NWAL News from the Stacks

SEPTEMBER 2026

PA FORWARD STAR PROGRAM — GOLD LEVEL LIBRARY

North Wales Area LIBRARY

The Bookmark Bulletin: September Edition
by: Jennifer M. Koch

Back to School, Back to the Library

As summer winds down and students prepare to head back to the classroom, all of us at **the North Wales Area Library** want you to know how much we will miss seeing you during the day! But remember — we are still here for you after the school day ends.

Stop by, tell us what you're learning, share what you're excited about, and let us know what adventures await you this school year. Whether you need a book, a quiet place to study, help with a project, or just a friendly face, your library is here for you.

Dare to Donate: You Did It!

A huge thank-you goes out to everyone who supported us during **Dare to Donate** in August. Thanks to your generosity, we reached our first goal of **$3,000** and unlocked all the dares. Then, in true North Wales fashion, you helped us swiftly glide right past our second goal of **$5,000**, finishing at an incredible **$5,003!**

Congratulations to our lucky winner, **Helen S.**, who walked away with **$610 in gift cards** through our **No More Dirty Dishes fundraiser**. Don't worry — we plan to bring it back next August for another lucky winner!

Pies, Purple Dinos, and Permanent Ink

A special thank-you goes to North Wales Borough **Mayor Neil McDevitt** and Upper Gwynedd Township **Commissioner Denise Hull**, who bravely took pies to the face for a great cause.

And if you happened to see a purple dinosaur — not Barney! — walking down Main Street in North Wales on Friday, yes, that was us. The dino was out spreading the word and encouraging everyone to get their library card at **North Wales Area Library**.

August 29th, **Miss Jennifer and Miss Megan** will complete the final dare: permanent ink at **North Wales Finest Tattoo**!

We are so grateful to everyone who participated, volunteered, cheered us on, or found themselves involved by matter of location — including **Jen DiMario, Jeff Ferguson, Nicole Skinner, Erin Thompson, Jeff Skinner, and Rowan Crammer**. We appreciate each one of you.

Now the big question is: **What will we come up with for next year?**

Page to Broadway Gala: The Curtain Is Rising

September also brings one of our most exciting events of the year: our **Page to Broadway Gala**. We could not be more thrilled about the incredible collaborations already taking shape. During the VIP Hour, we are excited to welcome **Peter Macklin**, a playwright and actor from New York, who will help make the evening even more memorable.

Our main performances will feature a talented performer from **Drexel University**, a former choral director from **Berks County**, a string trio from the **North Penn School District**, and more surprises still to come.

Raffles, Silent Auction, and Special Touches

This year's gala will include six amazing raffle baskets, and a silent auction filled with incredible items, including signed memorabilia from **Chase Utley, Saquon Barkley, Kyle Schwarber, and Jason Kelce**, along with trips, purses, and so much more. Truly, there will be something for everyone.

We are also grateful to our wonderful event partners. **Poppin with Pride** is creating a VIP photo opportunity you will not want to miss, **Outloud Productions** is providing stunning backlighting and sound, and **Sal's Landscaping's designer Michelle** is creating some of the most beautiful centerpieces for the evening.

We have a few surprises in store for our amazing guests, and we cannot wait to share them with you.

Get Your Tickets Before They're Gone

Tickets are going quickly, and our **VIP Hour is just about sold out!** Be sure to get your tickets before they are gone by visiting:

https://givebutter.com/c/BroadwayBound

You can also check out our auction through the same event page. It is not live just yet, but you can follow along as new items are added.

We cannot wait to celebrate with you in September. Thank you for supporting your library, showing up for our fundraisers, laughing along with our dares, and helping us continue to serve this incredible community.

See you at the library — and at the gala!

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Visit our Website!

www.northwaleslibrary.org

Follow us on social media

https://www.facebook.com/NorthWalesAreaLibrary

https://www.instagram.com/northwalesarealibrary/

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Page to Broadway Gala

September 24 | 5:30 PM

JOIN US FOR A SPECTACULAR NIGHT WHERE LIVES CHANGE THROUGH LITERACY!

