

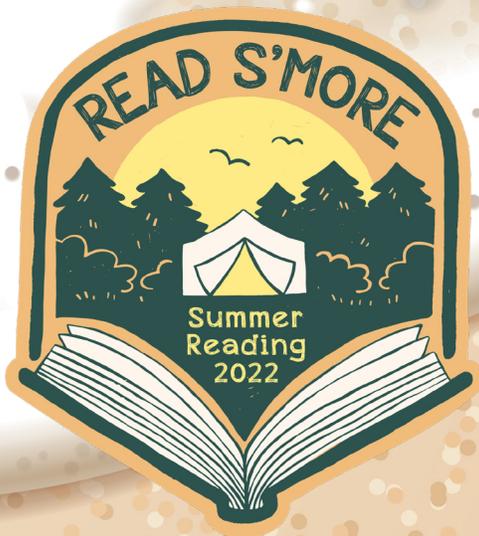


# The Ford Connection

*The Thomas Ford Memorial Library*

SUMMER 2022

# SUMMER ADVENTURES



*Adult & Teen/Tween*

*June 1- August 15*

This year we're taking summer reading outdoors! Everyone who signs up will get a free s'mores kit, everyone who reads 5 or more books will get a free camp cup, and every book read earns an entry in our end-of-summer raffle. All you have to do is head to **fordlibrary.org** or stop by our Reference Desk to sign up!



*Youth*

*June 1- July 30*

Dive into new worlds this summer! Sign up each individual child (birth through Grade 4) on Beanstack or in-person at the Youth Services Desk, then visit the Library for your activity log and other goodies! **Prize Pick-Up** will take place at the Library between June 27-July 2 & July 25-30.

❖ Please refer to our online calendar for the most up-to-date program details due to changing COVID-19 protocols.

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# ADULT

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 Registration required

## Plants: Invasive, Aggressive, Etc.

Monday, June 13, 7 p.m.

There are a lot of terms used to describe plants that can indicate some level of concern, but they don't all mean the same thing. This program presented by Sharon Yiesla Horticultural Services will help sort out the differences and explain why some plants need to be considered carefully.

## Cocktail Kit

Wednesday, June 15

Pick up a cocktail (or mocktail!) kit to enjoy with one of our summer cooking classes! Kit will include syrup, garnishes, and a drink recipe. While supplies last.

## CAMPFIRE STORY CONTEST

June 1 - July 31

Local writers: send us your scariest campfire stories for a chance to read your tale around our end-of-summer bonfire! Entries will be accepted from June 1 - July 31, with the bonfire event on August 15. Stories will be judged by members of our local writers' group as well as library staff.

The winner will receive a prize and can choose to either read their story at the bonfire or have a librarian read it for them.

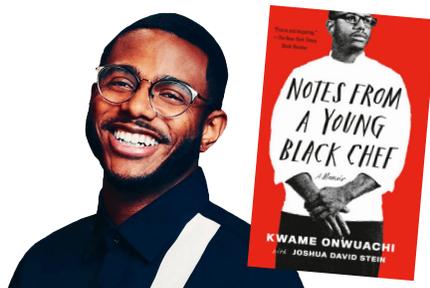
There is a 1,500 word limit, and content should be appropriate for a public reading.

For complete guidelines, please visit [fordlibrary.org](http://fordlibrary.org). To be eligible, you must be an adult over 18 and email your submission to [events@fordlibrary.org](mailto:events@fordlibrary.org) by July 31.

## Campfire Storytelling

Monday, August 15, 7 p.m.

Gather around the campfire to celebrate the end of our summer reading program. We'll read the winning story from our Campfire Story Contest while we make s'mores!



## An Evening with American Chef Kwame Onwuachi

Wednesday, June 22, 7 p.m.

Chef Kwame Onwuachi will present on his exciting career in food, as chronicled in his bestselling memoir, *Notes from a Young Black Chef*. A James Beard award-winning chef, Onwuachi opened five restaurants before turning 30. He was a 2015 Top Chef contestant and can currently be seen judging Food Network's "Chopped." In 2021, Onwuachi became the youngest Executive Producer at Food & Wine magazine. *This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries offering high-quality events.*

## Transgender 101

Monday, June 27, 7 p.m.

