

# CONNECTIONS

## Meet your book club match

Passionate about reading? Check out the library's book clubs! Turn the page on a new book club and you might just fall head over heels.

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## Board of Trustees Meeting

The Campbell County Public Library's Board of Trustees meets at 5:30 pm on the third Wednesday each month. Depending on coronavirus restrictions, the meeting may be on YouTube or in-person. Visit our website for the most current information. During the pandemic, all in-person board meetings will be at the **Newport Branch** since meeting rooms at the other branches are being used to quarantine items. All board meetings are open to the public. Next meeting dates are: Feb. 17, March 17 & April 21.

## We suggest

### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: OUR FAVORITE BOOKS BY BLACK AUTHORS



#### *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston

It offers a deep portrayal of the American south and one woman's journey to find freedom and power within herself. Sometimes gritty, sometimes soft, always honest.

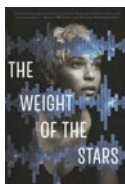
— Kelsey Stratton, adult outreach services assistant



#### *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly

I love history and finding out about events that are not written about in textbooks. These women were amazing on so many levels.

— Toni Reinke, library page, Newport Branch



#### *The Weight of the Stars* by K. Ancrum

K. Ancrum's books are beautifully written and her characters are so lovable. *The Weight of the Stars* is my favorite of her works. It's about Ryann Bird, a teenage orphan taking care of both her younger brother and his infant son. She thinks her future is limited by her current circumstances until she meets Alexandria, a prickly girl with whom she shares a fascination with space.

— Leah Byars, collection services assistant



#### *The Field Guide to the North American Teenager* by Ben Phillipe

It's funny and the main character is relatable in a snarky, introverted kind of way.

— Lisa Kuhn, patron services assistant, Newport Branch



#### *New Kid* by Jerry Craft

This graphic novel tells the story of Jordan Banks, who experiences culture shock when he first enrolls at a private school. It shows how even though he doesn't necessarily want to attend, once he makes friends he can eventually enjoy where he is.

— Rodney Harris, patron services assistant, Newport Branch



#### *Dream Big Little One* by Vashti Harrison

It's a lovely board book adaptation of Vashti Harrison's *Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History*, which is made for little ones who aren't ready to settle in for a longer read.

— Amy Carroll, adult/teen programming coordinator, Cold Spring Branch

**BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH**



Are you related to a famous historical figure? Does royal blood run in your family? Trace your family's lineage using Ancestry Library Edition from the comfort of your own home. Uncover immigration records, history, photos and more pulled from over 7,000 available databases. The program is accessible via remote access through the end of March, courtesy of ProQuest and Ancestry.com. For more info, visit [www.cc-pl.org/ancestry-library-edition](http://www.cc-pl.org/ancestry-library-edition).

## Learn Something New with Universal Class

Level up your knowledge with Universal Class, a free service with your library card that offers over 500 online courses. The classes are designed and led by professionals. There's a variety of subjects to choose from, whether you want to dive into psychology, brush up on your grammar or learn business skills. They include videos, assignments, quizzes, tests and options to connect with other learners – all at your own pace. Learn more at [www.cc-pl.org/universal-class](http://www.cc-pl.org/universal-class).





## Meet Your Book Club Match, *continued from cover*

The library offers a dozen groups for readers of all ages and interests to connect with one another over a shared love – reading. No strings attached: book clubs operate on a drop-in basis.

Book clubs for kids and tweens are currently held only through Zoom. For adult and teen book clubs, you can opt to attend the meeting via Zoom or in-person. Registration is required for all book clubs. Programs will move to Zoom-only if the county is in the red zone for COVID-19. You can check out all our offerings and register to attend at [www.cc-pl.org/book-clubs](http://www.cc-pl.org/book-clubs).

Here are a few that might make for a perfect “match.”

## Coffee & Conversation

*Meets 2 pm, 2nd Tuesday of the month*

Morgan Lockard, Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch adult/teen services librarian, heads this club meant for adults.

