

COORDINATING COUNCIL VACANCIES

The ND Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC) serves as the State Library's advisory board. The NDLCC assists with the creation and implementation of Library Vision 2020, the awarding of LV2020 grants, and serves as the external database review committee. The Governor appoints NDLCC members according to Century Code. The State Library is accepting nominations to fill a current vacancy as well as to fill vacancies that will occur at the end of June.

We currently have a vacancy for a representative to fill the Higher Education, Public University seat. The Special Library, Public Library, and Special Populations seats will be expiring at the end of June.

Nominations, including self-nominations, may be sent to the NDSL Administrative email at ndsladmn@nd.gov by March 1st. The State Library will compile the list of applicants and forward it to the Governor's office. Nominees will also need to complete an application, which can be found at: <http://bit.ly/2EBN67D>. Appointments will be made by the Governor in April or May.

This is an interesting and exciting opportunity to help shape library services in your state so please consider applying. If you have questions about the NDLCC, please contact State Librarian Mary Soucie at (701)328-4654 or msoucie@nd.gov.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 18-24 = Engineers Week
- February 22 = Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day
- February 22 = Back to the Basics webinar
- March 2 = Read Across America Day
- March 4-10 = Teen Tech Week
- March 7 = Facebook Live Event - For the Love of Crafting
- March 22 = Not-Just-Books-Mobile webinar
- April = School Library Month
- April 8-14 = National Library Week
 - April 10 = National Library Workers Day
 - April 11 = National Bookmobile Day
- April 12 = D.E.A.R - Drop Everything and Read
- April 21-28 = Money Smart Week
- April 22-28 = Preservation Week
- April 23-24 = NDSL Renewal and Development Conference
- April 30 = Children's Day/Book Day

FACEBOOK LIVE EVENT: FOR THE LOVE OF CRAFTING

Join passionate crafter, Mary Soucie, as she shares some tips and tricks for using a die cutting machine to celebrate National Crafting Month. Mary will share some of her favorite tools from her craft room and will demonstrate a quick craft to make using her Cricut Explore Air.

Join us on **Wednesday, March 7, 2018** at 2:00pm (CT) for our next Facebook Live Event.

News and Thoughts...

from Mary J. Soucie, State Librarian

Giving Hearts Day was on February 8th this year. It's a concentrated 24 hour online fundraising effort for selected charities. As far as I can tell, libraries were not part of the campaign. Please let me know if I'm incorrect and that your library did receive donations as part of the effort.

I was reflecting on the term giving hearts and it occurred to me that every day in Library Land is Giving Hearts Day, only we're the ones doing the giving. Librarians and library staff make a difference in the communities that they serve each and every day. We connect people to resources, to books that delight them, and to other people.

Libraries connect people through the programs that they offer. We help parents learn parenting skills such as early literacy through storytime. Lasting friendships are formed when people attend book club together month after month. Whether it's a program for children, teens, adults, students, or families, we may never know the impact that we are having on the participants but we do know that we are making a difference in their lives.

My predecessor at my last public library used to say that librarians are like bartenders because people find us easy to talk to and they share their life stories with us very easily. I have found this to be true. Your staff may be the only person or people that someone who lives alone talks to on the day that they come in to check out a book.

Academic librarians are life savers for the students that they serve. My son is in grad school and recently sent me a picture of the campus library with the caption "I live here." Of course, my response was a beating heart GIF. I know from his experience as both an undergrad and now a graduate student that he could not be as successful as he has been without the help of the librarians at his universities.

I recently had a chance to visit a few different school librarians as part of our "Librarian for a Day" program, and I saw up close and personal the heart that school librarians have for the community that they serve. From teaching library skills and assisting teachers with technology to teaching technology classes to providing reading materials, those librarians are providing an amazing and needed service to their community.

I don't know of any library that has ever said "we have enough funding so please keep your donation." It would be awesome if libraries were included in the official Giving Hearts Day and received monetary donations. I like to think, though, that the Library Land version of "Giving Hearts Day" is as vitally important and impactful as the other one.

