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Laconia Public Library's Monthly Newsletter

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Key

Children's

Teen

Adult

General



Library staff may take photographs or video recordings at Library events for use in publicity. This includes use in our newsletter, website, or social media pages. Please inform us if you do not want photos or videos taken of you or your child.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
4	5	6	7	8
Library Closed	Tech Help @ 10am Lego Club @ 3:30pm	Toddler Time @ 10am Tech Help @ 2pm Writing Group @ 6pm	Preschool Pals @ 10am StitchCraft @ 10am Non-Fiction Book Group @ 6pm	
11	12	13	14	15
Sensory Storytime @ 10am	Tech Help @ 10am	Toddler Time @ 10am Tech Help @ 2pm Mystery Book Club @ 4pm NH War Monuments @ 6pm	Preschool Pals @ 10am Saving Energy and Money Heating and Cooling Your Home @ 6pm	
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Sensory Storytime @ 10am	Tech Help @ 10am Fantastic Fiction Book Group @ 10am Let's Create! @ 1pm Lego Club @ 3:30pm Let's Create! @ 5pm	Toddler Time @ 10am Tech Help @ 2pm Teen Art Club @ 3:30pm	Preschool Pals @ 10am StitchCraft @ 10am Understanding Homelessness in NH @ 6pm	Move & Groove @ 10am
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Sensory Storytime @ 10am	Tech Help @ 10am Teen Manga & Anime Club @ 3:30pm Kids Graphic Novels Club @ 5pm	Toddler Time @ 10am Tech Help @ 2pm	Preschool Pals @ 10am Tinker Time @ 3:15pm Author John Doelman @ 6pm	

Sensory Storytime

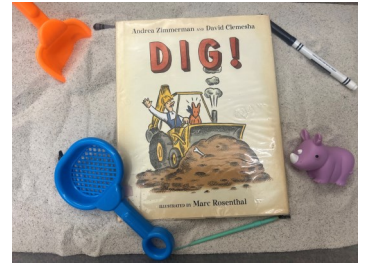
Monday, September 11, 18 & 25

10am

Selig Storytime Room

Best for newborns-age 6

Mondays are for messy play at Sensory Storytime! Join us at 10am for songs, stories, and sensory bin fun followed by an engaging art activity. This program is suited for newborns to age 6 in the Selig Storytime Room.



Toddler Time

Wednesdays

10am

Selig Storytime Room

Best for newborns-age 3

Toddler Time is a fun-filled hour geared toward newborns and toddlers. We'll sing songs, move our bodies, read stories, and do a craft each week! Younger or older siblings are always welcome. Join us in the Selig Storytime Room.



Preschool Pals

Thursdays

10am

Selig Storytime Room

Best for ages 3-6

Preschool Pals is geared toward preschoolers 3 to 6 years old. Join us for singing, dancing, crafting, and of course, we'll be reading some great books! Younger or older siblings are always welcome. Join us in the Selig Storytime Room.



Move & Groove

Friday, September 22

10am

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Best for newborns-age 6

Let's get moving! In this program, we'll use scarves, musical instruments, a parachute, and other fun surprises to dance, play, and get those wiggles out! Best suited for newborns to age 6, in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.



Children's Programs

Lego Club

Tuesday, September 5 & 19

3:30-5pm

Selig Storytime Room

Best for ages 6-11

Join us for creative fun in the Selig Storytime Room! We'll provide the Lego bricks... all you need to bring is your imagination! Best for ages 6-11. No sign-up is required.



Kids Graphic Novels Club

Tuesday, September 26

5pm

Selig Storytime Room

Best for ages 6-11

Do you love graphic novels and are you looking for your next favorite comic to read? Are you interested in starting to draw your own graphic novels? Come join us for our new monthly program, Kid's Graphic Novels Club! We will feature some of our favorite graphic novels from the Children's Room and provide materials for starting your own graphic novel. Best for ages 6-11 in the Selig Storytime Room. No sign-up is required.