Though Coffee & Conversation is relatively young – it formed around a year and a half ago – Lockard said she is proud of the members’ abilities to discuss topics in a friendly, honest way. Join and you may even be exposed to a genre you’ve yet to explore.

“If you have a great anecdote that relates to the book’s subject then we encourage you to share it,” Lockard said. “I enjoy how well this group can connect any book to their own life experiences and what is going on in the world around us.”





## Homeschool Book to Movie Club

*Meets 11 am, 3rd Thursday of the month*

It's a question that has been posed for generations: "Which do you prefer – the book or the movie?" It's also the basis for this club aimed at homeschoolers ages 8-12. Launched in January, Brittany Parr, Cold Spring Branch children's services programmer, has wanted to bring the idea to life for quite some time.

Each month the club convenes to chat about a book and its film counterpart. Register and get a copy of the month's book to keep.

"I think children have so many different options for entertainment now, which is why I wanted to incorporate the movie idea," Parr said. "Maybe a child watched the movie and loved it so much it got them interested in picking up the book. Then the next book they read before the movie."

As for Parr's take on the age-old debate? She's torn!

## Alexandria Book Club

*Meets 7:30 pm, 3rd Thursday of the month*

Leading Alexandria Book Club was entirely new ground for Noah Bartel, Alexandria Branch supervisor. Prior, he hadn't participated in one. But, since he began, there have been "tons of good times and laughter."

"Book clubs allow us to offer a more interactive, conversational aspect to our selection," Bartel said. "Not only that but it facilitates an environment to discuss our differences and celebrate the diversity we have in Campbell County."

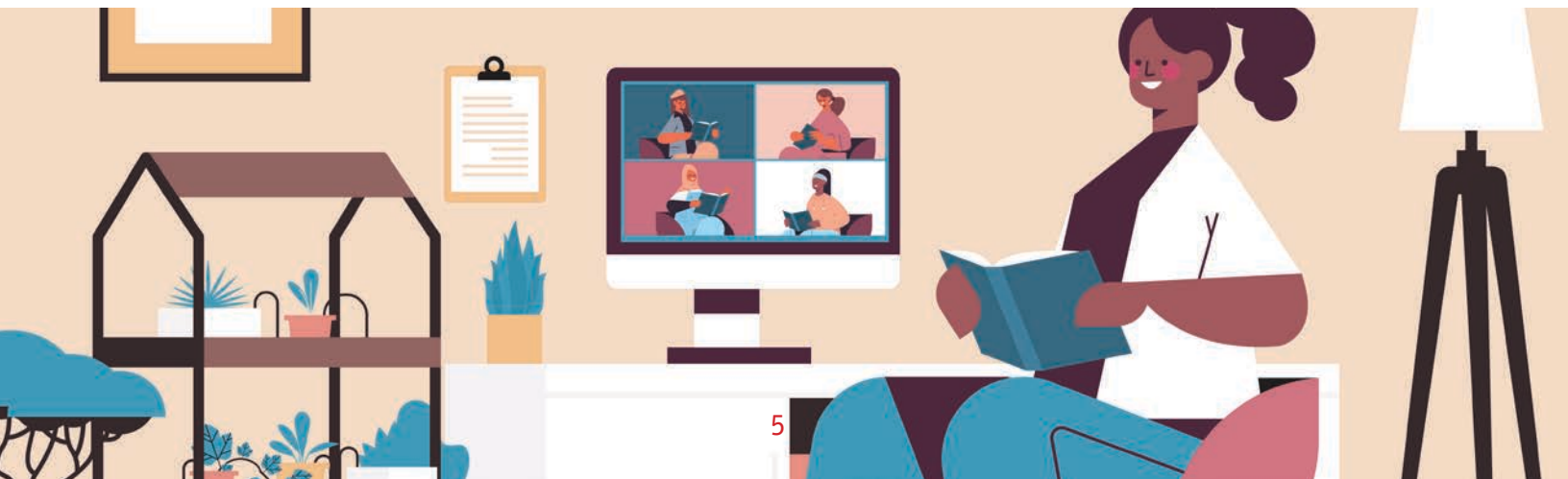
Plus, as he points out, you may just leave with a better understanding of the book by hearing different interpretations. Still on the fence about joining? Take it from Bartel: "I'd say, 'Just give it a whirl.'"