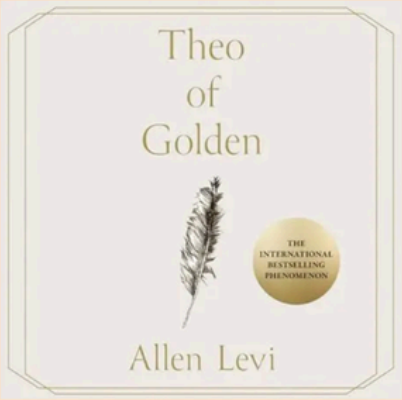
Semi-formal attire required.

https://givebutter.com/c/BroadwayBound

Joseph Ambler Inn
1005 Horsham Road, North Wales

The Pairing Shelf at NWAL

BOOK RECOMMENDATION ACCOMPANIED BY A SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRING



I'm on my journey to achieve my goal of reading 60 books within a year, and ***Theo of Golden*** by Allen Levi is the 39th book on my list. Whether I reach this goal has become irrelevant after experiencing this book. I can genuinely say it stands out as my favorite read so far this year.

If you find the world challenging and filled with division, this book will restore your faith in humanity. I truly appreciate the hope and strength that the main character brings to his new community as he embarks on his quest.



Indulge in a delightful Portuguese Port Wine paired with a creamy pastry! Picture a dessert wine served alongside a phyllo-like cup brimming with smooth custard.

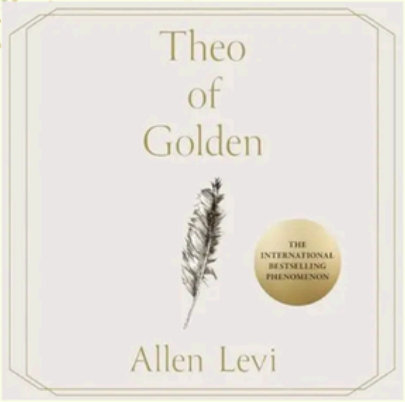


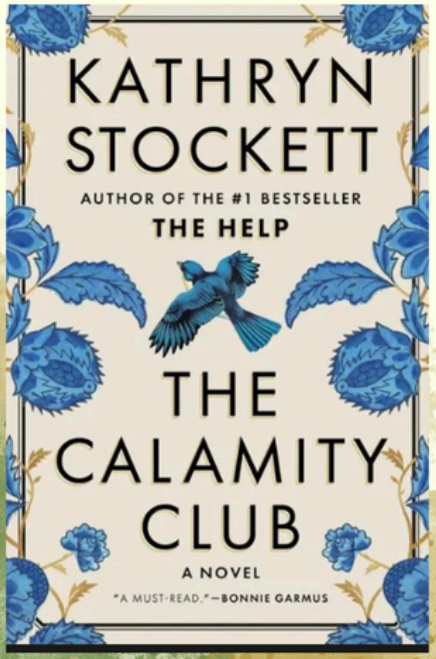
Read this

NEXT...

Theo of Golden follows an elderly Portuguese man who anonymously returns 92 pencil portraits to their subjects, transforming a Southern town through quiet acts of kindness and revealing hidden connections.

Heartwarming, sweet, poignant...





Set in 1933 Oxford, Mississippi, The Calamity Club follows the lives of eleven-year-old orphan Meg Lefleur, bookkeeper Birdie Calhoun, and Meg's mother, Charlie. Their paths converge in a corrupt orphanage, leading to a secret plan that gives rise to an illicit club aimed at reclaiming their freedom.

This book is quite extensive and tackles challenging women's issues that are intricately woven throughout the narrative. Having read it myself, I found that the themes of the plot resonated with me long after I finished the book.

