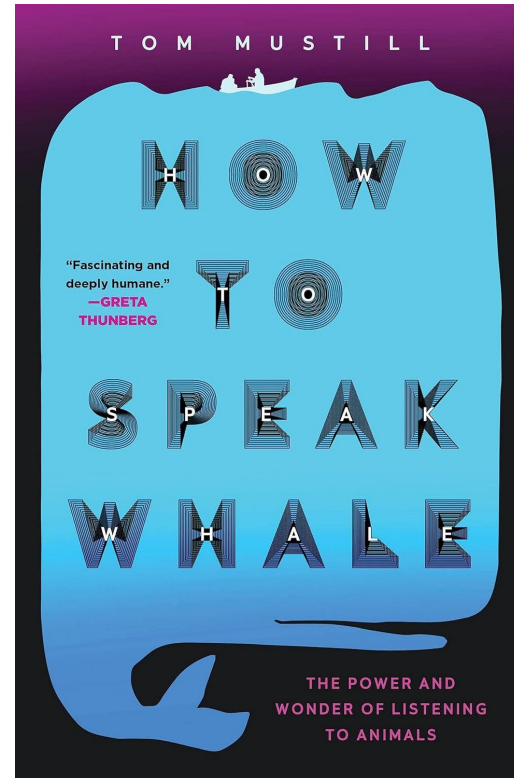
Book Display Ideas:

- Safety and security
- Novels that highlight connection
- Psychology books

Whales



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Audience: Adults interested in animals and nature

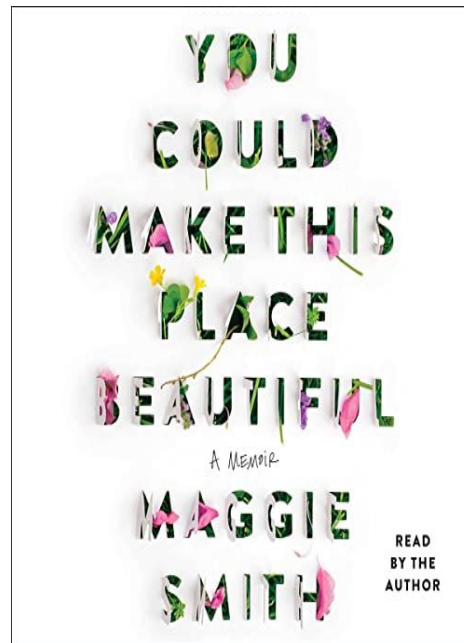
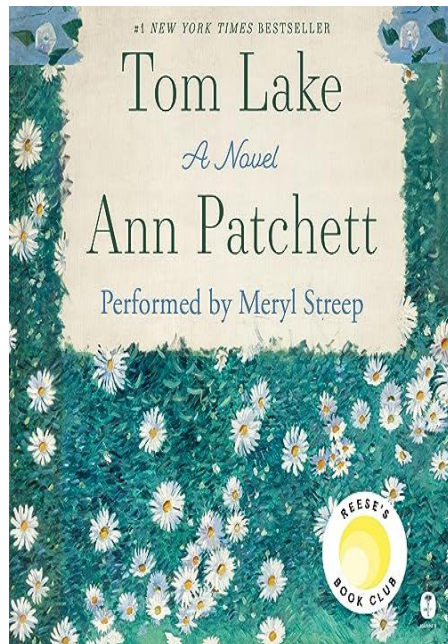
Programs:

- Whale art: [Watercolor](#) or [acrylic](#) whale, [string art](#), or [embroidery](#)
- History of whaling/marine biology lecture
- Rent [whale specimens](#) to add to book discussion
- Themed movie screening

Book Display Ideas:

- World Oceans Day (June 8)
- Marine Mammals
- Naturalist biographies

Family Life



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Audience: Families

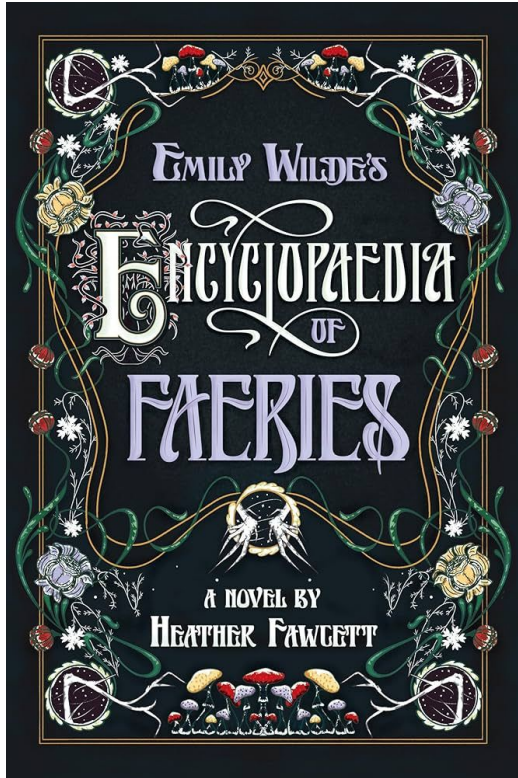
Programs:

