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Flower Memorial Library Newsletter



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The "Open Book" mural in the North Reading Room depicts a mother reading from a book, surrounded by her children. It conveys that books are a source of knowledge that should be available to all. Ella Condie Lamb used Emma Flower Taylor's children as her models, including her infant child who died from tonsillitis.

November is National Gratitude Month, and we're celebrating by giving back to our community! From community drives to take-home kits, there are plenty of ways to lend a helping hand or find a little extra support at the library.



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We hope you'll explore our upcoming opportunities to help us give back and spread kindness throughout our community!

Early Literacy Information & Events

Toddler Story Time & Crafts

Designed for ages 3-5, but all are welcome
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10:30am
Every Wednesday EXCEPT 11/11

Join us every Wednesday at 10:30am for Toddler Story Time & Crafts! We'll read fun stories, dance, sing, and wiggle around. Then, we'll end our story time with a craft relating to the books we read. Each week we do a different theme, so every story time is its own unique experience.

Baby Story Time

Designed for ages 0-2, but all are welcome
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10:30am
Every Thursday EXCEPT 11/26

Join us every Thursday at 10:30am for some fun stories, nursery rhymes, and wiggles! Then, at the end of our story time, little ones are encouraged to explore our play room and craft area to play and interact with other littles. We'll have toys, Play-Doh, and coloring sheets available to play with. Each story time has a different theme so every week will be its own unique experience!

Music and Movement

For ages 0-5
Facilitated by: Jamie (with guest Sarah Wolfe)
Children's Room at 10:30am
Monday November 9

Does your child like to sing, dance, or just wiggle around? 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. The session includes a sing-along with Sarah playing the ukulele.

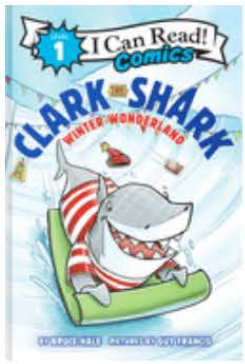
Toddler Painting



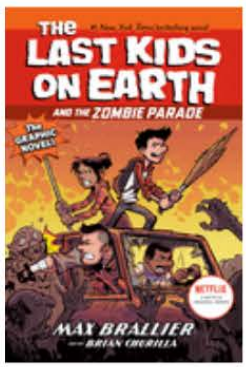
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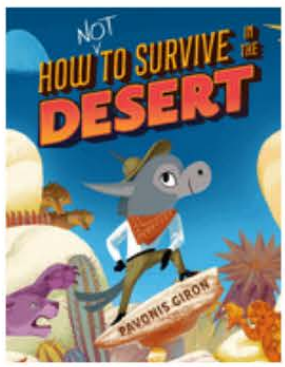
Join us in the Children's Room for some fun process painting! This month's process painting involves using sponges and tree templates to create bright and colorful fall leaves.

New in Our Children's Room

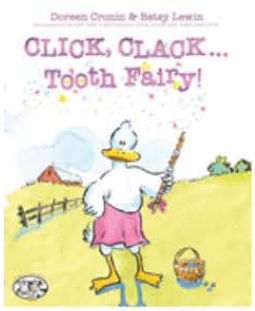












Events for Kids, Tweens, and Teens

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

Teen Take & Make Kits



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 9am
Monday November 2

Get creative with our monthly teen craft kits! Each kit includes supplies and instructions for a fun project you can make at home. This month: Pumpkin Mugs

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 November 2

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 EXCEPT 11/27

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

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

Pssst...Santa will be visiting the library on Saturday, December 5 at 10am! Visit our website or Facebook for more information.



Kids & Tween Art Club



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

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

Kids & Tween Take & Make Craft Kits



For ages 3-12
Presented by: Jamie
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday November 14

On one Saturday of each month, grab a craft kit to make with your little ones!
This month: Turkey Tissue Paper Ornament

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

Book Display Brigade



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 4pm
Thursday November 19

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

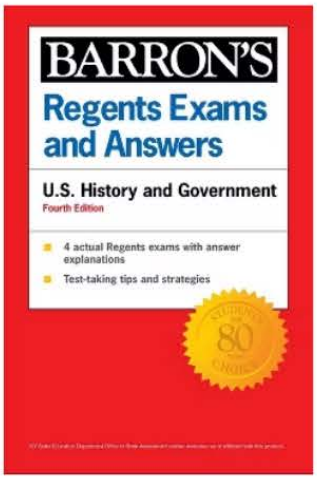
Q: What's a librarian's favorite Thanksgiving side?