I love learning about North Dakota Libraries and the impact that you are making on your communities. Please consider inviting me to your library for a "Librarian for a Day" so I can see the way that your library is giving heart to your community each day. I am open for visits beginning in April.

ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCE

ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION

Genealogy. It's one of those things that you want to start working on but never have the time or the money for. Well, we can't help you with the time factor, but we can help you with the cost.

The State Library subscribes to Ancestry Library Edition and it is totally free for you to use at your public or school library. You don't have to pay a subscription, and you have access to Ancestry's vast database of information from around the world. This database is simple to use and has helpful hints to help you through your genealogical stumbles.

The Library Edition works exactly like the subscription Ancestry with a few minor differences. You cannot create an Ancestry account through Library Edition or link an existing Ancestry account. Therefore, you will not be able to build your family tree on this side of the site like you would be able to with a subscription. However, if you have an Ancestry account you can add to your family tree without having an active subscription. So, when you find that great piece of the puzzle, you can either print off the page or email it to yourself and add it to your family tree later.

The database gives you hints on where to start with your search, forms that you can print off and fill in to keep your information organized, and forums to help you when you really get stuck. This database is available only at your public or school library. Check it out!

If you have any questions about this database or any others that we subscribe to please feel free to contact us at ndsltrain@nd.gov.

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RENEWAL AND DEVELOPMENT BAYMONT INN AND SUITES MANDAN, ND APRIL 23-24, 2018

TOPICS COVERED

This year's conference will include sessions on library advocacy, collaboration of teachers and librarians, financial literacy, mental health of patrons, AASL Standards, workplace safety, how to help new Americans, comics, and more.

GRADUATE CREDIT

School library media specialists can get one graduate credit from [Valley City State University](#). Mary Soucie, ND State Librarian, will teach an additional session Monday evening for those who want the credit. VCSU charges \$50 for the credit and you have to register for it separately.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Renewal & Development will be held at the [Baymont Inn & Suites](#). A block of rooms has been reserved—call 701-663-7401 and let them know you're attending the State Library's conference to get state rate (\$81.90 for a single room, \$91 for a double).

REGISTRATION

Cost to attend is \$55 for both days, \$35 for a single day. Register online and pay when you attend or send a check to North Dakota State Library, ATTN: Cheryl Pollert, 604 E Boulevard Ave. – Dept 250, Bismarck, ND 58505-0800.

[Register here!](#)

Contact Angie Houser at 701-328-3495 or ndsltrain@nd.gov if you have any questions.

Note: Programming subject to change.



FRANKENSTEIN

Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* celebrated its 200th anniversary this year and in order to honor the occasion, the North Dakota State Library will be hosting a **statewide book discussion club** via Zoom during National Library Week in April. Libraries are invited to host an event at their library and log in via Zoom as a group to participate in the discussion. There will be multiple time slots in order to accommodate as many participants as possible.

If you are worried that you don't have enough copies of the book to hold a book club discussion, you can check out our book club kit, which is available through KitKeeper (<http://bit.ly/1tgOGKP>).

If you are interested in attending or have any questions or concerns, please send an e-mail to BreAnne at ndslpa@nd.gov.

BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK

There's still time to get a book through our Blind Date With A Book Program. All "Rate Your Date" cards are due on March 2, with the winner being announced on Facebook the morning of March 6.

If you would like another book, please let us know by e-mailing statelib@nd.gov or calling 701-328-4622.



YOUTUBE VIDEO OF THE MONTH

Are you interested in accessing audiobooks, e-books, and e-magazines from the comfort of your home? In this short informational video, you will learn how to sign up for the RBdigital database. Follow this step-by-step tutorial on creating your account to access the world of digital audiobooks, ebooks, and magazines.

You can find this video and many others on our YouTube page: <http://bit.ly/2o8Uw82>



MARCH MADNESS

The March Madness Book Battles are back again this year! This year's theme is books where you root for the villain.

Sixty-four book titles that fit this theme were chosen and randomly bracketed to battle against each other. Every day, book battles will occur on Facebook (and e-mail for those of you who aren't on Facebook). The book with the most votes at the end of the day moves on to the next round.