Basic Literacy

North Wales Area Library Clubs: September

Tea, Talk & Titles - September 9th - 3PM
A Murder is Announced - Agatha Christie

Mystery & Merlot Book Club - September 10th - 6PM
God in the Woods - Liz Moore

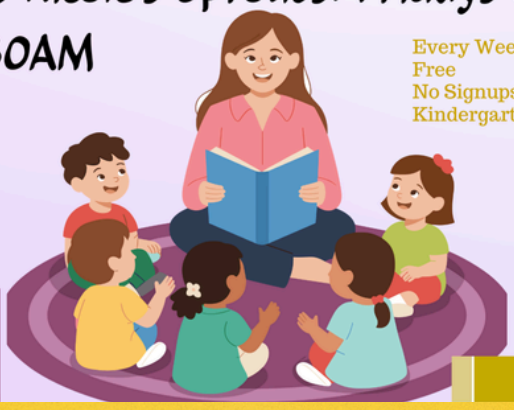
Sci-Fi Book Club - September 17th - 6PM
Neuromancer - William Gibson

Plot Twist & Pour Book Club - October 1st - 6PM
Murder on the Upper East Side - GiGi Waldorf
(at Giuseppe's in Lansdale)



STORYTIME @
North Wales Area Library

- Kindergarten Prep: Mondays at 11AM
- Miss Vicki's Storytime: Tuesdays at 10AM
- Miss Erin's Storytime: Thursdays at 11AM
- Miss Nicole's Sprouts: Fridays at 10:30AM



Every Week
Free
No Signups except for Kindergarten Prep

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Basic Literacy

STORYTIME
AT
NORTH WALES FARMERS MARKET

9:15 AM

SUNDAY, SEP 6 — MISS ERIN
SUNDAY, SEP 20 —MISS JENNIFER
SUNDAY, OCT 4 —MISS NICOLE

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NORTH WALES AREA LIBRARY

STEAM Play Group

AGES 1-5

SEPTEMBER 1ST, 15TH, AND 29TH @ 10:30AM



All of our children's programs are designed to be inclusive, welcoming participants of all abilities. If you require any accommodations, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at ethompson@northwaleslibrary.org.

RPG MEETUP

MEETS THE 1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS OF EVERY MONTH

STARTS AT 6PM

FROM BEGINNERS TO NOVICES

SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

DICE & CHARACTER SHEETS PROVIDED





LOCATION:
233 SWARTLEY ST, NORTH WALES, PA 19454



Deep Dive Readers
BOOK CLUB

Deep Reading Book Club for 4th through 8th grade students
Bring a friend and explore together!
Parents are welcome!
Tuesdays 4:30 to 5:15 PM
Sept 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29
Run by Adult Volunteer Jane Frankel
Reach out to Jane with questions: janehfrankel@gmail.com
First Book: Mystery in Rocky Mountain National Park. Copies available from Jane for $6.50

TUESDAYS IN SEPTEMBER – 4:30 – 5:15

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BASIC LITERACY

INFORMATION LITERACY

HEALTH LITERACY

PA FORWARD STAR PROGRAM

Toddler Movement Class



September 2nd and 16th @ 11am

Registration required for each class!

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HEALTH LITERACY

INSIDE YOUR BRAIN: PSYCHOLOGY FOR KIDS

Join one of our fabulous Teen Volunteers for a 5 week program exploring the brain. Kids will play interactive memory games, explore optical illusions, engage in mindfulness activities, work on identifiying feelings and emotions and more. Register online and reach out to Nicole with questions: nskinner@northwaleslibrary.org