Tinker Time: Pendulums and Pathways

Thursday, September 28

3:15-4:45pm

Selig Storytime Room

Best for ages 6-11

Explore force and motion in this exciting fan-favorite Tinker Time theme. Work together to build cup towers and knock them down, or create a pathway for the marbles to travel across the room. The possibilities are endless! Best for ages 6-11. No sign-up is required.



Teen Programs

Teen Art Club: Gold-Flaked Watercolor Droppers

Wednesday, September 20

3:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Ages 12-18

Come to Teen Art Club to share and discuss your artwork. This month we will be trying the gold-flaked watercolor droppers used in adult crafts. For ages 12-18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall.



Teen Manga & Anime Club: Spy x Family

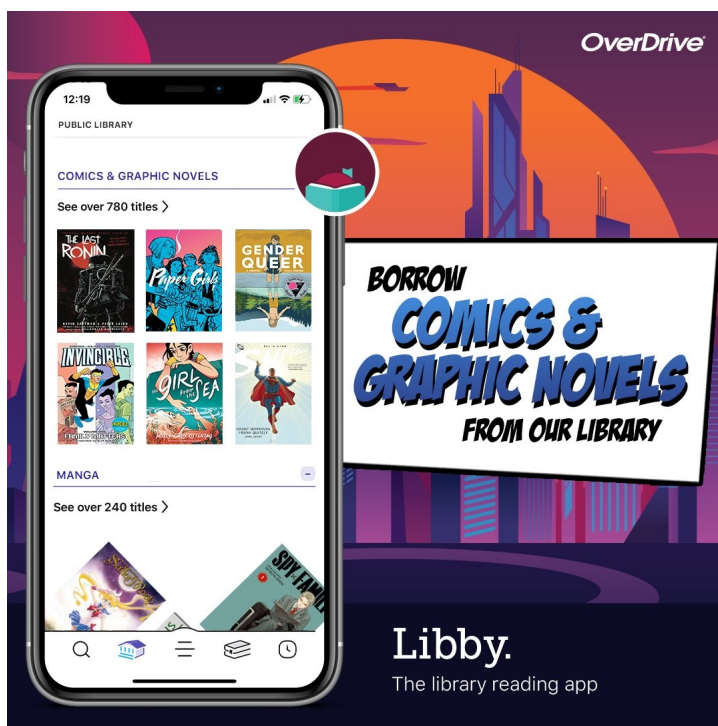
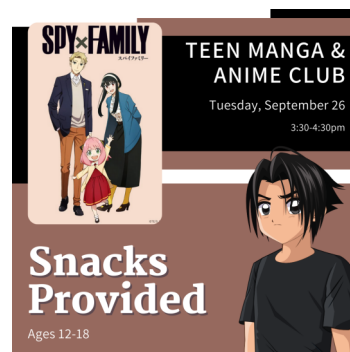
Tuesday, September 26

3:20pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

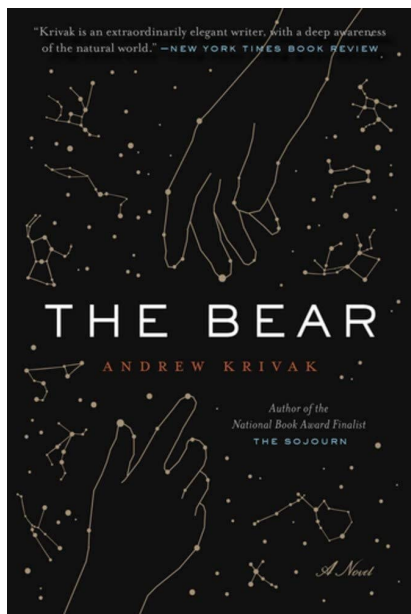
Ages 12-18

Join us to discuss all things Anime and Manga, and to help pick out the next Manga the library will buy! This month we will watch the first episode of Spy x Family. For Teens 12-18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall. Snacks will be provided.