The first battles will take place on March 13, so get your brackets in by March 12!

Brackets can be sent to the State Library or through e-mail to ndslpa@nd.gov.

Program details, brackets, and rules are available at: <http://bit.ly/2EFPryw>

THE READING NOOK

Jessica Robinson

Here in the month of February, love is in the air at the State Library. Love, of course, for another exciting year of new authors and new books. This month, we'll take a quick look at a small handful of new and upcoming releases for 2018.

January was jam-packed with new titles, beginning with Chloe Benjamin's smash hit *The Immortalists*, which follows a family as they struggle to come to terms with the death prophecies of a wandering psychic. Jumping from death to dragons, the genre-bending dystopian novel *The Sky Is Yours* by Chandler Klang Smith mixes reality stars with spoiled aristocracy, all under constant threat from fire-breathing dragons in a ruined future city. Rounding out the month was the first book in a new YA series by Melissa Albert called *The Hazel Wood*, which starts when young Alice loses her mother to the dark creatures that populated her grandmother's book of dark fairy tales.

February is also starting off on a good note. Fans of life-affirming memoirs should seek out Maggie O'Farrell's *I Am, I Am, I Am: Seventeen Brushes with Death*. O'Farrell recounts the astounding events in her life that brought her close to death, from a bedridden year in her childhood to her daily struggle to protect her daughter, born with a life-threatening illness. After you're done with that, move on to Kristin Hannah's tale of survival in *The Great Alone*, where a Vietnam veteran and his wife learn how to live and thrive in a close-knit Alaskan community. Then, brighten up the rest of your month with Gloria Chao's hilarious YA novel *American Panda*, in which a teenaged MIT student struggles to tell her traditional Taiwanese parents that she not only won't become a doctor (because she's afraid of germs), but that she's also falling in love with a Japanese classmate.

If you make it through all of those by March, you'll be ready to read Ariel Lawhon's new historical novel *I Was Anastasia*, which begins when a young woman is pulled from a Berlin canal in 1920 and claims that she is the Russian Grand Duchess Anastasia. Then, April will bring you an exciting contemporary take on Shakespeare's *Macbeth* by premier Norwegian crime novelist Jo Nesbø. The novel is also called *Macbeth* and is a part of the Hogarth Shakespeare series, which includes Margaret Atwood's *Hag-Seed* and Anne Tyler's *Vinegar Girl*. Also in April is Madeline Miller's intriguing new mythological novel *Circe*, a fantastical retelling of the Odysseus myth through the lens of the witch Circe, banished to an island by the Greek gods and forced to find her own path while encountering a familiar host of mythological figures.

May introduces the already controversial *Adjustment Day* by *Fight Club*'s own Chuck Palahniuk, a satirical novel about an upcoming World War III that the publishers promise will have something to offend everyone. Less controversial but unfortunately not released until October is *Mr. Occam's Razor* by the incomparable Barbara Kingsolver. This new book from the author of the Pulitzer Prize-nominated *The Poisonwood Bible* once again explores family and faith in this generational saga about two different families that lived in a Utopian community in New Jersey.

The best news this month is that this list is barely scratching the surface of all the new books coming out in 2018. Book-lovers will find plenty to fall in love with as 2018 gets going, but this is a great way to start the year.

SCHOOL LIBRARIAN DIRECTORY

We are working on updating a school librarian directory and are in need of the following information: your name, years as a Media Specialist, library name(s), grades it serves, the automation system(s) you use, your e-mail address, phone number, principal and/or superintendent, and name of school(s). A SurveyMonkey has been set up to help you complete the directory information.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8258W53>

STEALTH PROGRAMS FOR TEENS AND TWEENS

Submitted by Abby Ebach

Last month we introduced you to stealth programs, also called passive programs, for babies and children. However, stealth programming can be used for all ages; while teens can be a particularly difficult demographic to attract to the library, stealth programs allow teens to engage with the library on their own terms. Stealth programs are excellent for libraries that have limited staff time or budgets for programming. They are informal and interactive events that occur over the course of a predetermined day, week, or month; no registration is required, and the set-up can be as minimal or fancy as you decide.