## Tween Book Club

*Meets 4 pm, 2nd Friday of the month*

Jessi Holloway, Newport Branch children's services programmer, runs the Tween Book Club, which participants (ages 8-14) can register for and receive a copy of the month's book.

"I've been proud of the level of empathy and wisdom I've heard so far in the tweens," Holloway said. "Kids aren't given enough credit for their intelligence and insight into things we think are above them. When someone is there to guide a conversation in an age-appropriate way, you really hear some wonderful comments."



# Adults

## February Calendar

**Love You to Pieces**  
6 pm Monday  
Feb. 8.



### Zoom Programs

*Registration is required for these online programs. Registrants will receive an email with the login information on the day of the program. These are live events only offered at the time and date listed. You are not required to have a Zoom account to join.*

### Healthy Choices for Every Body

6:30 - 8 pm Wednesdays

Feb. 3 - "Meal Planning"

Feb. 10 - "Food Safety"

This Zoom series is meant to help families plan healthy meals from start to finish. Melissa Pilcher, nutrition education assistant from the Campbell County Extension Office, will teach skills from how to budget to how to cook. Register.

### A Deeper Dive Into Your Car with Mechanic Shop Femme

7-8:30 pm Wednesday, Feb. 3

Chaya Milchtein of Mechanic Shop Femme returns to guide you through more complex car maintenance topics like tune-ups, transmission fluid, cleaning your car and

more – all in an easy to understand format. Register. Teens also welcome!

### Yoga & Meditation

7 pm Tuesday, Feb. 9 & Feb. 23

Instructor Phoenix Wilson will guide you through the practice of yoga and meditation during this online class. All welcome. Register.

### Food for Thought: The Ancient Olympics

6:30-8:30 pm Tuesday, Feb. 16

The second installment of City Barbeque's Food for Thought lecture series features professor Kathleen Quinn debunking myths and sharing the history of the ancient Greek Olympics while looking ahead to the Tokyo 2021 Olympics. Those who attend will have a chance at winning a City Barbeque gift card.

### Hybrid Programs

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### You've Been Booked

7 - 8:45 pm Monday, Feb. 1

***The Wind in the Willows*** by Kenneth Grahame. Open to both adults and teens. Register. In-person meeting at **Cold Spring Branch**.

### Newport Book Club

7 pm Tuesday, Feb. 2

***The Silent Patient*** by Alex Michaelides. Register. In-person meeting at **Newport Branch**.

### Brown Bag Book Club

Noon Wednesday, Feb. 3

***The Dry*** by Jane Harper. Register. In-person meeting at **Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch**.

### Coffee & Conversation

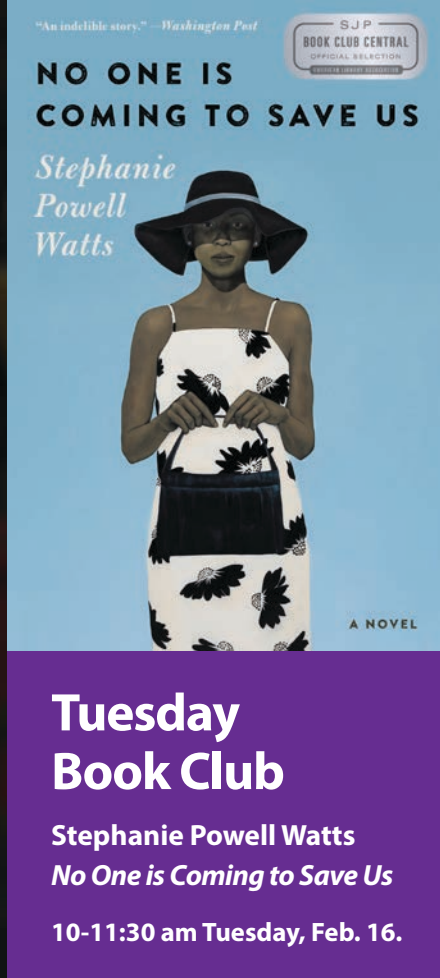
2 pm Tuesday, Feb. 9

***Banking on Trouble*** by Kathi Reed. Register. In-person meeting at **Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch**.