Join New Hampshire Humanities to read and celebrate Andrew Krivak's "The Bear"

From September 1st-November 30th, 2023



Set in a post-apocalyptic future, *The Bear* is a story of the last two people on earth—a father and daughter. The novel explores powerful themes about the importance of intergenerational storytelling, our complicated relationship with the environment, and how to prepare for an unknown future.

An initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, in partnership with Arts Midwest, a Big Read broadens our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the power of a shared reading experience.

Laconia Public Library will be hosting two special events as part of the Big Read. A scholar-led book discussion, facilitated by Mohamed Defaa, will be held on Wednesday, October 11 at 6:00 pm to discuss *The Bear* by Andrew Krivak.

Free copies of the book will be available for pick up at the Library in September.

Laconia Public Library will also be partnering with the New Hampshire Astronomical Society to host a Night Sky Watch in the Library Garden on Thursday, October 19 at 6:00 pm, (rain date Thursday, October 26 at 6:00 pm).

For a complete list of Big Read partner organizations and events, visit <http://www.nhhumanities.org/bigread>, or contact New Hampshire Humanities at (603) 224-4071 or email info@nhhumanities.org.



NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.



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Evening Non-Fiction Book Group: “Agent Josephine: American Beauty, French Hero, British Spy” by Damien Lewis

Thursday, September 7

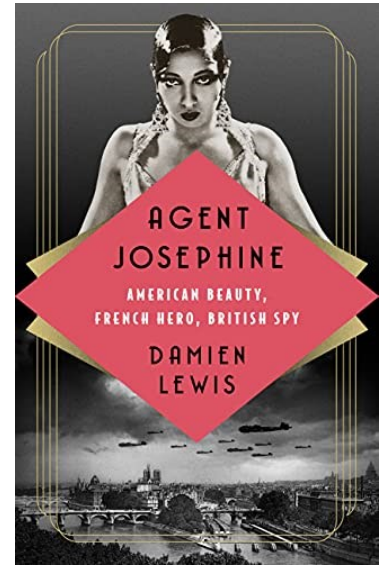
6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

The Evening Nonfiction Book Group will meet to discuss “Agent Josephine: American Beauty, French Hero, British Spy” by Damien Lewis. Josephine Baker was a singer, actress, beauty, and Allied Spy in Occupied France. In Agent Josephine, bestselling author Damien Lewis uncovers this little-known history of the famous singer’s life. During the war years, as a member of the French Nurse paratroopers—a cover for her spying work—Baker participated in numerous clandestine activities and emerged as a formidable spy. In turn, she was a hero of the three countries in whose name she served—the US, France, and Britain.

Sign-up for the book group is required, copies of the book are available at the Library. Call: (603) 524-4775 or Email: info@laconialibrary.org to register; held in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.



Mystery Book Club: “Lavender House” by Lev AC Rosen

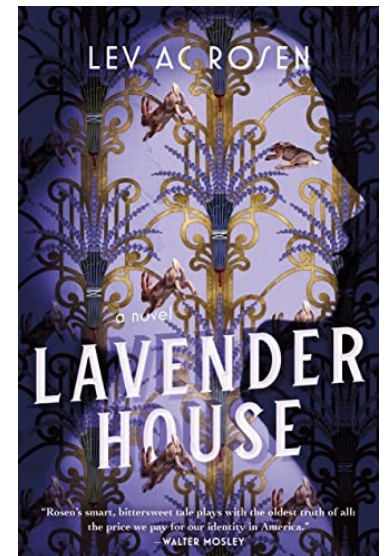
Wednesday, September 13

4pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Join us for a discussion of "Lavender House" by Lev AC Rosen. – In 1952 San Francisco, the fabulously wealthy and mysterious Lamontaines, are all queer and live a safe but secluded life thanks to their fortune. PI Evander Mills, who was recently fired from the local police force after getting caught at a gay bar during a raid, has been hired to uncover who killed the Lamontaine matriarch. He'll have to resist the lure of the family's glamour and relative freedom to figure out which of them is the murderer.