- Genealogist
- Craft: make a family tree
- Child/parent activity: provide prompts to encourage adults to share a story from their life with their child
- Family fun day - provide activities that adults and children can do together

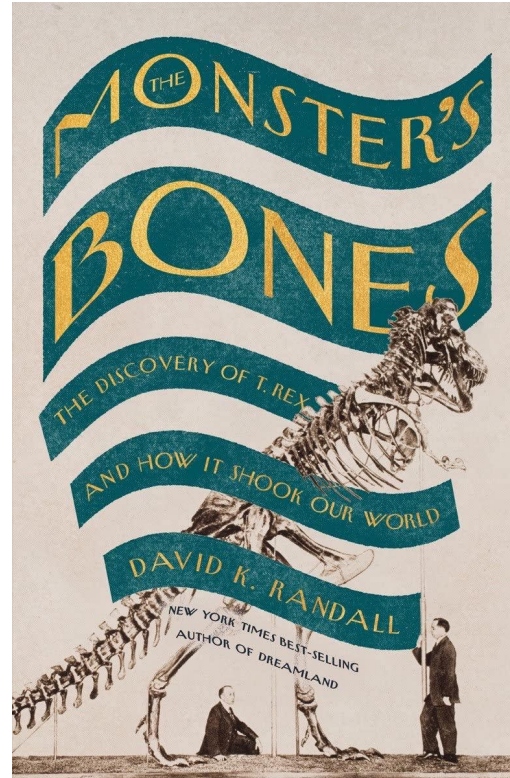
Book Display Ideas:

- Family memoirs
- Books on storytelling

Discovery and Exploration



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Audience: Adults interested in discovery and exploration

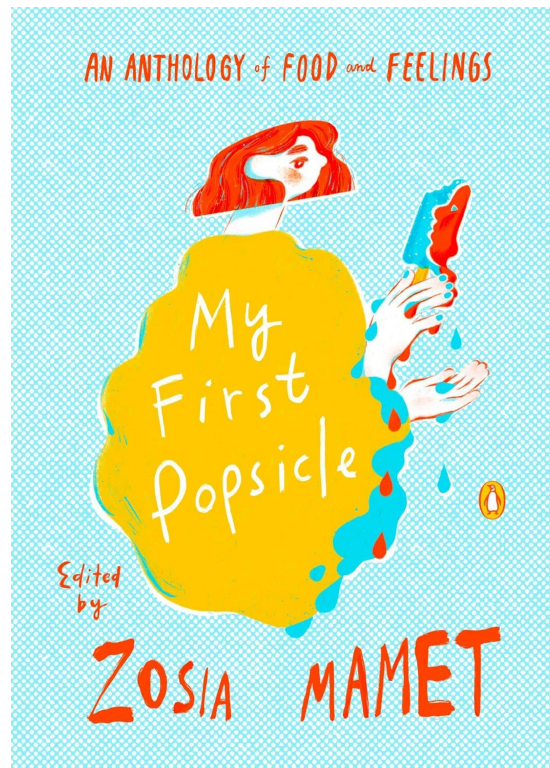
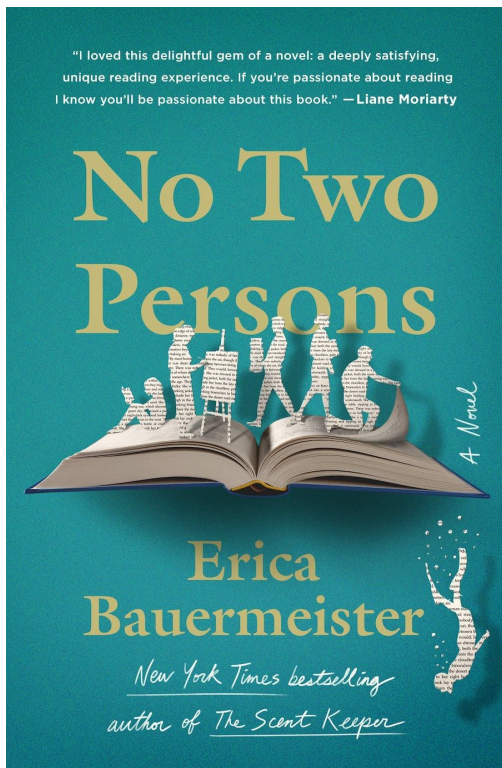
Programs:

- Discovery hikes or bird-watching programs
- Build a terrarium or fairy house or Cabinet of Curiosities project
- Archaeologist lecture
- Local biodiversity and flora and fauna program
- Virtual National Park tours
- Naturalist in Residence Program

Book Displays:

- Earth science
- Gardening

Shared Experiences



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Audience: Adults interested in shared connections