### Cup of Crime Book Club

7 pm Wednesday, Feb. 10

***The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*** by Kim Richardson. Register. In-person meeting at **Cold Spring Branch**.



## Tuesday Book Club

10 - 11:30 am Tuesday, Feb. 16

***No One is Coming to Save Us*** by Stephanie Powell Watts. Register. In-person meeting at **Cold Spring Branch**.

## Young Adult for Grown Adults Book Club

7 pm Tuesday, Feb. 16

***Turtles All the Way Down*** by John Green. Register. In-person meeting at **Newport Branch**.

## Alexandria Book Club

7:30-8:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 18

***The Great Alone*** by Kristin Hannah. Register. In-person meeting at **Alexandria Branch**.

## Real Men Read

7-9 pm Thursday, Feb. 25

***Manhattan Beach*** by Jennifer Egan. Register. In-person meeting at **Cold Spring Branch**.

## Play Online

## Dungeons and Dragons on Roll20

5 - 8 pm Friday, Feb. 5

Join Dungeon Master Clara as she leads you through a virtual D&D adventure! All you will need is your computer and an internet connection. Register. Ages 13+.

## Take It & Make It

Register for these programs to be put on a list to pick up a Take & Make bag with all supplies and instructions needed. The bags must be picked up at the designated branch by the date and time listed and are available starting a week before.

## Pen Pal Program

Noon Monday, Feb. 8

Connect with a new friend via our Pen Pal Program! Register and the library will pair you with a random individual. Take & Make bags at **Newport Branch**.

## Love You to Pieces

6 pm Monday, Feb. 8

This cute craft takes the best part of puzzles and Valentine's Day and pieces them together. Register. Take & Make bags at **Newport Branch**.

## Galentine's Day

6 pm Thursday, Feb. 11

Celebrating Galentine's Day at home? We've got you covered. Kits include a tea bag, waffle snack and a fun Galentine's Day craft. Register. Take & Make bags at **Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch**.

## YouTube Programs

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## Tech Tutorial: Kentucky Libraries Unbound

6 pm Thursday, Feb. 25

Learn how to use Kentucky Libraries Unbound's website to search for what you want, check out or place items on hold, and download or use your items on your preferred device.

# Teen

## February Calendar

**Anti-Valentine's Day**  
4 pm Thursday  
Feb. 11.



### Zoom Programs

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#### Deeper Dive into your Car with Mechanic Shop Femme

7-8:30 pm Wednesday, Feb. 3

[See description on page 6.](#)

#### Among Us with the Library!

6:30 pm Wednesday, Feb. 10

Will you help save your fellow crewmates as you perform tasks to stay alive or betray your crew as the Imposter? Join us as we play some rounds of the online game Among Us! Register.

#### Anti-Valentine's Day

4 pm Thursday, Feb. 11

Celebrate Anti-Valentine's Day with us on Zoom! Treats can be picked up at the **Newport**

**Branch** up to three days before the event. Register.

#### Tween Book Club

4 pm Friday, Feb. 12

**Megabat** by Anna Humphrey. Register and you can keep a copy of the book while supplies last. Ages 8-14.

#### Teen Anime Club

5-7 pm Monday, Feb. 15

Hang out with us as we watch a few episodes of anime, talk about manga and have some fun! Register. Ages 12-19.

#### How to Make a Graphic Novel with Shannon Wright

10 am Saturday, Feb. 20

[See description on page 10.](#)

#### Virtual Teen Hangout

5-7 pm Monday, Feb. 22

Drop into this virtual Teen Hangout and see your library friends! Register.