Sign-up for the book club is required, copies of the book are available at the Library. Call: (603) 524-4775 or Email: info@laconialibrary.org to register; held in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.

New Adult Programs

Writing Group

Wednesday, September 6

6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults



Join us for the inaugural meeting of our writing group! Whether you have had work published, or never written more than a grocery list, if you are interested in writing and want to meet other people who share that interest then this is the place for you! Each month we will do a short (5-10 minute) writing prompt, discuss what it is we've been working on (or would like to start writing), and what issues we face when we try to write but the words just aren't flowing. With occasional guest speakers and suggested reading, this group is geared towards getting you to put pen to paper and use writing as both a creative outlet and a mindfulness tool. Sharing your work will be completely voluntary at every step of the way. We are writing for ourselves first and foremost.

Please be sure to bring the writing implement/s of your choice: pen and paper, laptop, tablet. No sign-up is required.

Fantastic Fiction Book Group: "Shrines of Gaiety" by Kate Atkinson

Tuesday, September 19

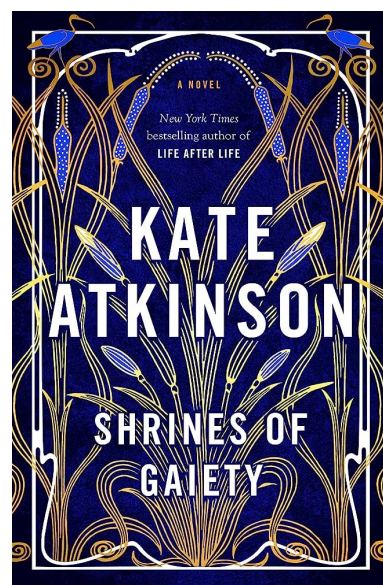
10am

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Join us for Fantastic Fiction, a new book group run by several Laconia Library staff members. Fantastic Fiction will explore different genres in fiction and meet monthly to discuss the book they read. This month the group will read and discuss "Shrines of Gaiety" by Kate Atkinson.

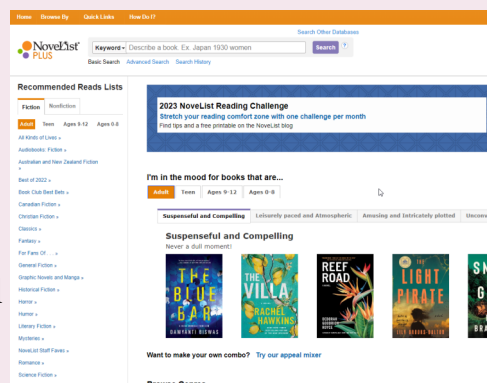
Sign-up for the book group is required, copies of the book are available at the Library. Call: (603) 524-4775 or Email: info@laconialibrary.org to register; held in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.



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Getting started videos are available: <https://www.youtube.com/user/EBSCONovelist>

Adult Programs

New Hampshire War Monuments

Wednesday, September 13

6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

A heartbroken Danish sculptor gives a gift without measure to the town where his late wife enjoyed summers. A daughter pays tribute to her father, killed in the War Between the States. A father's mourning for his son lost at sea in the Second World War, becomes a symbol of hope for all of New Hampshire. Join us to hear these stories and more, as Kathleen D. Bailey and Sheila R. Bailey explore war monuments throughout our state. From the border with Canada to the border with Massachusetts, we'll look at the way the Granite State honors those who made the supreme sacrifice. Kathleen Bailey is a native of Concord and has spent 35 years in journalism, with bylines from the Union Leader, Exeter News-Letter, Nutfield News, and Londonderry Times. She is the author of several historical fiction titles with Pelican/White Rose Publishing. Sheila Bailey is a freelance photographer living in Concord. No sign-up is required.