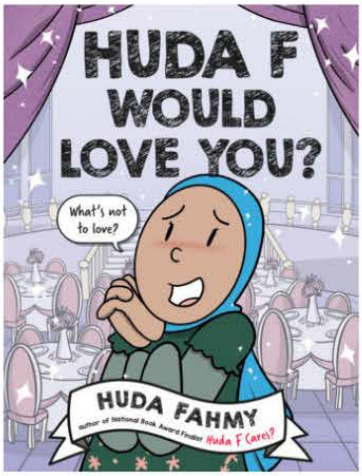
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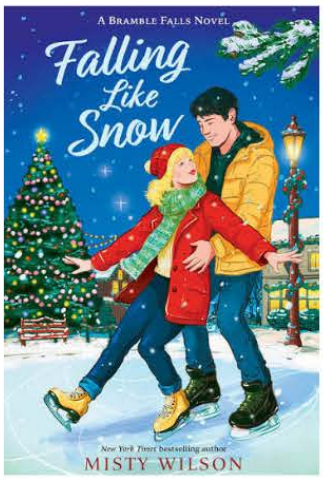


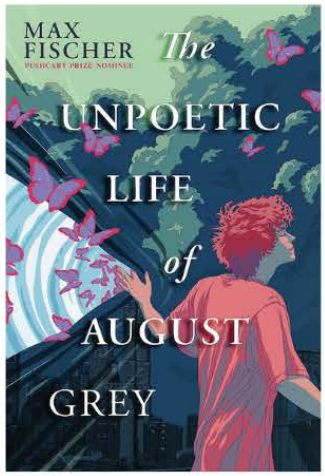
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New in Our Teen Space









Teen Volunteer Opportunities

Elf Workshop

Date: Saturday, December 5

Time: 9:30am - 12:00pm

Ages: 12 and up can volunteer; event is for all ages

Possible tasks: Restock supplies, help with crafts, run a game, take photos, guide patrons, set-up, clean-up

Holiday outfits encouraged!

Please let Ms. Jamie know at jlaplaca@ncls.org by 11/1 if you would like to volunteer!

Book Display Brigade

Channel your inner designer and help make a book display for the library's Teen Space once a month! Participants get 1 hour of volunteering per session.

Dates: November 19, December 17

Time: 4-5pm

Ages: 12-18 only

Tasks: Decide on a theme, design the display, choose books to display

Information & Events for Both Youth & Adults

The library will be closed Wednesday, November 11 for Veterans' Day as well as Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for Thanksgiving.

Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie
Room TBD at 4pm
Tuesday November 10

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

K9 Night with the Watertown Police Department



For ages 6+
Facilitated by: Jamie
South Reading Room at 6pm
Tuesday November 10

Officer Workman and K9 Bach are coming back to the library! Learn about the important role police dogs play in law enforcement, discover the different types of K9s and the jobs they perform, and watch K9 Bach show off his incredible skills during a live demonstration.

Note: Limit of 30 participants on a first come, first served basis.

Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt



For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Ashley M.
Upstairs Reference at 10am
Saturday November 14

Turkeys are on the loose at the library! Search all around and find the turkeys as you learn about the history of the library. Find all the turkeys, learn new library facts, and win a prize!

Cards That Bloom



For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Jamie
South Reading Room at 11am
Saturday November 14

The Kindness in Bloom Project is a heartfelt initiative spreading kindness and encouragement throughout the North Country. Our new permanent Kindness in Bloom Station is a place where anyone can pick up a card when they need a little encouragement or leave one to brighten someone else's day.

Join us on November 14 as we celebrate the installation of our new permanent station by creating handmade cards to fill it with messages of hope and joy.

Together, we can help kindness bloom throughout our community one card at a time.

LEGO Club

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie (with guest Jack Falge)
South Reading Room at 4pm
Thursday November 19



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

Family Movie and Craft Afternoon



For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Olivia
South Reading Room at 11am
Saturday November 28

Join us for an afternoon movie with a craft and snack. All ages and abilities are welcome. We will be watching Jumanji (1995, Rated PG, 1h 45 min runtime).