#### Kentucky Science Center Virtual Weather Expo

4-5:30 pm Friday, Feb. 26

Explore air pressure, lightning and how people have adapted to various types of weather. Register.

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5 - 8 pm Friday, Feb. 5

[See description on page 7. Ages 13+.](#)



## How to Make a Graphic Novel with Shannon Wright

10 am Saturday, Feb. 20.



### Minecraft Club

5 - 7 pm Monday, Feb. 8

Join local players in the virtual world of Minecraft using the library's server. All you need is a Java Minecraft account. For questions, email [cgerner@cc-pl.org](mailto:cgerner@cc-pl.org). Ages 8-14.

### CCPL Roblox Club

4 pm Saturday, Feb. 27

Play a different Roblox game every month with local kids on private servers hosted by the library. Ages 8-14. Register.

### Take It & Make It

Register for these programs to be put on a list to pick up a Take & Make bag with all supplies and instructions needed. The bags must be picked up at the designated branch by the date and time listed and are available starting a week before.

### Painted Unicorns for Teens

5 pm Wednesday, Feb. 17

Create a whimsical ceramic unicorn. Register. Take & Make bags at **Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch**.

### Paper Tassels

4 pm Friday, Feb. 19

This craft is a creative way to add decoration to just about anything you can think of – handmade garland, best friend keychains and more. Register. Take & Make bags at **Newport Branch**.



### Zen Garden

5 pm Thursday, Feb. 25

Add some relaxation to your life with a zen garden. Register. Take & Make bags at **Newport Branch**.

### YouTube Programs

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### Tween Scene: Tiny Cooking

4 pm Friday, Feb. 5

Has baking ever made you nervous? Try making it smaller! Miss Jessi will show off desserts in their miniature forms that you can recreate at home in their actual sizes. Ages 8-14.

# Children

## February Calendar



**Valentine's Day Science**  
4pm Friday  
Feb. 12.

### Zoom Programs

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### Thursday Morning Story Times

10 am Thursdays

Feb. 4 with **Miss Brittany**

Feb. 11 with **Miss Molly**

Feb. 18 with **Miss Nina**

Feb. 25 with **Miss Jennifer**

Join us for story times via Zoom which include stories and learning activities to help your child develop pre-literacy skills. Register. Ages 2-5.

### If You Give a Kid a Book Club

4:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 11

**A Bike Like Sergio's** by Maribeth Boelts.

Register and you can keep a copy of the book while supplies last. Grades 1-5.

### Tween Book Club

4 pm Friday, Feb. 12

See description on page 8. Ages 8-14.

### Show and Tell

4 pm Friday, Feb. 12

Bring your favorite pet/toy/creation and give a brief, family-friendly presentation about it. Everyone who joins will be given a chance to share their special item and answer questions. Register.

### Puppy Tales

2-3:30 pm Saturday, Feb. 13

Read a story or two to a specially trained therapy dog via Zoom! Sessions will be 15 minutes. Library staff will contact you to schedule a specific time. Register.

### Homeschool Book to Movie Club

11 am Thursday, Feb. 18

**The Watsons Go To Birmingham** by

Christopher Paul Curtis. Register for this program to get a copy of the book to keep while supplies last. Ages 8-12.

### How to Make a Graphic Novel with Shannon Wright

10 am Saturday, Feb. 20

Learn about the art of cartooning with Shannon Wright, illustrator of the graphic novel **Twins**, during this Zoom event. Participants will be entered in a drawing for a copy! Grades 1-5; tweens and teens welcome.

### Cam's Kids Book Club

4:30 pm Tuesday, Feb. 23

**If Pluto Was a Pea** by Gabrielle S.

Prendergast. Register for this program to get a copy of the book to keep. Grades 1-5.

### Minute to Win it

4 pm Wednesday, Feb. 24

Compete in fun 60-second challenges using household items. Kits will be provided with all supplies needed at the **Alexandria Branch** starting Wednesday, Feb. 17. Register.

### Play Online Minecraft Club

5 - 7 pm Monday, Feb. 8

See description on page 9. Ages 8-14.



