



# MOORE TIMES

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Moore Memorial Public Library Newsletter

## BACK TO SCHOOL: LIFELONG LEARNING AT THE LIBRARY



Commissioner Thelma Bowie joins the library.

The new school year looms large, but have no fear. The Moore Memorial Public Library has all the resources students of all ages could need to tackle any subject.

The library has over 180,000 barcoded items for you to check out including books, audiobooks, DVDs, CDs, and magazines. That alone provides

Complete, Contemporary Literary Criticism, World History Collection, and many more on a slew of subjects.

But why stop after school ends? The library also has all the resources to enrich, educate, and entertain in many different areas.



New TCISD Superintendent Cynthia Lusignolo joins the library.

Você pode falar Português? Você entende alemão? If not, then Transparent Language Online is your resource to learn over 80 different languages using technology such as videos, social media and mobile apps. Become multilingual without spending a dime!

Just because you aren't a student doesn't mean you can't take a class. Universal Class offers more than 500 non-credit continuing education classes arts, computers, finance, GED practice, math, science, and much more. You can do assignments, take quizzes, and interact with instructors all from home and entirely for free.

We have downloadable audiobooks from One Click Digital and downloadable ebooks from Overdrive. No more paper cuts, no more waiting in line, just download your favorite book from home and start reading.

All of our electronic resources can be found on our library website at [www.texascity-library.org](http://www.texascity-library.org). For help using any of the resources on our website ask one of our librarians or call the reference desk at (409) 643-5977.

There's just one catch: to use these excellent free resources, you need a library card, but that's free too! Just come by the circulation desk to sign up for a card today.

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Clara Irby takes Transparent Language Online for a spin.

knowledge, art, and wisdom to educate on almost any subject, but the library doesn't stop there.

Need homework help, or is a particularly difficult project getting you down? Our electronic resources have several excellent databases with accurate and current information for almost any homework need with Kid Search, Middle Search Plus, Searchasaurus, and more. For college and beyond we have access to many excellent resources such as Academic Search

## IMPROVE YOUR COMPUTER SKILLS

Our computer classes are aimed at beginning to intermediate computer users. The library offers courses to help patrons learn basic skills using MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, Email, the Internet, and more. All attendees will be pre-screened for skill level before each class. All computer classes begin at 10 AM and run about an hour. *Please see Sign-up & Registration Procedure below for details.*

### Fall Computer Class Schedule

Computer Class	Date
Basic Mouse	Thursday, September 6
Basic Windows, Files & Saving	Friday, September 7
Basic Internet	Thursday, September 13
Basic Email	Friday, September 14
Intermediate Internet	Thursday, September 20
Online Search Strategies	Friday, September 21
Basic Word	Thursday, September 27
Basic PowerPoint	Friday, September 28
Fixing Photos	Thursday, October 4
Basic Facebook	Friday, October 5
Basic Mouse	Thursday, October 11
Basic Windows, Files & Saving	Friday, October 12
Basic Internet	Thursday, October 18
Basic Email	Friday, October 19
Basic Word	Thursday, October 25
Intermediate Internet	Friday, October 26
Basic Excel	Thursday, November 1
Basic Publisher	Thursday, November 8
Fixing Photos	Friday, November 9
Online Search Strategies	Thursday, November 15
Blogging for Beginners	Friday, November 16
<b>AFTERNOON CLASSES (3:30 PM)</b>	
Blogging for Beginners	Wednesday, Oct. 10
Software Alternatives	Wednesday, Nov. 14



**Sign-up & Registration Procedure:** Registration for **ALL** computer classes will occur **THE DAY OF** the scheduled class. All potential students must come to the library between **9:00 and 9:30 AM** on the day of the class for pre-class screening. For afternoon classes potential students must come between **2:30-3:00 PM**. Admission to the class will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis for those persons successfully completing the pre-assessment survey exercise. Admission for most classes is limited to 10 persons per class.

For more information, please contact the Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977.