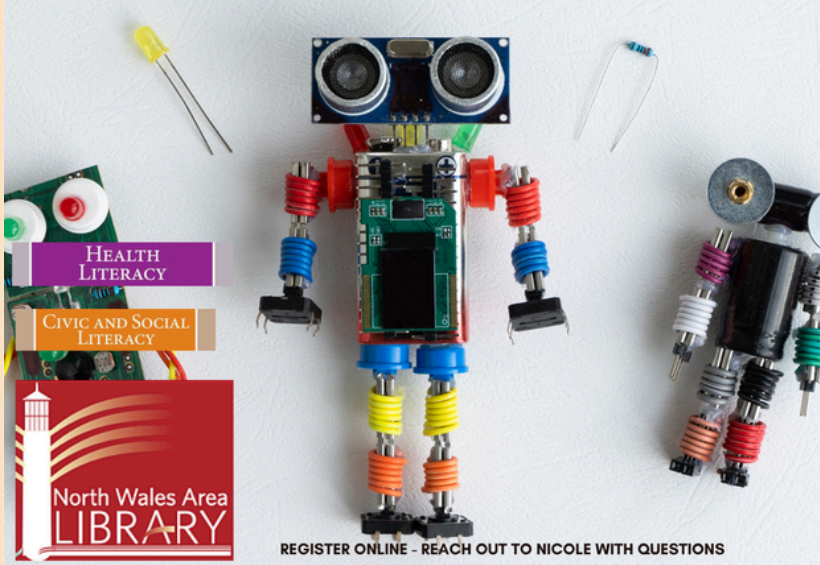
Thursdays starting in August

Children Ages 6-10

Register Online

HOMESCHOOL STEM

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
12:00 - 1:00 PM STEM EXPLORATION SERIES
DISCOVER, TINKER, AND CREATE! KIDS WILL EXPLORE SIMPLE CIRCUITS, CODING ROBOTS, 3D PENS, AND MORE IN THIS HANDS-ON PROGRAM.
🔬 BEST SUITED FOR ELEMENTARY-AGED CHILDREN
🎉 FUN • CREATIVE • INTERACTIVE



HEALTH LITERACY

CIVIC AND SOCIAL LITERACY

REGISTER ONLINE - REACH OUT TO NICOLE WITH QUESTIONS
NSKINNER@NORTHWALESLIBRARY.ORG

Toddler Art

Ages 1-5

Wednesday, September 9th @ 11am

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BASIC LITERACY

*Registration required and will be posted on our website below.
www.northwaleslibrary.org



Great Motor Skill Craft for Toddlers!

Teddy Bear Sleepover at the Library



Your stuffed animal is sure to have countless stories to share!

DON'T LET YOUR STUFFED ANIMALS MISS THE CHANCE TO JOIN IN ON THIS AMAZING NIGHT OF FUN AT THE LIBRARY!

Join Us For a Bear-y Delightful Tea Party!

- Date: September 12th, From 3:00 to 4:30 PM
- Cost: $20.00 per person/pay at event with cash or through Givebutter
- Includes: Light snacks and tea
- Special Treat: Each child will receive their very own bear to take home!
- Additional Fun: Enjoy various games and activities!

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED



Kindergarten Prep Story Time

North Wales Area LIBRARY

Play

Learn

Read Stories

CIVIC AND SOCIAL LITERACY

Monday, September 14th, 21st, 28th at 11am

registration required

Ages 3-6 only

Parents please stay in the library during storytime.
Any questions please contact Miss Nicole at nskinner@northwaleslibrary.org

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RAINBOW CONNECTIONS

Monday, September 14

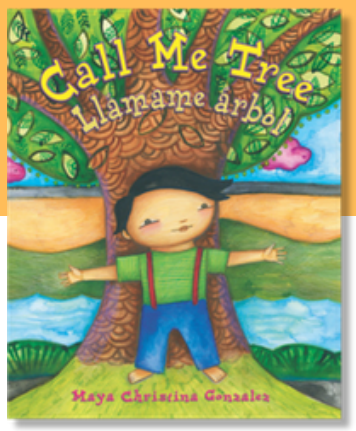
Zoom,6:30-7:30p.m.