The purpose of stealth programs for teens is not to attract new users to the library but to engage with them on a deeper level. One of the most common stealth programs libraries provide is a March-Madness type book competition. Books are pitted against each other in a bracket, and patrons vote on their favorites. As the winners move on, competition gets more fierce until one book wins the prize. Voting can be online using social media, in person in the form of tally marks on the bracket itself, or any other way you choose.

The more crafty teens may appreciate stealth programming in the form of a coloring table with coloring sheets, rocks, and other medium to decorate. If you're looking to encourage more participation, create a bookmark design contest. Patrons can submit a drawing of their bookmark,

and the winner's bookmark will be printed and given out to library patrons. This is a great way to increase involvement in summer reading programs and other themes throughout the year. Another craft that encourages creative design is designing with Perler beads. Perler beads are small, colorful beads that are placed on a plastic template and then melted together using an iron to create fun objects that can be transformed into magnets, keychains, and more.

If your library is in the mood for some healthy competition, dedicate an area of the library to minute-to-win-it type challenges. Contestants have 60 seconds to complete a challenge such as stacking cups into a pyramid, tossing rings around bottles, or transferring marshmallows into a new cup using chop sticks. The options are endless, and games can be found in bulk on the internet. These programs need little supervision as long as the instructions are posted. With rotating games, patrons will begin to look forward to a new challenge.

Remember that stealth programs don't need to be fancy or cost a lot of money. They just need to be set up ahead of time and monitored for the duration of the program. With teens, it helps to post pictures of program participants on your library's social media pages as well. Overall, libraries should aim to encourage meaningful engagement with the library and offer an out-of-the-box experience.

FRANKENSTEIN200

Mary, Carmen, and BreAnne had a great time helping kids make masks that lit up during the Frankenstein200 Event at Gateway to Science in January.



NOW IS THE WINTER OF OUR DISCONTENT...

Do you have students or patrons reading Shakespeare or interested in Shakespeare? The North Dakota State Library has Shakespeare in audiobook format so your students or patrons can hear the words of the Bard spoken out loud. This can be especially helpful if someone is struggling with reading and comprehending the prose of the 16th Century.

Currently, we have *Antony and Cleopatra*, *Hamlet*, *Julius Caesar*, *King Lear*, *Macbeth*, *Measure for Measure*, *The Merchant of Venice*, *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Much Ado about Nothing*, *Othello*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Taming of the Shrew*, *The Tempest*, and *Twelfth Night* available on audio CD. In addition to Shakespeare, we also have Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*, John Milton's *Paradise Lost*, Victor Hugo's *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales* and other classics in literature.

If your students or patrons want to dive into classical literature, check out our audiobook collection for a different reading experience.

IN-CLASSROOM TRAININGS:

The State Library would like to inform school librarians and teachers that we will be discontinuing in-classroom database trainings at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. Therefore, if you would like any training on how to do research with the State Library's databases for your students we strongly urge you to schedule it before the end of this semester.

Even though we are discontinuing database trainings for students in the classrooms, we will continue to offer professional development database trainings for teachers and school administrators at the schools. We will also continue to offer tours of the State Library and brief database trainings at that time, if requested.

We apologize for the inconvenience that this may cause you but we hope to continue working with you in the future on the best ways to teach your students all of the resources that the State Library has to offer.

If you have any questions please email us at ndsctrain@nd.gov.

NEW LIBRARIAN RESOURCES AT THE STATE LIBRARY

- The indispensable librarian : surviving and thriving in school libraries in the information age (2nd ed.)
- Copyright clarity : how fair use supports digital learning
- Archives alive : expanding engagement with public library archives and special collections
- Migrating library data : a practical manual
- Librarians with spines : information agitators in an age of stagnation
- Not free, not for all : public libraries in the age of Jim Crow
- Digital citizenship in schools : nine elements all students should know (3rd edition)
- Children's fantasy literature : an introduction
- Prairie fires : the American dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Picture-perfect STEM lessons, 3-5 : using children's books to inspire STEM learning
- Star Wars coding projects
- Get coding! : learn HTML, CSS, and JavaScript and build a website, app, and game
- Brick flicks : a comprehensive guide to making your own stop-motion LEGO movies
- Schomburg : the man who built a library (nonfiction picture book)
- Journeys : young readers' letters to authors who changed their lives / Letters About Literature program, Library of Congress Center for the Book

FREE TRAINING WEBINARS

These webinars are free, live, and interactive. You will connect to audio using a headset or speakers. If you do not have a microphone, you can use chat to ask questions.