## FALL 2012 ADULT PROGRAMMING

All Events will be held in the Moore Library Meeting Room

### American Foreign Policy: How Much Should We Intervene?

Join us for a panel discussion about the role of America on the world's stage today.

WHEN: Tuesday, September 18th at 6:30 PM



### WW II in the Gulf Coast

Melanie Wiggins, author of *Torpedoes in the Gulf: Galveston and the U-Boats 1942-1943*, will share her knowledge of submarine attacks in the Gulf from the perspectives of German commanders and the citizens of Galveston.

WHEN: Thursday, September 20th at 1:30 PM



### Texas City Reads

Join us for a book discussion of the Texas City Reads book *In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin* by Erik Larson.

WHEN: September 25th at 6:30 PM



### Online Resumes and Applications

Learn to upload resumes, fill out online job applications, and create a simple Excel spreadsheet, to keep track of all of those applications you fill out.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 2nd at 2:00 PM



### Took Photos, Now What?

Learn methods of editing, posting, and backing-up your digital photographs. All attendees will be pre-screened for basic computer skills before each class and space is limited to the first ten patrons. **Registration will be between 2:30-3:00 PM.**

WHEN: Tuesday, October 9th at 3:30 PM



### Blogging for Beginners

Learn how to start your own blog! All attendees will be pre-screened for basic computer skills before each class and space is limited to the first ten patrons. **Registration will be between 2:30-3:00 PM.**

WHEN: Wednesday, October 10th at 3:30 PM



### Diabetic Nutrition

Darlene Cass of the Jesse Tree will give a presentation on diabetic nutrition. Learn how to live well with Diabetes.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 16th at 1:00 PM



### Software Alternatives

Learn how to find and download FREE software alternatives to Microsoft Office and other popular software. All attendees will be pre-screened for basic computer skills before each class and space is limited to the first ten patrons. **Registration will be between 2:30-3:00 PM.**

WHEN: Wednesday, November 14th at 3:30 PM



### Playing for Parents

Have bored children or grandchildren at home? Come learn how to entertain and educate them, without needing to leave home.

WHEN: Thursday, November 29th at 10:00 AM



### Gifts by Hand

We have the supplies, you bring your creativity! Together we craft gifts "by hand" to give to your loved ones.

WHEN: Tuesday, December 4 at 3:00 PM



### Lost Bones: How to Start Your Family History

The Texas City Ancestry Searchers will show you the basics of how to start researching your family history. Please bring basic family historical information you already have, such as names and the birth or death dates/places of ancestors.

WHEN: To Be Announced



## VOICES FROM THE PAST: TEXAS CITY ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

We're continuing our Oral History project throughout the summer. We want to capture as many personal stories about life in Texas City during WW II as possible.

These interviews give us a truly invaluable and irreplaceable resource: a window to our shared past. These stories tell us where our city comes from and how it adapted to adversity.

The knowledge and historical information gained through these interviews will be preserved elec-



Local History Librarian Rebecca Snow interviews Wanda Applegath about her experiences during WW II

tronically and in print for the Moore Memorial Historical Archives, and may become part of future displays, exhibits, and online archival presentations.

If you or someone you know was a resident of

Texas City during the period of 1941 to 1945 and would like to share memories or answer historical questions regarding life in Texas City during this time period, please contact the library at 409-643-5970 or 409-643-5977.

## ENEMY UNDER THE WAVES: WW II IN THE GULF

We were being watched. With a war on several fronts across the globe the enemy was closer than we could imagine: under the waves. This isn't the stuff of spy fiction, this is the true story of German activity in the Gulf during World War II.

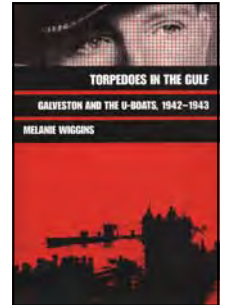


German U-boat torpedoed. From Kibbe Museum.