Learn about key concepts and terminology related to transgender identity, gain practical tools for being a supportive ally, and get your questions answered, all within a non-judgmental setting in this virtual presentation by award-winning consultant and speaker Nikk Cochran Selik. Special considerations for transgender children and adolescents will also be discussed.



## Thai Inspired Grilling

Thursday, July 7, 6:30 p.m.

Grilling doesn't just have to be burgers and hot dogs! Impress your friends and family this summer with some Thai-inspired grilling like kebobs and flatbread pizzas, with flavors as bright and vibrant as summer! This is a live virtual cooking class presented by Classroom Kitchen instructor Kristyn Slick.



## Adventuring Across the U.S.

Wednesday, June 29, 7 p.m.

Adventure vicariously through Experiential Learning instructor Gib Egge as he shares fascinating stories about backpacking, biking, kayaking, and more at parks across the country.

## America's National Parks: 150 Years & Counting

Wednesday, July 13, 6:30 p.m.

Yellowstone National Park celebrates its 150th anniversary this year! It was the first of the 400+ places of surpassing natural beauty, profound historical significance, and varied recreational potential that now form the National Park System. Retired Park Service historian Robert Blythe will explore the origins of the national park idea and the growth of our nationwide system of parks and historic sites. Topics will include the expansion of the concept of what deserves to be protected, rustic architecture in the parks, and National Park units in Illinois.

## Best Bike Trails In & Around Illinois

Tuesday, July 19, 7 p.m.

Adventurer John Lynn has hiked, biked, and paddled over 30,000 expedition miles of trails, roads, and rivers in North America and Britain! In this presentation, he'll highlight his top trail recommendations.

## Farmer's Market Homemade Ravioli

Thursday, August 4, 6:30 p.m.

A sun-inspired class focused on fresh seasonal veggies, whether from the produce aisle or your own summer garden, combined with the art of homemade ravioli. This is a live virtual cooking class presented by Classroom Kitchen instructor Kristyn Slick.



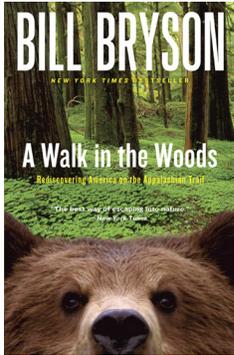
## Stone Fruit Custard Tart

Thursday, September 1, 6:30 p.m.

A late-summer showstopper, yet surprisingly simple to make - and a gorgeous dessert to serve to guests at your end-of-summer soiree! This is a live virtual cooking class presented by Classroom Kitchen instructor Kristyn Slick.

# books

Library book club discussion groups are open to anyone who enjoys good books! Extra copies are available at the Library one month before the discussion.



## The Village Read: *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson

*Travel & Mountain Climbing*  
Wednesday, July 6, 7:30 p.m.

Great books bring people together! Join us for the fourth annual Village Read and help foster community spirit. To coincide with our Read S'more Summer Reading program, we've chosen this modern classic of travel literature. We are giving away free paperback copies at the Library starting June 1, while supplies last.



# CRAFT

## Corner



### Woodland Lantern Craft <sup>Ⓜ</sup>

Tuesday, June 7, 7 p.m.

Create a unique whimsical lantern using a mason jar, cut outs, and a flameless candle. All supplies will be provided.



### Constellation Cross-Stitch <sup>Ⓜ</sup>

Monday, July 11, 7 p.m.

Channel your inner stargazer and replicate a mini version of your favorite constellation on fabric using a cross-stitch technique. All supplies provided. No experience necessary!



### Macrame Plant Hanger <sup>Ⓜ</sup>

Monday, August 8, 7 p.m.

Make a rustic hangable plant holder using cord and strategic knots. All supplies will be provided, including a small pot.



### Greeting Cards To-Go <sup>Ⓜ</sup>

Tuesday, August 2

Pick up a kit at the Adult Services Desk to make 3 different greeting cards that can be used throughout the year! All supplies and instructions are included. While supplies last.



# films

A series of independent, foreign, and documentary films with optional discussion after each screening. Registration required due to room capacity limits.