**Masterpiece Makers:  
Jean-Michel Basquiat**  
4 pm Tuesday, Feb. 16.

### CCPL Roblox Club

4 pm Saturday, Feb. 27

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### Fleece Pillow

4 pm Friday, Feb. 5

Stuff and tie a peace sign or a football pillow. Register. Take & Make bags at **Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch**. Grades 1-5.

### Galaxy Rocks

4 pm Monday, Feb. 15

Make your own galaxy with the help of some paint, a toothbrush and a rock. Register. Take & Make bags at **Cold Spring Branch**. Grades 1-5.

### Masterpiece Makers: Jean-Michel Basquiat

4 pm Tuesday, Feb. 16

Learn about artist Jean-Michel Basquiat and his art style and then make art inspired by his work. Register. Take & Make bags at **Newport Branch**. Grades 1-5.

### Ninja Stress Balls

4 pm Wednesday, Feb. 17

Make a fun, squishy ninja stress ball. Register. Take & Make bags at **Alexandria Branch**. Grades 1-5.

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### Tween Scene: Tiny Cooking

4 pm Friday, Feb. 5

See description on page 9. Ages 8-14.

### Baby Time

10 am Tuesdays

Feb. 2 with **Miss Arden**

Feb. 9 with **Miss Molly**

Feb. 16 with **Miss Nina**

Feb. 23 with **Miss Joyce**

Help build your baby's language skills through engaging and interactive songs, rhymes, simple movement games and books. Ages newborn – 2.

### Valentine's Day Science

4 pm Friday, Feb. 12

Have you ever been curious about what to do with leftover candy hearts? Did you know you can make them dance? We will learn how to make this easy "Dancing Hearts" experiment using simple kitchen ingredients.

### CCPL Reads to Their Pets

4 pm Friday, Feb. 19

Books and pets! What could be better? This month we'll have Mackenzie Manley, Public Relations Coordinator, reading to her cat, Momo and Beth Eifler, Collection Services Coordinator, reading to her dogs, Murphy, Ruby and Annabelle.



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### **Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch**

1000 Highland Avenue  
Fort Thomas, KY 41075  
859-572-5033 — email: [ftinfo@cc-pl.org](mailto:ftinfo@cc-pl.org)

### **Newport Branch**

901 East Sixth Street  
Newport, KY 41071  
859-572-5035 — email: [nwinfo@cc-pl.org](mailto:nwinfo@cc-pl.org)

### **Alexandria Branch**

8333 Alexandria Pike  
Alexandria, KY 41001  
859-572-7463 — email: [alinfo@cc-pl.org](mailto:alinfo@cc-pl.org)

### **Library Express**

Pick up holds and return items  
Silver Grove — Firehouse  
Melbourne — St. Philip Parish Center

### **Hours**

**Cold Spring, Carrico/Fort Thomas and  
Newport Branches**

Monday-Friday 11 am – 7 pm  
Saturday & Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm

**Alexandria Branch**

Tuesday-Friday 11 am – 7 pm  
Saturday 11 am – 5 pm  
Sunday & Monday Closed

### **Services**

Patron Services: 859-572-5041  
Storytelling: 859-572-5039

**Download books & music:**

<https://kyunbound.overdrive.com>

**Download the library app:**

[www.cc-pl.org/app](http://www.cc-pl.org/app)

Visit us online @ [www.cc-pl.org](http://www.cc-pl.org)



## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### **STEAM Month**

Celebrate science, technology, engineering, art and math via programs for all ages throughout March. Hang out with the Cincinnati Museum Center on March 24 at 4:30 pm for their Zoom presentation of "Incredible Insects." Commemorate Pi Day, aka March 14, with our YouTube special. Test your knowledge with a STEAM Trivia Night for adults on Zoom March 26 at 7 pm. Plus, read STEAM books and track your reading on the Beanstack app for the chance to win a \$60 Amazon gift card! Look for more details in the March newsletter or on our website.



### **ADA Compliance Statement**

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