Melanie Wiggins is a historical writer who lives in League City. She is presently a member of the Galveston County Historical Commission and the Texas Gulf Historical Association. She has written


about naval history as well as the history of nearby Bolivar Peninsula, where her family owned land from 1892 to 2007.

One of her books, *Torpedoes in the Gulf: Galveston and the U-Boats 1942-1943*, documents German submarine activity in the Gulf during World War II. She will come to Moore Memorial Library on **Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at 1:30 PM** to share her knowledge of submarine attacks in the Gulf from the perspectives of German commanders and the citizens of Galveston.



## NEWS BRIEFS

**LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:** The library will be closed on the following dates:

 **Independence Day-** The library will be **closed Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**. Reopen **Thursday July 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM**.

**Labor Day** The library will be **closed Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Reopen **Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM**.

### BOOK CLUB

"Book Bits," the book club for ages 18 and up, contin-

ues to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 2PM. This informal group setting allows readers to share new & old print favorites, discuss controversial titles, compare favorite authors, and more. The group will meet on:

- August 1st
- September 5th



# TEXAS CITY READS 2012:

## IN THE GARDEN OF BEASTS

Join us this fall for two programs centered around this year's Texas City Reads pick. We will read Erik Larson's *In the Garden of Beasts*, a non-fiction, historical account of life in Berlin just before the start of World War II, as seen through the eyes of the American ambassador and his family.

*In the Garden of Beasts* recounts the experience of William E. Dodd and his family, who moved to Berlin in 1933 after FDR appointed Dodd as the American ambassador to

Germany. Dodd himself was a fairly tame personality, but he had one of the hardest jobs around, trying to represent American interests in Germany just as Hitler was coming to power. Unfortunately, Ambassador Dodd was also a bit of a square peg in the Foreign Service culture. While his cohorts

tended to be independently wealthy and privileged, he was an idealistic – and somewhat naïve – academic. Dodd brought his wife and two grown children to Berlin; his daughter Mary provides a good deal of the scandal in Larson's book. She was an inveterate flirt



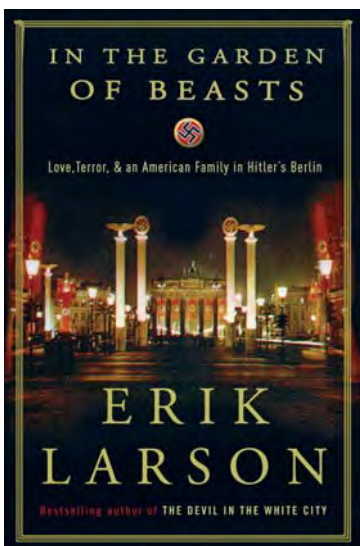
Hitler at height of power. From German Federal Archives

and very opinionated; later in life she became an author and then ended up fleeing the United States after being accused of spying for the Russians.

Larson does not try to hide the Dodds' shortcomings or prejudices – they didn't seem to be too bothered by the rising tide of anti-Semitism in Germany and, to the modern mind, their openness to interacting with Nazis and Communists can be shocking. The author does, however, represent

Dodd's admirable refusal to kowtow to the future Fuhrer and Dodd's fervent belief in the ideals of America's founding fathers.

*In the Garden of Beasts* received excellent reviews and appeared on many best books lists of 2011. The library has multiple copies available for check-out at the Circulation Desk. Because there are so many elements in this book that are still playing out on the world stage today, we have decided to host a Panel Discussion focusing on American interventionism on **Tuesday, September 18th at 6:30 PM** in the Holland Meeting Room. Then, on **Tuesday, September 25th at 6:30 PM**, we will host a discussion of the book itself. All are welcome at the discussions. Please contact the Reference Desk at 409-643-5977 for more information.



## Back to School



Summer may just be getting started, but school is right around the corner. The library remains one of the best resources for students in need of print and electronic research materials. Please speak to a reference librarian to learn how we can enhance your study experience.