What's All The Buzz About Genrefication (Montana State Library)

Register: <http://bit.ly/2EouMzB>

Tuesday, February 20, 11:00 - 12:00 CT

This webinar is an introduction to the concept of arranging books by genre in the library rather than by Dewey or Library of Congress catalog number. This webinar features a panel of librarians who have genre-based stacks in their library and they are eager to share the possibilities and pitfalls of their experiences with you.

Science Cinema: A Little-Known Resource For Students and Teachers (Federal Depository Library Program)

Register: <http://bit.ly/2Fcartt>

Wednesday, February 21, 1:00 - 2:00 PM CT

This webinar presents Science Cinema, which offers scientific videos featuring leading-edge research from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Introduction to Finding Grants (GrantSpace)

Register: <http://bit.ly/2BVozK0>

Wednesday, February 21, 1:00 - 2:00 PM CT

Are you new to the field of grantseeking? Discover what funders are looking for in nonprofits seeking grants and how to find potential funders.

Back to the Basics: What Can You Get From The State Library's Website?

Register: <http://bit.ly/w3pTgC>

Thursday, February 22, 1:30 - 2:00 PM CT

Presenter: Angie Houser, Continuing Education Coordinator

We receive many questions about how to do certain things through the North Dakota State Library's website, including how to search the catalog, how to access your account, and where the list of available kits can be found. In this webinar, we will go over all of this and so much more. If you want to know how to access something on our website or want to learn what we have to offer, this is the webinar for you!

Disclaimer: There must be at least 5 participants signed up for the webinar by Monday, February 19th. We will not have the session if there are not enough participants.

Programming for 'Tweens (Utah State Library)

Register: <http://bit.ly/2ktT05A>

Tuesday, February 27, 3:00-4:00 PM CT

Join us for a webinar on programming for 'tweens (ages 8-12). Whether you've been offering 'tween programs for years or you're just getting started, you'll come away with ideas on program themes, structures, and organization.

Not-Just-Books-Mobile (NDSL)

Register: <http://bit.ly/w3pTgC>

Thursday, March 22, 1:30-2:00 PM CT

Presented by Abby Ebach, Library Development Specialist

Learn different ways to engage bookmobile patrons through programming. Don't let fear of limited space or lack of staff stop you from providing a well-rounded and unique library experience. Whether your stops are jam-packed or slow-and-steady, we have a variety of adaptable programs to help you expand your patrons' library experience past the traditional bookmobile services at both your regular stops and special events.

DISCLAIMER: The ND State Library highlights third-party webinars as a way to alert the library community to training opportunities. By doing so, we are not endorsing the content, nor promoting any specific product.

SCHOOL AND LIBRARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

MASTER OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE DEGREE GRANT (NDSL)

DEADLINE: MAY 31

The North Dakota State Library provides a training grant encouraging North Dakotans to pursue a Master of Library and Information Science degree from an ALA-accredited school (ALA/MLIS) and to work in North Dakota. Applicants must be employed by a North Dakota public school library, a public library, a public academic library, or the State Library. Applicants must be accepted into an ALA/MLIS program prior to the award. Applications may be submitted for a total amount of up to \$8,500.

To learn more or apply, head to the State Library's PDF about this grant. <http://1.usa.gov/IUYmPiC>

EBSCO SOLAR

DEADLINE: APRIL 30

EBSCO Solar is a grant program that will fund three \$100,000 solar installations at libraries around the world. Solar power is the cleanest and most abundant renewable energy source available. EBSCO believes they can make a critical impact on improving the environment and wants to help libraries make the transition to green power.