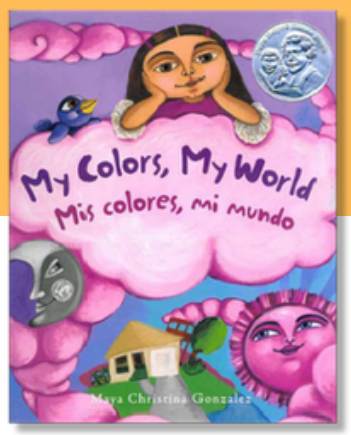
LGBTQ+kids & allies in Kindergarten - Grade 5 are invited to join with or without their grown ups!

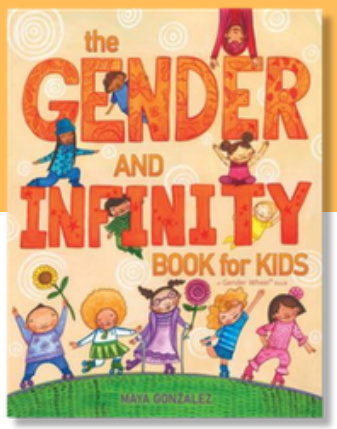
Meet new friends in this safe space!



This month, we will be celebrating the life of Maya Gonzalez, children's book author, artist, and previous Rainbow Connections guest, by reading their books. Children will also participate in a drawing activity.







REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 31

Abington Free Library
1030 Old York Road. Abington, PA
abingtonfreelibrary.org | 215-885-5180

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CIVIC AND SOCIAL LITERACY

PA FORWARD STAR PROGRAM

ENJOY THIS FREE EVENT TO EXPLORE YOUR MUSIC SIDE!

TODDLER PRINCESS SING SING









It's your time to shine! Come and sing and play musical instruments with Miss Erin.

Ages 1-6

September 15th @ 11:15am

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Please register for this event!

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BASIC LITERACY

POWER OF THE PEN



WRITING WORKSHOP WITH CHILDREN'S AUTHOR ERIC BELL



For Tweens/Teens in grades 6-12

THURSDAY | 17 SEPT. | 6:00PM

REGISTER ONLINE

Email Nicole With Questions:
nskinner@northwaleslibrary.org

TWEEN/TEEN CRAFT NIGHT

JOIN US FOR A LAID BACK EVENING RAIDING OUR CRAFT CLOSET: BEDAZZLING, BRACELET MAKING, CLAY ART AND MORE!
BRING A FRIEND!
SNACKS PROVIDED

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH 6:00 PM

FOR TWEENS/TEENS AGES 12+

REGISTER ONLINE
REACH OUT TO NICOLE WITH QUESTIONS:
NSKINNER@NORTHWALESLIBRARY.ORG

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CIVIC AND SOCIAL LITERACY



Create & Connect
Date: September 19
Time: 1:00 – 2:15 PM
Location: North Wales Area Library
Ages: 8–12

CIVIC AND SOCIAL LITERACY

North Wales Area LIBRARY

Join us for the first Library Quest: Time Travelers Edition — Benjamin Franklin and the Secret Powers of the Library

This is an interactive adventure where kids will complete challenges, solve clues, explore hidden library powers, and help a visitor from history discover what today's library can do.

Participants will:

- Solve a time-travel mystery
- Complete hands-on activity stations
- Discover library resources beyond books
- Unlock secret clue words
- Earn their first official Library Quest badge

Your mission: Explore. Learn. Discover.

Registration:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FABAC2FA3FEC07-64641009-library

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TODDLER PRINCESS SING SING







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Ages 1-6

September 25th @ 10:30am

NORTH WALES AREA LIBRARY

Please register for this event!