### Kings of Summer (2013) <sup>Ⓜ</sup>

Thursday, June 9, 2 p.m.

Three teenage friends, in the ultimate act of independence, decide to spend their summer building a house in the woods and living off the land.



### Grizzly Man (2005) <sup>Ⓜ</sup>

Thursday, July 14, 2 p.m.

A devastating and heart-rending take on grizzly bear activists Timothy Treadwell and Amie Huguenard, who were killed in October of 2003 while living among grizzly bears in Alaska.



### Moonrise Kingdom (2012) <sup>Ⓜ</sup>

Thursday, August 11, 2 p.m.

A pair of young lovers flee their New England town, which causes a local search party to fan out and find them.

# GROUPS & DISCUSSIONS

These ongoing Library groups are free for all to attend. No registration required.

### Reader's Night In

Wednesday, June 1, 7:30 p.m.

Need reading inspiration or want to share some? Socialize with other readers and share your favorite titles or recent reads! Light refreshments will be provided.

### Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday: June 9, 23;

July 7, 21; August 4, 18, 1 p.m.

Join us for knitting, conversation, and light refreshments.

### Western Springs Writers' Society

Second Thursdays & Last Mondays:

June 2, 27; July 14, 25; August 11, 29, 7 p.m.

Have a writing itch? The WSWS welcomes all writers from the community to discuss and hone their craft with other local writers. Whether this is your career or hobby, all levels and genres are invited.

### Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays: June 14, July 12, August 8, 7:15 p.m.

Local amateur investors meet to discuss trends in stocks, bonds, and more.

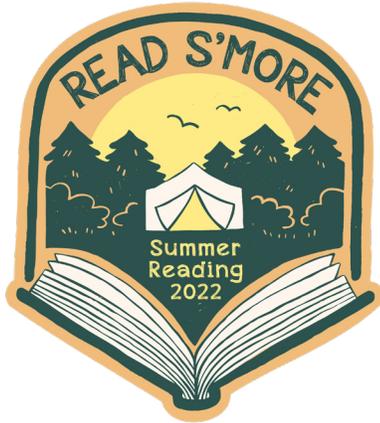
# TEEN/TWEEN

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## Sasquatch Hunt

June 1 - August 14

A sasquatch has been seen roaming the Teen/Tween Room! If you find it, take a ticket from the sasquatch to the Reference Desk to pick out a small prize.

## Scavenger Hunts

June 1-30, July 1-31, August 1-14

This summer, there will be a new scavenger hunt in the library every month! Drop by the Teen/Tween room to pick up your list of clues, then go on a hunt to find everything. As you move throughout the library please be respectful of other library patrons and follow library rules; no running or yelling allowed. Bring your completed scavenger hunt list to the Reference Desk to pick out a small prize.

## DIY Compasses & Water Filters Ⓜ

Monday, June 6, 3:30 p.m.

Join us at the library to practice your survival skills! Earn a pin for attendance. Registration required.

## Seed Paper Ⓜ

Wednesday, June 15, 3:30 p.m.

Come help us recycle old paper into plantable seed paper! Earn a pin for attendance. Registration required.

## Pokeball Terrariums Ⓜ

Tuesday, June 21, 3:30 p.m.

Like Pokemon? What about plants? Combine the two in this (potentially messy) program where you will create your very own Pokeball Terrarium. Dress for a mess, as we will be using dirt! Earn a pin for attendance. Registration required.

## Sit Upon Kits

Monday, June 27

Sit Upons are cushions you, well, sit upon! They're perfect for outdoors, especially bonfires. Pick up a take-home kit from the Teen/Tween Room starting on June 27, while supplies last.



## Identification



*June 20-24*

Do you like nature walks? Stop in anytime the week of June 20 to pick up a guide to many of the plants you can see while walking around Western Springs! Bring your completed plant ID guide to the Reference Desk to pick out a small prize.