Saving Energy and Money Heating and Cooling Your Home with Wes Golomb

Thursday, September 14

6-7:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

High electricity and fuel bills taking a bite out of your wallet? Want to learn how to save money by saving energy? Wes Golomb, clean energy expert and author of the new book and video series "Warm and Cool Homes, Building a Comfy, Healthy, NetZero Home You'll Want to Live in Forever" will share his expertise on ways to help you save money on your energy bills and create a more comfortable home. As the former Energy Conservation Coordinator of New Hampshire's Public Utilities Commission and founder of the first Energy Services degree program in the Northeast, Wes Golomb will cover a wide range of topics from sealing leaks to heat pumps. Whether you are looking to build or retrofit your home to become "net-zero," or simply want to learn ways to cut your energy bill and get help paying for it, join us to hear from a respected energy leader.



Understanding Homelessness in New Hampshire

Thursday, September 21

6pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

What factors are responsible for the rise in homelessness? What are the historical forces that led to this national crisis? Homelessness has become a problem for many communities in New Hampshire. It is a preventable problem but most of the strategies communities have used to prevent and address it haven't worked well. Dr. Vissing will present Understanding Homelessness in NH which examines the history of homelessness and commonly used approaches to understand it and do something about it. Dr. Vissing was awarded a National Institute of Mental Health Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship. She is an expert in the area of homeless children and youth and works closely with the National Coalition for the Homeless. Dr. Vissing is the founder of Salem State University's Center for Child Studies and is active on the international level working for children's well-being.



"Quetico Connection": An evening with author John Doelman

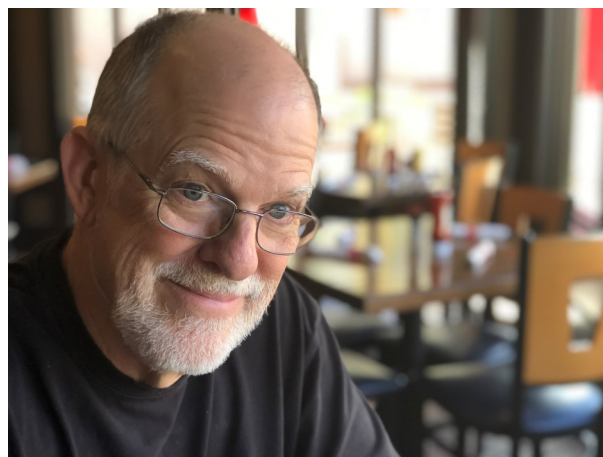
Thursday, September 28

6-7:30pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Author John Doelman will share his newly published book of poetry and nature photography, "Quetico Connection." Doelman crafted this beautiful and deeply personal collection of poems and nature photography while traveling by canoe in Ontario's Quetico Provincial Park. "Quetico Connection" brings the personal experience of wilderness canoe tripping to you through introspective poetry and connecting photography. Beauty and perfection abound in the symmetry of pristine wilderness. "Quetico Connection" uses that catalyst in discovering the spiritual relationship that innately lives within nature.



Adult Programs

StitchCraft

Thursday, September 7 & 21

10–11:30am

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Bring your current project to this informal meet-up and make progress on your creation while in the company of other fiber enthusiasts! Knitters, crocheters, quilters, embroiderers, needle-felters; ALL are welcome! This group happens every other Thursday from 10–11:30 am. No sign-up is required.



Let's Create! Yarn Pumpkins

Tuesday, September 19

1–3pm or 5–7pm

Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium

Adults

Create a lightly scented mini pumpkin! Using yarn, a Styrofoam ball, and cinnamon sticks, create a seasonal decoration for your home.

No experience is required, and all materials are provided. This program is for adults only and will be held in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium. Sign up for the afternoon session from 1–3pm or the evening session 5–7pm by phone (603) 524-4775 or email info@laconialibrary.org.