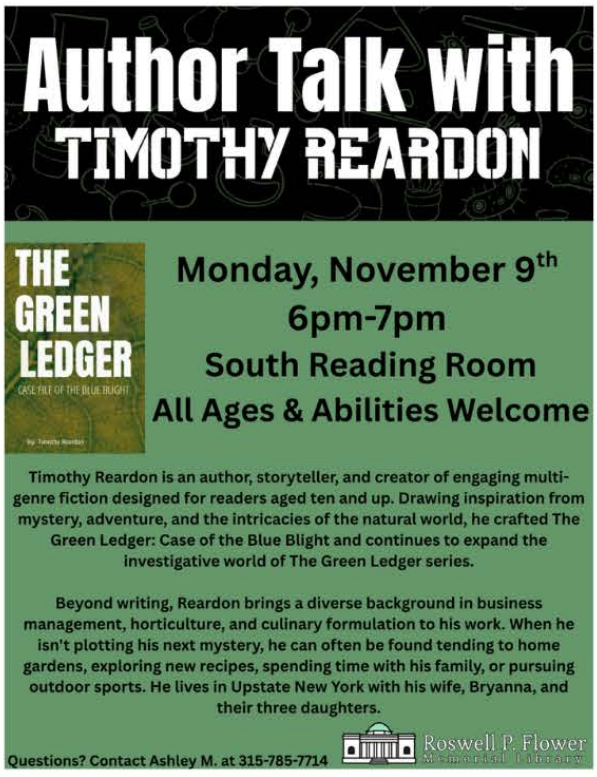
Special Events

Author Talk with Timothy Reardon

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Ashley M.
South Reading Room at 6pm
Monday November 9

Timothy Reardon is an author, storyteller, and creator of engaging multi-genre fiction designed for readers aged ten and up. Drawing inspiration from mystery, adventure, and the intricacies of the natural world, he crafted The Green Ledger: Case of the Blue Blight and continues to expand the investigative world of The Green Ledger series.

Beyond writing, Reardon brings a diverse background in business management, horticulture, and culinary formulation to his work. When he isn't plotting his next mystery, he can often be found tending to home gardens, exploring new recipes, spending time with his family, or pursuing outdoor sports. He lives in Upstate New York with his wife, Bryanna, and their three daughters.



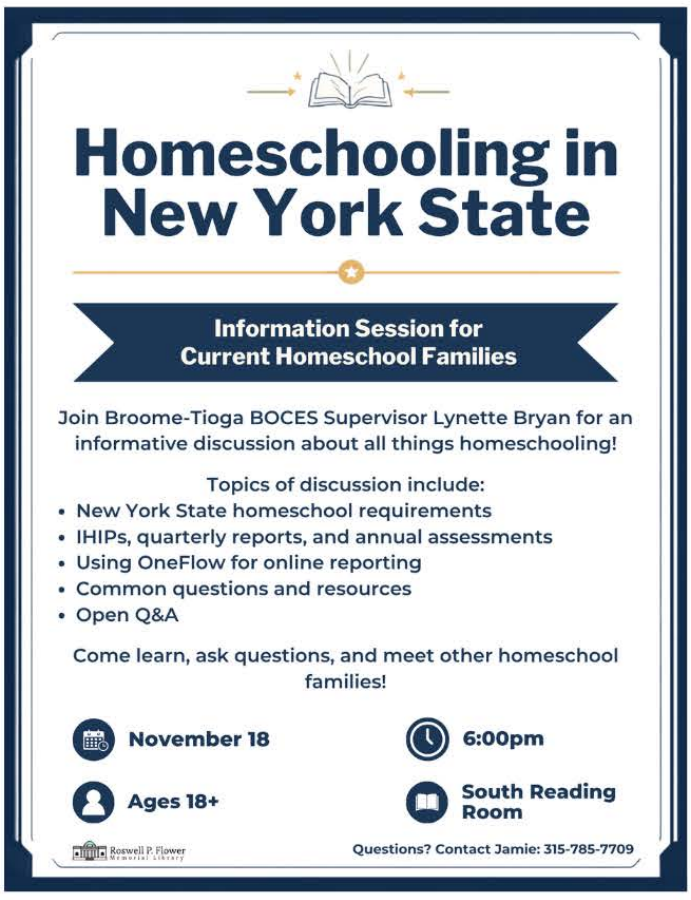
Homeschooling in New York State Seminar

For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley M.
South Reading Room at 6pm
Wednesday November 18

Join Broome-Tioga BOCES Supervisor Lynette Bryan for an informative discussion about all things homeschooling!