School will begin on the following dates for these local school districts:

**Texas City ISD:** August 27th [www.tcisd.org](http://www.tcisd.org)

**La Marque ISD:** August 27th [www.lmisd.net](http://www.lmisd.net)

**Santa Fe ISD:** 9th Grade August 24th  
All other grades August 27th  
[www.sfid.org](http://www.sfid.org)

**Dickinson ISD:** August 27th  
[www.dickinsonisd.org](http://www.dickinsonisd.org)

**Clear Creek:** August 27th  
[www.ccisd.net](http://www.ccisd.net)

## BUT SUMMER'S NOT OVER: CAN'T MISS SUMMER EVENTS

We still have plenty of summer left and that means loads of fun summer programs at the library! Whether you are 3 years old, 18 years old, or somewhere in between we have loads of great programs in store!



We have a storytime and fun craft for children ages 3-5 on Mondays at 10 AM and children ages 6-8 on Tuesdays at 10 AM. We will learn about everything from fairy tales, detectives, history, and more.

Kids ages 9-12 have a special block of programs called InbeTweens. Every Thursday at 10 AM we will host a new special program. We're going to learn about forensic science, ways to fool anyone's brain, compete in Minute to Win It games, and more.

Thursday afternoons at 2:30 is fun for the whole family, because anyone ages 3-12 can have fun at our special programs! We'll solve mysteries, make



Super Sleuth Kayla won a free book!

cards for senior citizens, learn about the science of solving crimes, and more. Pick up your FREE tickets for all Children's events at the Children's Reference Desk

a week before the event.

Teens ages 12-18 still have their chance to show their inner Michelangelo at Sculpt It! on **Wednesday, July 11th**. After they've sculpted their masterpieces they can compete in goofy games for glory and prizes in Minute to Win it 2 on **Wednesday, July 25th**. Pick up your FREE tickets for these events at the Reference Desk a week before the event.



We also have Board Game Fridays every week this summer. Kids ages 6-12 can play board game classics from 10-12 AM, and teens ages 12-18 can play



Board Games You've Never Played like Fluxx, Dominion, Pandemic, and many more from 2-5 PM. Board Game Fridays doesn't require a ticket at all. If you have questions about any of our children's programming please call Lauren, our Children's Librarian, at (409) 643-5966. If you have questions about teen programs, please call Luke, our Young Adult Reference Librarian, at (409) 949-3008.

## SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

All Programs will be held in the Walter Holland Meeting Room. Tickets are required for all events.

### WHO'S BEEN READING HERE?

JULY 2	Ages 3-5	Fairy Tales with a Twist, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 3	Ages 6-8	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 4		Closed for Holiday		
JULY 6	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	

### WHAT DO I NOTICE?

JULY 9	Ages 3-5	Noticing stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 10	Ages 6-8	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 13	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	

### I KNOW A SECRET!

JULY 16	Ages 3-5	Secrets & Surprises	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 17	Ages 6-8	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 20	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	

### ANIMAL DETECTIVES

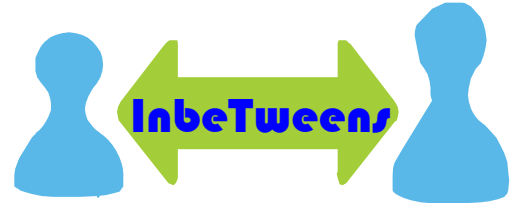
JULY 23	Ages 3-5	Animal Detective stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 24	Ages 6-8	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 27	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	

### CLUES TO THE PAST

JULY 30	Ages 3-5	Historical stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 31	Ages 6-8	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
AUG 3	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAMS

JULY 5	Ages 3-12	Mystery, Mystery	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JULY 12	Ages 3-12	Twist, Stretch, Create!	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JULY 19	Ages 3-12	Forensic Files	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JULY 26	Ages 3-12	Minute to Win It	2:30 PM	Ticketed
AUG 2	Ages 3-12	Care Cards for Seniors	2:30 PM	Ticketed