## Friendship Bracelets

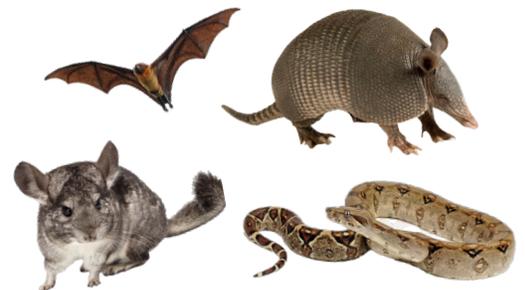
Friday, July 1, 3 p.m.

Drop into the Teen/Tween Room to learn different bracelet-making methods using embroidery floss - or, maybe teach us a thing or two! While supplies last. Earn a pin for attendance.

## Metal Jewelry & Bookmarks

Wednesday, July 6, 3 p.m.

Stop by the Teen Room to make stamped metal necklaces, keychains, bookmarks, and more. We supply the tools and materials, you supply the creativity! While supplies last. Earn a pin for attendance.



## Mammals & More!

Friday, July 8, 2 p.m. Ⓜ

Join us for this special presentation by the Flying Fox Conservation Fund, then after get a chance to meet some cool animal friends! Registration required.

## DIY Smartphone Projector Ⓜ

Monday, July 11

Want to watch YouTube videos on something bigger than a phone? Make a smartphone projector! Pick up your supplies and instructions on July 11. Registration required.

## Pool Noodle Building Challenge Ⓜ

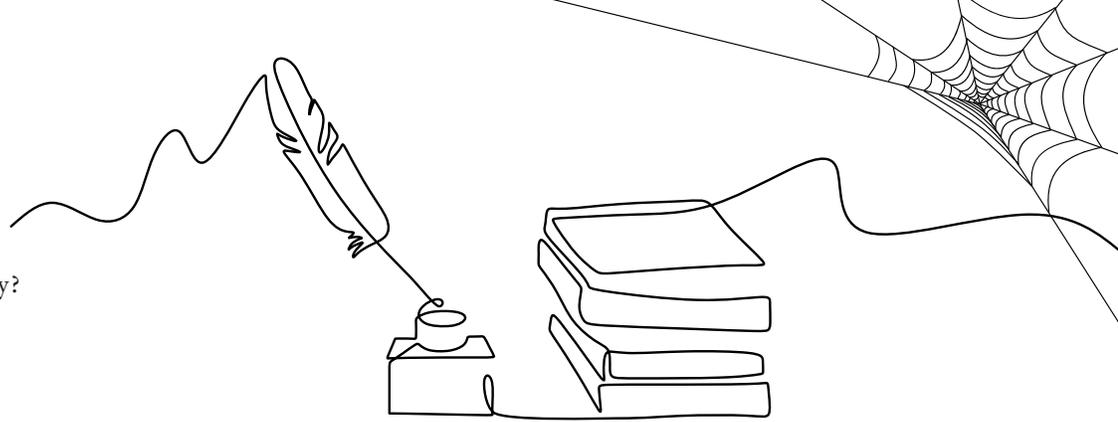
Wednesday, July 13, 3:30 p.m.

Put on your hard hats, because we're building with pool noodles! Try to create the tallest tower possible to win a small prize. Earn a pin for attendance. Registration required.

## Teen Board

July 17 and August 21, 4 p.m.

Have ideas you want to see at the library? Join the Teen Board! The Teen Board implements programming suggestions and recommends materials like fiction, graphic novels, and music. It also gives input for ways to entice other teens to visit the library. Open to students in grades 5-12. Meet in the Teen/Tween Room. Snacks will be provided.



# SPOOKY STORY CONTEST

*June 1 - July 31*

Calling all writers! Do you like writing scary stories (or challenging yourself to write in a different genre)? Then submit an entry to our Spooky Story Contest! Submissions will be accepted from June 1 - July 31. Our Teen Advisory Board and our Teen Librarians will judge the stories, and the winner will be invited to read their story aloud (or have one of our teen librarians read it) at our end-of-summer bonfire and will receive a prize! 600 word limit. Please keep stories rated PG, as there may be younger people at the bonfire. Email submissions to [anne@fordlibrary.org](mailto:anne@fordlibrary.org) by July 31 to be entered in the contest.

## Constellation Viewers

Wednesday, July 20, 3:30 p.m.