Topics of discussion include New York State homeschool requirements; IHIPs, quarterly reports, and annual assessments; Using OneFlow for online reporting; Common questions and resources; Open Q&A.

This seminar is designed for families already homeschooling their children. A session for prospective homeschool families will be in the spring.



Community Drives

3rd Annual Toy & Gift Wrap Drive

November 2-30

It's the season of giving, and Flower Memorial Library is ready to "sleigh" the holidays once again with our 3rd Annual Toy & Gift Wrap Drive!

From November 2-30, community members are invited to drop off new or very gently used toys and gift wrap of any size or value at the Circulation Desk on the Main Floor.

On Tuesday, December 8 at 6:00pm, adults ages 18+ are then invited to do a little holiday "shopping"! Come shop our collection of donated toys and gift wrap. Each adult will receive 3 tickets, which can be used to select 3 toys of their choice. No exceptions will be made. Toys will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Need to wrap things up? A wrapping station will be available for anyone who would like to wrap their gifts at the library.

Every toy, no matter how big or small, can help make a child's holiday merry and bright.

For more information about the Toy & Gift Wrap Drive, please contact Jamie LaPlaca at jlaplaca@ncls.org or 315-785-7709 or Ashley Morrison at amorrison@ncls.org or 315-785-7714. Help us give local children the joy of new toys this holiday season.





Flower Memorial Library is collecting gently used winter wear including coats, snow pants, hats, gloves/mittens, boots, and scarves for our 12th Annual Coat Drive! All sizes for adults and children are welcome.

Please do not donate any everyday clothing like shirts, pants, etc.

Patrons are welcome to take one item per person from our donations. The Coat Drive rack can be found on the Main Floor by the Circulation Desk.

Because this is donation-based, the sizes and items we carry will vary each day. All items will be taken on a first come, first served basis. No reservations or holds can be made.

The Coat Drive is from the end of October 2026 to March 2027 - weather dependent. Patrons are welcome to donate items and take items from our Coat Drive during this time.

Have questions? Give us a call at 315-785-7705.



Events for Adults

Adult Book Clubs

Original Library Book Club
For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Olivia
South Reading Room at 6:30pm
Monday November 2

Join us this month as we discuss the book The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman. 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 November 18

Join us on Zoom to chat about all things books and romance! At this meeting, we'll discuss The Pumpkin Spice Cafe by Laurie Gilmore.

Spice Club Kits: Sage

For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Main Floor at 9am
Monday November 2

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!

Everything but the Turkey Kits

For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Main Floor at 9am
Monday November 2

Grab a free meal kit from the library! Side dishes and dessert are included in the kit. Plus choose a free cookbook (Gently used condition).

Note: Kits will be given out on a first come, first served basis. No reservations can be made.

Tea Club Kit

For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday November 7

On the 1st Saturday of each month, grab a take home kit. Pick up at the Circulation Desk. Each kit will include two tea bags, two honey sticks, and brewing suggestions. This month's kit will include Cinnamon Apple Chamomile and Spice Dragon Red Chai.

Adult Take & Make Craft Kits

For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday November 7

On the first Saturday of each month, grab a craft kit to make at home. Pick up at the Circulation Desk. This month's craft: Autumn Gnome

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

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Melt and Pour Candles



For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Community Room at 4pm
Thursday November 12

Join us to make your own melt and pour candles. A variety of colors and scents will be available to choose from.

Note: Limit of 15 participants on a first come first served basis. No registration. In-person only.

Board Games & Bites



For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Old Watertown Room at 12pm
Friday November 13

Take a break from the workday and join us for Board Games and Bites! Adults are invited to bring a bagged lunch, meet fellow game lovers, and enjoy a relaxed hour of tabletop fun. We'll have a selection of games available, or feel free to bring a favorite to share. Whether you're a seasoned strategist or just looking for a fun way to spend your lunch break, there's a seat at the table for you!

Bead Corn Craft



For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Community Room at 5pm
Friday November 20

Join us for an afternoon craft as we make beaded ears of corn. Everyone 18+ is welcome to join in on the fun. An assortment of styles of colors of beads will be available to choose from.