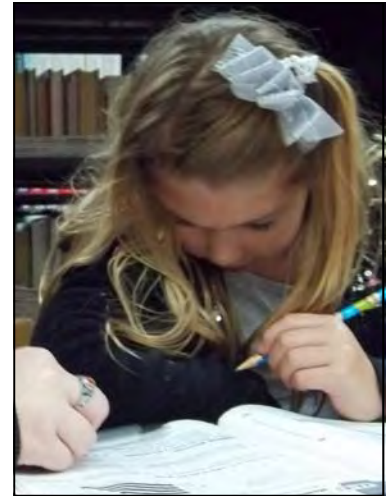


JULY 5	Ages 9-12	Mosaic Magic	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 12	Ages 9-12	Free Form Sculpture	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 19	Ages 9-12	CSI Time	10 AM	Ticketed
July 26	Ages 9-12	Minute to Win It	10 AM	Ticketed
Aug 2	Ages 9-12	Brain Busters	10 AM	Ticketed

## CHAPTER CHUMS

KIDS CAN READ OFF FINES THIS SUMMER

The library does not want fines to keep children from reading this summer! Children are encouraged to clear their blocked cards and practice their reading skills with a teen mentor in our Chapter Chum program. Children up to age twelve can reduce their book fines by \$3.00 for every fifteen minutes of reading.



Chapter Chums are available to listen to children read off their fines from 1-3 PM Monday through Friday, during the months of June and July. Interested children should report to the Reference Desk.

*Please note that this program applies only to book fines and not fines from lost or damaged materials. Children may only read off their own fines, not those of other family members.*

## Kids Zone

### SAY HELLO TO OUR NEW CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

Moore Memorial Public library is proud to welcome Lauren Bridges as our new Children's Librarian! Lauren comes to us from the University of Texas at Austin, where she received her library degree.

Lauren knew she wanted to become a librarian, because she's loved books since before since she knew how to read and always wanted to work with kids. Putting



Lauren and her favorite children's book: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

the two together, becoming a Children's Librarian was the perfect match!

As our new Children's Librarian, Lauren will be here to host programs, help kids find the books they want and need, and try to answer any question a kid could have.

So make sure and stop by the Children's Department and tell Lauren, "Hello!"

### FALL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Regular fall children's programming will resume on **Tuesday, September 4th-December 19th**. Toddlerific Storytime will be presented **Tuesday mornings at 10 AM** for children ages 1-2. Children will listen to stories, interact with fingerplays, and sing songs together. There is also some play time for the children. Preschool Storytime will be held **Wednesdays at 10:00 AM** for children ages 3-5. Children



Airaan makes a custom water color painted fan to keep cool.

will listen to stories, interact with fingerplays, sing songs, and assemble a craft. Storytimes are held in the Holland Meeting Room. These free programs are a special opportunity to begin developing your child's literacy skills. For more information about these programs, call our Children's Librarian, Lauren, at (409) 643-5966. Storytime will not be held during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's.

### SUMMER READING PAYS OFF

Our heartiest congratulations to Mandy and Brianna, who were the first patrons to turn in a reading log to the Children's Department in our 2012 Summer Reading program! Last year our bookworm, Sir Read-A-Lot, had 450 circles, representing 4500 hours of reading by members of our community. To beat that number this year, we need you to keep reading! Kids ages 3-8 who read 40 stories by **August 10th** get a book prize. Kids who read an additional 40 stories will get



Good job Mandy and Brianna!

another prize. Kids 3-5 can have 40 stories read to them and ages 6-8 will read their own stories. Kids age 9-12 will get a book prize for every 10 hours they read. Teens and adults will receive a raffle ticket for every 10 hours they read for a chance to win a gift card. Eligible reading material can include books,

magazines, newspapers, internet articles, and audiobooks.

Get reading, get logging, and get your free books!