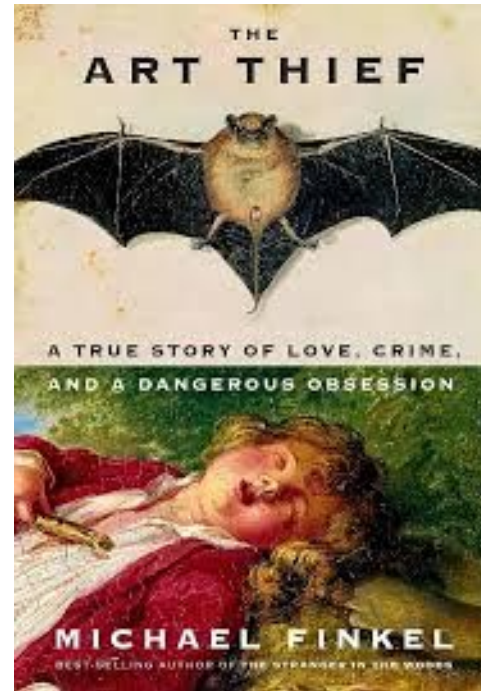
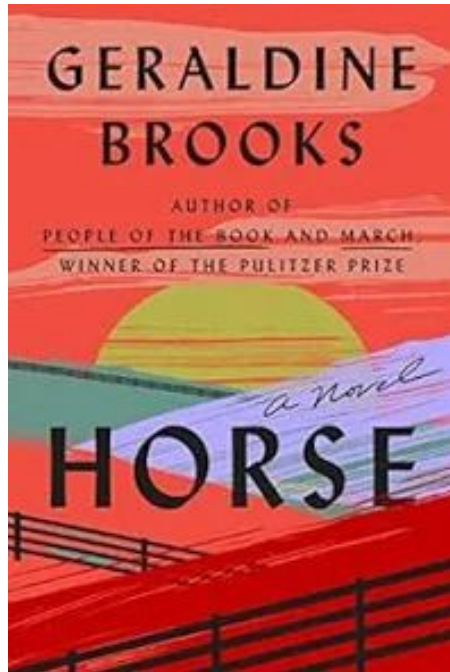
Programs:

- Cooking programs or Cook the Book programs
- Lit Fit Book Club - Walk and talk Book Club
- Community murals, art walls, Mini art shows
- Book Art crafting - Upcycle books
- Life story Sharing or memoir writing classes
- Intergenerational book clubs
- Books and Bites

Book Displays:

- Cookbooks
- Best book lists, Book club picks

Art Appreciation



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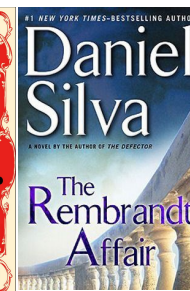
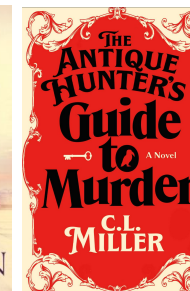
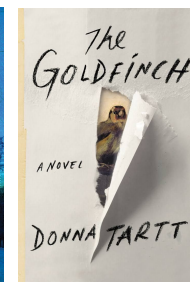
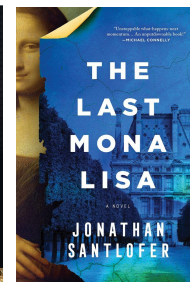
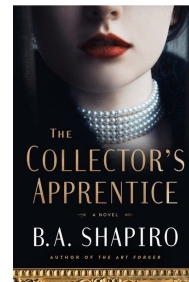
Audience: Adults interested in Art / Fine Arts / Art History

Programs:

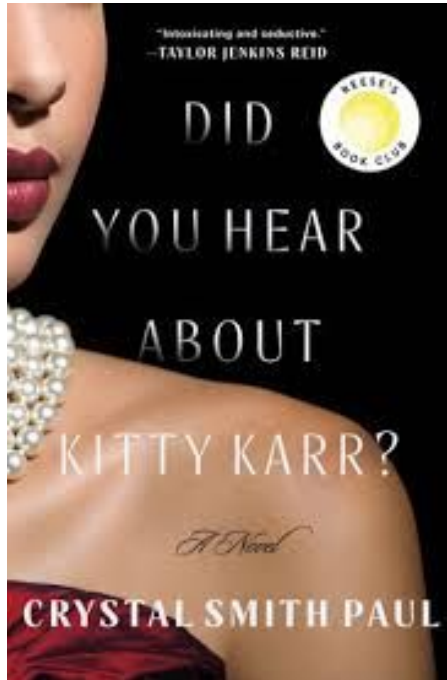
- Creating Art - Painting with a Twist type program
- What is Art? - Art Historian Presenter
- Art Appraiser - Antiques Roadshow type program
- Art Installation- Work with local art centers
- Art Contest - Ask patrons to create/submit original artwork

Book Displays:

- Non Fiction Art Books
- Fiction Books Lists



Women in History/the Arts



Women in History/the Arts

Audience: Women in the Arts

Programs:

- Screen Writing and Journalism programs
- Filmfest (Think Grace Kelly, Joan Crawford, Candice Bergen (all Barbizon residents) or Greta Gerwig and Sophia Coppola (award winning female directors/producers)
- DNA Genealogy event; Presentation about DNA and Genealogy.

Book Displays:

- Historical Women in the Arts
- Best book lists, Book club picks

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