Practice your stargazing skills at home with our DIY Constellation Viewers! Pick up your supplies (and pin!) on July 19 from the Teen/Tween Room, then follow the instructional video posted to our Instagram @TFMLYA and YouTube channel (TFMLYA).

## Water Balloon Toss <sup>®</sup>

Friday, July 29, 3:30 p.m.

Cool down and compete in our water balloon toss! Participants will toss a filled water balloon back and forth until it breaks. Earn a pin for attendance. Registration required. Dress accordingly, and/or bring a change of clothes!

## Campfire Jars

Monday, August 8

Pick up a kit from the Teen/Tween Room to decorate a campfire-inspired lantern! Kits will be available starting on August 8, while supplies last.

## Botanical Candles

Wednesday, August 10

Stop by the Teen/Tween Room to join us as we preserve some of the beautiful summer foliage and flowers by decorating candles! While supplies last. Earn a pin for attendance.



# BONFIRE & Ghost Stories

*Friday, August 12, 7 p.m.*

Celebrate the end of our summer reading program with us, where we'll read the winning story from our Spooky Story Contest while we make s'mores!

## Library Renovation Update

This summer, a variety of new signage will be installed at Thomas Ford Memorial Library! As the final part of our renovation, these new signs were thoughtfully designed to better help our patrons navigate and access the Library and its resources more seamlessly throughout our building. Thank you to the Thomas Ford Library Foundation for funding this important project, and thank you to our community for your continued support and enthusiasm as we work to improve your Library experience!

# YOUTH

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**R** Registration required

## Under the Sea Scavenger Hunt

All Ages

June 6-25 & July 5-23

All Day

Come dive in with us and “sea” what you need to find each week in Youth Services. Will it be a pirate’s treasure? Mermaids? Sharks? Fish? Find the hidden item and earn a sticker!

## Sailors Wanted!

All Ages

June 6-25 & July 5-23

All Day

Test your sailor skills using nautical flags to try and decode the secret message each week to earn a sticker.

## Guessing Jar

All Ages

June 6-25 & July 5-23

All Day

Stop by the Youth Services desk for your chance to estimate the best! A winner with the closest guess will get a prize each week, week to earn a sticker.

## R.E.A.D. to a Therapaws Pet **R**

Recommended Grades K-3

Mondays: June 13 OR July 11

6:30–7:30 p.m.

Beginning or independent readers love to practice reading aloud to one of the dogs from Hinsdale Humane Society’s Therapaws Program because it’s pressure-free! Reading time is a one-on-one experience; no parents or siblings allowed. Each child will have a 10-minute slot. We will advise you of your time slot via email prior to the session. Time slots will be allotted on a first-come, first-serve basis. *Due to the popularity of this program, we request that you register your child on one day only.*

# Summer Library Challenge

## Candy Sushi **R**

Grades 3 & 4

Wednesdays: June 15 OR July 13

3–3:30 p.m.

Not a fan of raw fish? Let’s turn sushi into a dessert instead - by making it from candy! Each participant will get their own tray of sugary ingredients to create their own colorful and yummy creations.

## Read & Create: Pirates! **R**

Grades K-2

Thursday, June 16

3–3:30 p.m.

Ahoy mateys! Join us for a reading of *The Pirates are Coming!* by John Condon and create pirate crafts to take home.

## Underwater LEGO **R**

Grades K-4

Thursday, June 30

3–3:30 a.m.

Help us fill our “aquarium” with colorful LEGO underwater creations! Each participant will help create coral reefs, fish, and other ocean creatures to fill our upstairs display for the month of July.

## Read & Create: Sharks! **R**

Grades K-2

Thursday, July 21

3–3:30 p.m.

Is there something in the water? Join us for a reading of *Misunderstood Shark* by Ame Dyckman and create shark and sea creature crafts to take home.



June 1- July 30

## Comic Creators: Narwhal and Jelly **R**

Grades K-2

Friday, July 22

2–2:30 p.m.

Are you a fan of the unicorn of the sea? Join us to celebrate Ben Clanton’s book series, *Narwhal and Jelly*, where we will practice creating our own comics based on his artwork. Waffle lovers unite!

## FrogLady **R**

Families Welcome

Tuesday, July 26

2–2:45 p.m.