# MOORE TEENS

## BE HEARD! TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Are you a leader? Want to make your voice heard at your library? Awesome! The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is the place for teens to make Moore Library **their** library. TAB is a group that meets at least once a month to talk about ways to make the library a better place. We plan teen events, help decorate the library and design displays, talk about cur-



Display designed and built by the TAB.

rent events that you are interested in, and discuss your favorite books.

It's a fun, easy way to earn leadership hours, meet new people, eat snacks, and make the library a better place. The TAB will meet next on **Friday, July 20th at 1 PM** in the meeting room. For more information about the Teen Advisory Board call Luke, our Young Adult Librarian, at 409-949-3008.

## SUMMER YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS (AGES 12-18)

All Programs will be held in the Walter Holland Meeting Room.

**Wed. July 11th (Ticketed) 2 PM**



Bring out your inner artist and sculpt away!

**Wed. July 25th (Ticketed) 2 PM**



Compete in super fun 60 second games for chances to win prizes!



Board Games You've **NEVER** Played:

On Fridays through August 10th, we will host gaming afternoons at the library in the Holland Meeting Room from **2-5 PM**. Teens ages 12-18 can come to the library to play board games, strategy games, and card games like you've NEVER played before. We have selected fun, award-winning games that are totally unlike any board games you've ever played! We have :



A rousing game of Pandemic in action. Picture by teen volunteer Ashlie.

**Dixit:** Can you guess the story in the cards? A truly unique game of imagination.

**Dominion:** Use your cards to build your resources and dominate!

**Fluxx:** a fast-paced card game in which the rules are always in flux

**Forbidden Island:** a cooperative game of treasure hunting on an ever-sinking island

**Fresco:** Become the ultimate painter in this unique strategy game

**The Great Dalmuti:** Players take their places in the pecking order,

from Greater Peon to Greater Dalmuti, and try to ditch the cards in their hands.

**Munchkin:** use cards to create your own bizarre heroes and battle monsters. We

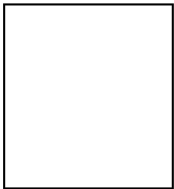
now have Munchkin, Munchkin Bites (vampires, werewolves, and changelings), and Axe Cop (monsters and heroes from the mind of a five year old boy).

**Pandemic:** Work together to stop the diseases before all humankind is doomed!

**Settlers of Catan:** an award-winning strategy game of conquest through building.

Want something more traditional? Play a rousing round of chess or the ancient strategy game Go. We also have party games like **Apples to Apples**, **Cranium**, and **Scattagories** as well as all classic board games like **Monopoly**, **Scrabble**, **Sorry**, and more.

Gaming Friday Dates	
Fri. July 6th	2 PM-5 PM
Fri. July 13th	2 PM-5 PM
Fri. July 20th	2 PM-5 PM
Fri. July 27th	2 PM-5 PM
Fri. Aug. 3rd	2 PM-5 PM
Fri. Aug. 10th	2 PM-5 PM



Moore Memorial Public Library  
1701 9th Avenue North  
Texas City, Texas 77590

## Become a Friend of the Moore Memorial Public Library

### Friends Membership Form

Please return this form, along with your payment, to Friends of Moore Memorial PL, 1701 9th Avenue North, Texas City, TX 77590. Thank you for supporting the library.

The Friends' dues for calendar year 2012(Jan. 1, 2012 through Dec. 31, 2012) are the following:

#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

*Please make checks payable to Friends of MMPL.*

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Individual (\$10) \_\_\_\_

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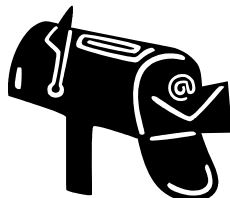
Senior Citizen 60+(\$5) \_\_\_\_

Student (\$5) \_\_\_\_

Sustaining (\$50) \_\_\_\_

Valued Friend (\$100) \_\_\_\_

Life Member (\$1,000) \_\_\_\_



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