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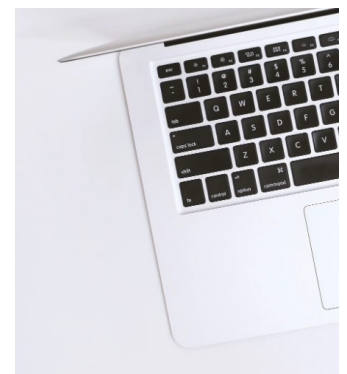
Tuesdays @ 10am

Wednesdays @ 2pm

Volpe Room

Adults

Drop in during our hour of technical help and have your basic computer and electronic device questions answered by a librarian. Held most Tuesdays at 10am and most Wednesdays at 2pm, in the Volpe Room; check our event calendar to confirm dates.



Publishing in September

Adult Books Coming Soon

Non-Fiction

- *Of Time and Turtles: Mending the World, Shell by Shattered Shell* by Sy Montgomery (Release date: 9/19)
- *Astor: The Rise and Fall of an American Fortune* by Anderson Cooper (Release date: 9/19)
- *Prine on Prine: Interviews and Encounters With John Prine* by Holly Gleason (Release date: 9/12)
- *The Six: The Untold Story of America's First Women Astronauts* by Loren Grush (Release date: 9/12)
- *Your Face Belongs to Us: A Secretive Startup's*

Quest to End Privacy As We Know It by Kashmir Hill (Release date: 9/19)

Fiction

- *Holly* by Stephen King (Release date: 9/5)
- *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger (Release date: 9/5)
- *The Fraud* by Zadie Smith (Release date: 9/5)
- *The Last Devil to Die* by Richard Osman (Release date: 9/19)
- *Normal Rules Don't Apply* by Kate Atkinson (Release date: 9/12)



Teen Books Coming Soon

- *This Winter* by Alice Oseman (Release date: 9/5)
- *See You on Venus* by Victoria Vinuesa (Release date: 9/5)
- *Rez Ball* by Byron Graves (Release date: 9/12)
- *The Haunting* by Natasha Preston (Release date: 9/26)
- *The Scarlet Veil* by Shelby Mahurin (Release date: 9/26)
- *The Chalice of the Gods* by Rick Riordan (Release date: 9/26)

To place a hold, email info@laconialibrary.org or fill out the [Patron Request Form](#) on our website.



Children's Books Coming Soon

Non-Fiction

- *Ellen Takes Flight: The Life of Astronaut Ellen Ochoa* by Doreen Rappaport (Release date: 9/19)
- *A Few Beautiful Minutes: Experiencing a Solar Eclipse* by Kathleen Fox (Release date: 9/26)
- *Where are the Aliens?* By Stacy McAnulty (Release date: 9/5)
- *The Upside-Down Book of Sloths* by Elizabeth Shreeve (Release date: 9/5)

Fiction

- *The Wild Robot Protects* by Peter Brown (Release date: 9/26)
- *I Help* by Joe Cepeda (Release date: 9/5)
- *Investigators 7: All Tide Up* by John Patrick Green (Release date: 9/26)
- *Uni and the 100 Treasures* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal (Release date: 9/5)
- *Dogtown* by Katherine Applegate (Release date: 9/19)

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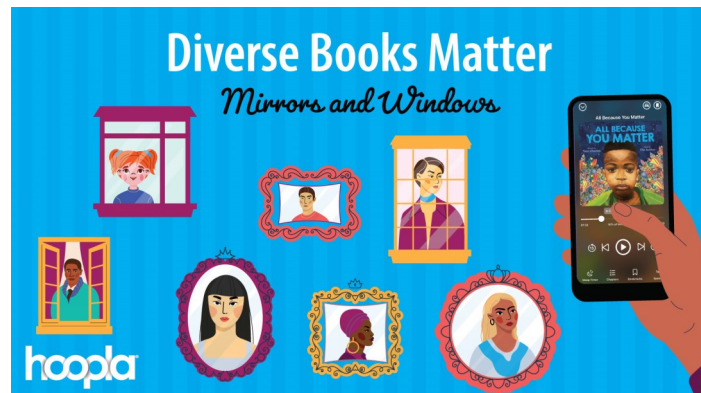
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