FAQ's and the application form are available on EBSCO's solar site: <http://bit.ly/1LaiBV7>

FOUNDATION FOR FINANCIAL PLANNING (FFP) GRANT

DEADLINE: APRIL 30

FFP gives grants to 501(c)(3) non-profits that share in their commitment to helping underserved people achieve better financial stability and capability. Grants range from \$5,000-\$40,000 and are available for new and ongoing programs that engage certified financial planners as volunteers providing one-on-one personalized financial planning advice and counsel to people in financial crises or who are underserved and couldn't ordinarily access quality, ethical advice.

For more information and to apply for this grant: <http://bit.ly/2EsSmYc>

GREAT RIVER ENERGY

**DEADLINES: MARCH 15, JUNE 15,
SEPTEMBER 15, DECEMBER 15**

Great River Energy contributes to organizations in the communities they serve and the communities where their employees live. Awards of \$500 - \$2500 are given to nonprofit organizations focusing on community service, education, environment, and youth. Contributions in North Dakota are targeted to requesting organizations in Oliver, McLean, and Mercer counties.

To apply or find further information, visit their Community Contributions site: <http://bit.ly/1Oem6UR>

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

**DEADLINES: MARCH 15, JUNE 15,
SEPTEMBER 15, DECEMBER 15**

Otter Tail Power Company provides financial support for general operating and program expenses to qualifying organizations and activities in the communities they serve. Previous recipients in North Dakota include Lake Region Public Library, Minnewaukan Public Library, and Forman Public Library, and many ND public schools.

To determine if you qualify or to apply for a grant, visit their Donations & Grants page: <http://bit.ly/1JHI99I>

If you have applied for a grant you found in *The Flickertale* and received it, please let us know!

North Dakota Library Tidbits

The Minot Public Library was awarded a Community Grant from Best Buy to add a 3D printer to their Makerspace.

Park River School and Public Library held mock Caldecott Medal Awards where kids could vote for the best picture book of the year, prior to the announcement of the actual award.

The James River Library System's Alfred Dickey location is set to host a permanent Louis L'Amour display focused on his time in Jamestown.

The Foundation for the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library is currently planning to begin construction on the library in 2019, which will coincide with the 100 year anniversary of Roosevelt's death.

Leach Public Library recently held their first indoor mini golf event, featuring nine holes amongst the stacks.

McVille Community Library is working on adding a Makerspace, utilizing money awarded through a Library Vision Grant.

Fargo Public Library has been holding pub-based silent reading parties with turntables at the Front Street Taproom.

Bowman Regional Library held a Tumbleweed Decorating Contest where participants won certificates for free books from their book sale room and Platinum Library Patron badges bestowing them with bonus overdue privileges.

The Napoleon Public School has decided to open their school library to the wider community.

UND is planning to renovate the Chester Fritz Library.

Diane Briggs is retiring from her reference position at the Fargo Public Library after 50 years of service—the longest on record for a Fargo City employee since the 1990's.

The doors of the Valley City Barnes County Library were recently restored to their original splendor through the extensive efforts of Dean Pederson.

Lake Region Public Library recently received money for a security camera system from the Devils Lake Area Foundation.

Fargo Public Library kicked off a reading program called 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten by hosting two free parties with read-aloud activities, snacks, and crafts.



STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library held a stuffed animal sleepover event in January. Teen volunteers read stories to kids and their stuffed animals and then tucked the stuffed animals in for bed. The stuffed animals had a different idea and got into all sorts of mischief, which was caught on camera and shared on the library's Facebook page. They ordered pizza, played pretend library, built a blanket fort, and toilet papered the trees! When Collette, the trusty story time poodle puppet, came to read a bedtime story, the animals settled down for the night.



DIGITAL DELIGHTS



NDSU Institute for Regional Studies

Gordon C. Skue, driver for a Moorhead produce company, is shown picking up a box of eggs on the Wischer farm near Argusville, ND. The Wischer flock averaged 90 dozen eggs a week.

Published in the Fargo Forum, January 17, 1954

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Check out Digital Horizons at:
<http://bit.ly/2EyPM69>



DIGITAL
HORIZONS

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