Explore the fascinating reptiles and amphibians of the world in this unique herpetology program that will educate and entertain! Learn about the history of each animal, as well as their personal lives and quirks. Plus, you can touch and even hold many of the animals after the presentation!

## Pop-in Playgroup

Explore the power of play! Meet new friends, parents, and caregivers in this playgroup that supports the development of social and early literacy skills through imaginative sensory play.

### Babies & Toddlers **R**

Ages Birth-2 years w/ caregiver

Wednesday, June 29

10–11 a.m.

Preschool **R**

Ages 3-5 w/ caregiver

Wednesday, July 27

10–11 a.m.

Family Friendly!

# EXTRA SPECIAL SUMMER EVENTS



## Summer Concert with Little Miss Ann

Wednesday, June 8  
10–10:45 a.m.

Join Little Miss Ann, a nationally touring family musician and instructor at the Old Town School of Folk Music, for this special performance! Enjoy the upbeat, interactive, and fun folk rock songs that include catchy melodies, rhythmic guitar, and energetic drum beats. The whole family will be up singing, clapping, and dancing along!



## Comedy Juggling Variety Hour

Friday, June 24  
3–4 p.m.

Become a rockstar juggler and balancer just like Pro Juggler Jason Kollum! Super high-energy with tons of comedy, improvisation, and audience participation, this show will wow kids of all ages. Watch as spinning balls, clubs, rings, giant beanbag chairs, and much more are sent flying through the air, all leading up to the big finale that will have everybody on the edge of their seats!



## Ben's Bubble Show

Thursday, July 7  
2 p.m.

Get ready for a unique blend of art and science - with a touch of magic! Bubbles inside bubbles, smoke bubbles, beautiful sculptures, and a few things that will simply boggle your mind. This show is total fun for the whole family to enjoy!

# Summer STORYTIMES

June Session (13-24) OR July Session (11-22)

Registration is required for all storytimes and begins on Wednesday, June 1 at 9:30 a.m. online at [fordlibrary.org](http://fordlibrary.org). First preference will be given to Western Springs residents.

Due to the popularity of our storytimes, we request that you register your child for the June or July session and one storytime only. Sessions fill up quickly. Please help us by attending those programs for which you are registered.

## Lapsit Storytime

3-23 months w/ adult  
Thursdays or Fridays  
10–10:30 a.m.

Help your baby grow up to love books! Share stories, songs, and rhymes with your little one in this lapsit program and introduce them to a lifetime of reading and language enjoyment. This program works best if there is one adult with one baby.

## Toddler Time

2-3.5 years w/ adult  
Mondays or Tuesdays  
10–10:30 a.m.

Introduce your toddler to early literacy which helps in building the foundation of reading. We pair short books with songs and rhymes to engage them. Toddlers love to wander and listen during our time together.

## Preschool Pals

3.5-5 years  
Wednesdays  
1–1:30 p.m.

Hear stories, sing songs, and have fun with your friends! Storytime will highlight early literacy skills that children need to learn before they can read. Children attend this storytime without their grown-ups so that they can practice independence.

## Siblings & Stories

Babies to Pre-K w/ adult  
Wednesdays  
10–10:30 a.m.

The perfect storytime for families with children of different ages! Enjoy books, rhymes, and songs that are fun for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.

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**Monday - Thursday**

9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

**Friday & Saturday**

9:30 a.m - 5 p.m.

**Sunday**

CLOSED on Sundays from Memorial Day weekend  
through Labor Day weekend

**Library Closings**

The Library will be closed on Monday, July 4 for  
Independence Day, Friday, August 12 for Staff In-Service,  
and Monday, September 5 for Labor Day.

Ted Bodewes, Library Director

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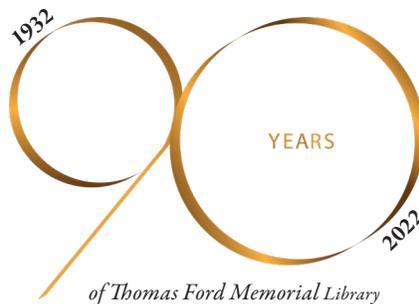
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