Did you know Jefferson County has its own public transit system?

Homesteading: Market Gardening Practices with CCE



For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
South Reading Room at 10:30am
Saturday November 21

Come and learn about the basic practices of market gardening! Market gardening is the small-scale, intensive commercial production of vegetables, fruits, and flowers. Presented by Cierra Williams, the Horticulture and Natural Resources Educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County.

DIY Recipe Box Kits



For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Circulation Desk at 9am
Monday November 23

Create a recipe box that's as unique as your favorite family recipes! Pick up a free DIY Recipe Box Kit from the library and customize a wooden recipe box with paint to match your personal style. Fill it with treasured family recipes, new favorites, or those recipes you've been collecting from Spice Club kits over the years.

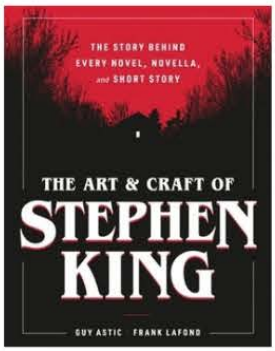
Kits include one unfinished wooden recipe box and paint. One kit per person.

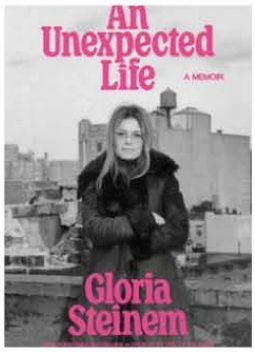
The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence currently offers four bus routes serving the rural communities across Jefferson County. The buses are fully accessible, so anyone may ride! Buses ride Monday-Friday.

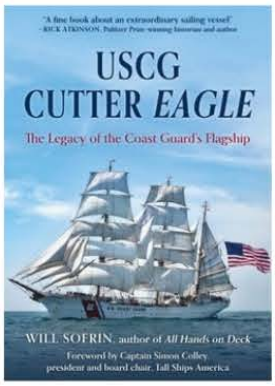
For bus routes and schedules, visit the Jefferson County Public Transit official website or stop by the library!

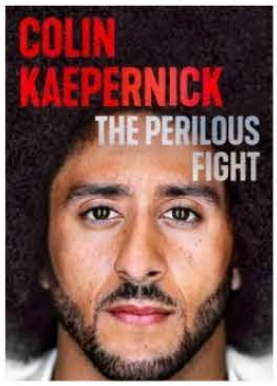


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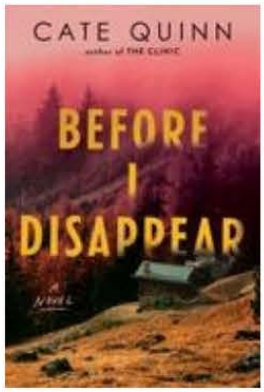


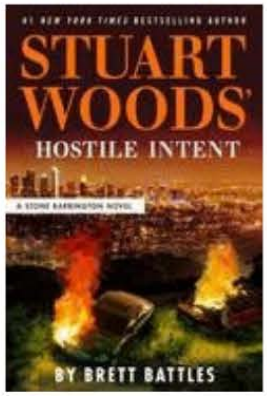




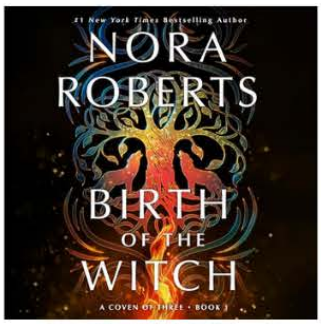
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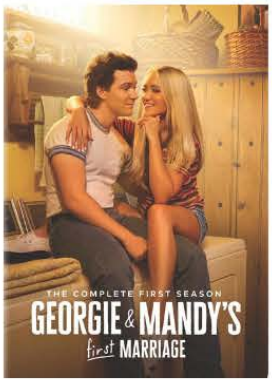




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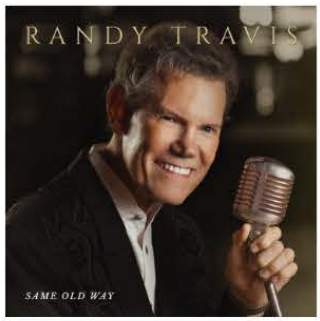
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New in Adult Graphic Novels









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