MONTGOMERY COUNTY STORY TIME



Join North Wales Area Library for a monthly storytime with stories, songs, and a craft at the Montgomery Township Community Center the last Wednesday of the month at 10am

Last Wednesday of the Month 10am

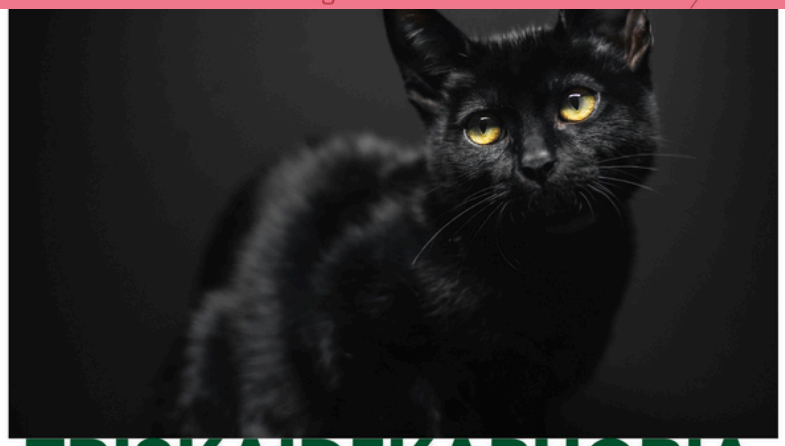
- **September 30th**
- **October 28th**
- **November 25th**
- **December 30th**

More info:

Reach out to Nicole:
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TRISKAIDEKAPHOBIA

Museum of Early Trades & Crafts at North Wales Area Library

Perfect for Halloween time or Friday the 13th, this program discusses many of our common superstitions and the origins of these strange beliefs.

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BASIC LITERACY

October 17th
1-2:00 PM

Registration Required:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FABAC2FA3FEC07-64792182-museum



WIT or WITHOUT Philadelphia Trivia Night

North Wales Area LIBRARY

October 24th
6:00 - 7:30 PM
@North Wales Area Library
Philly Snacks Provided
"Youse" come & test your skills!
$20/pp

https://givebutter.com/philly-phacts-jawn-atpifb



BASIC LITERACY

Calendar

General Calendar

See other side for Children/Teen Calendar

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Mahjong/Canasta 12pm	2 RPG Meet-up 6pm	3	4 Canasta 12pm	5
6	7 Library closed for Labor Day	8 Liz Hanbidge Mobile Office 11:30am Mahjong/Canasta 12pm	9 *Adult Sensory cinema and craft @ 1pm-3pm Tea, Talk & Titles 3-4pm Friends of the Library 6pm	10 Crochet with the Director 12pm Climbing Your Family Tree through Genealogy for Begineers @ 1pm *Mystery & Merlot Book Club 6pm	11 Canasta 12pm	12
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20	21 Mahjong 1pm	22 Mahjong/Canasta 12pm	23 North Wales Library Board Meeting 6:30pm	24 2026 Gala Library Closing @ 3pm	25 Canasta 12pm	26 North Wales Community Day METC "What's Cooking" 1-2pm
27	28 Mahjong 1pm	29 Mahjong/Canasta 12pm	30 *Adult Sensory cinema and craft @ 1pm-3pm	** Events with an asterisk next time them require registration which can be found on our website		

Upcoming events include a book sale from October 2 to 3 and a hoagie sale on October 3.

Children/Teen Calendar

September 2026

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		1 Miss Vicki's Storytime 10am STEAM 10:30am *Book Club 4:30pm	2 *Toddler Movement 11am	3 Miss Erin's Story Time 11am *Psychology for Kids 4-5pm	4 Storybook Sprouts 10:30am *Homeschool STEM 12:00-1:00pm	5 TAB*-11:30
6 Farmer's Market Storytime	7 Library closed for Labor Day	8 Miss Vicki's Storytime 10am *Book Club 4:30pm	9 *Toddler Art 11:15am	10 *Sensory Explorers Club @ 10am & 5:30pm Miss Erin's Story Time 11am *Teddy Bear Sleepover	11 Storybook Sprouts 10:30am Teddy Bear Pickup 11-4pm	12 *One in Math 11am *Tea with a Bear ($20 fee) 3pm-4:30pm
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