SOUTHEAST LIBRARY SYSTEM

# Southeast Signal

*News, Events, and Information from Around the System*

## From the Director

November is the season for Thanksgiving and this year I felt the need to give thanks for all of you. Nebraskans who are striving to provide library services for their community – no matter the type of community you serve.

From the single person, volunteer public library run from a small room to the staff of large multi-branch institutions like UNL and Lincoln City Libraries. There are so many different ways that people are involved in libraries. There are the librarians who serve in corrections and rehabilitation centers, the board members of our public libraries, the paraprofessionals in academic institutions, the volunteers, the avid users, the elected officials who promote and protect libraries – I could go on, but I only have so much space in the column.

Although library life is often stereotyped as always being calm with no conflicts, it would be foolish to say it never happens. Whether its dealing with budget cuts, cost increases, rude patrons, content challenges, and so many other things, library work is a lot more than just sitting behind a desk and checking in and out books.

Those involved in the library world tend to be some of the most passionate people when it comes to promoting literacy at all ages, preservation of the first amendment, the right for people to be curious about the world we live in, showcasing the amazing diversity in thought and culture of humankind, and so much more.

I'm thankful I had such great people when I was growing up in Nebraska at all stages of my childhood and young adulthood. I'm thankful I have worked and continue to work with such great people in this profession.

Happy Thanksgiving everybody!

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# Calendar

**November 16, CASTL, Gilbert Public Library, Friend, "Genealogy Resources"**

**November 23, Thanksgiving, SELS OFFICE CLOSED**

**November 24, SELS OFFICE CLOSED**

**November 25, SELS Friends' Book Fair at Barnes and Noble (online and at SouthPointe, Lincoln)**

**November 25, Marc Brown's birthday**

**November 29, Louisa May Alcott's birthday**

**November 30, Samuel Clemens' birthday (Mark Twain)**

**December 1, Summer Reading Workshop, "Libraries Rock"**

**December1, Rosa Parks Day**

**December 4-10, Computer Science Education Week**

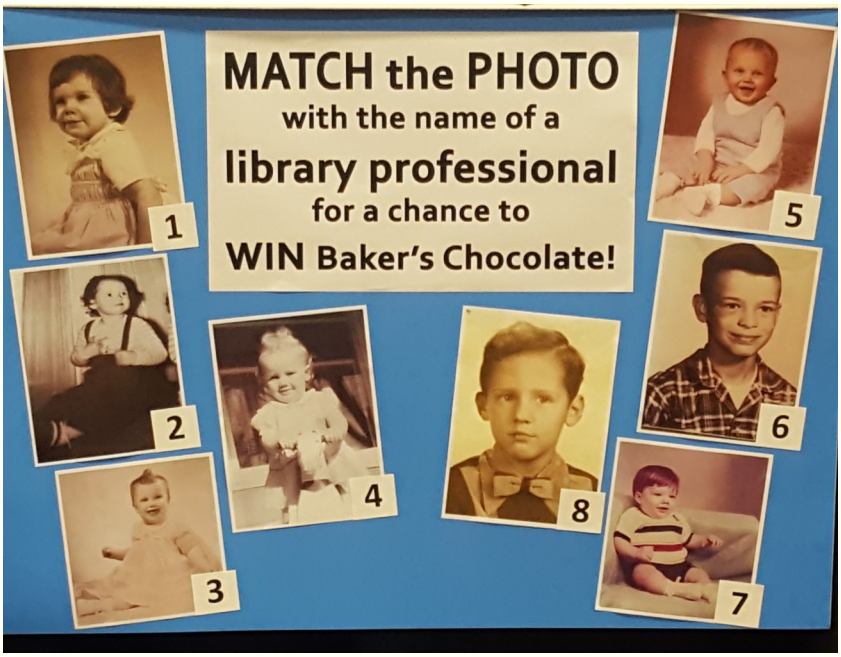
**December 5, International Ninja Day**

**December 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**

**December 7, CASTL, Ashland Public Library, "Makerspace Fun"**

**December 10, Cornelia Funke's birthday**

# Photos of the Month



*The SELS Friends asked NLA/NSLA conference participants to identify the people in the baby photos above for a chance to win Baker's chocolate. Test yourself and then check your answers below!*

*1=Pat Leach. 2=Joan Birnie. 3=Brenda Exley. 4=Rebecca Pasco. 5= Michael Stratatmann. 6=Rod Wagner. 7=Scott Childers. 8=Richard Miller.*

# CASTL Wrap-Up

**Upcoming CASTL Meetings**

November 16
Gilbert Public Library
Friend
"Collecting Genealogy Resources"

December 7
Ashland Public Library
"Makerspace Fun"

January 19
Syracuse Public Library
"Emergency Planning"

February 15
Virgil Biegert Public Library
Shickley
"Privacy Issues"

March 9
Walt Branch Library
Lincoln
"Disasters and Materials"

The Oct. 25 CASTL at Bruun Memorial Library in Humboldt was themed "Helpful Databases." Discussed were not only actual databases, but other types of electronic resources as well.

One resource mentioned was Zinio, which is now known as RB Digital Magazines. It is available as part of the Central Nebraska Digital Coop's offerings. It not only offers a nice format for looking at magazines, but library users get to keep magazines that they download. It was mentioned that usage would depend on how many users in a community use devices to read; sometimes the vast majority prefers print.

Another useful database can be Chilton's. The difficulty lies in marketing the database so that people realize that it is freely available at the library. Mango was also talked about, which is online software for learning languages.

GenealogyBank, which provides access to historic newspapers, was praised as being easy to use and searchable. Unfortunately, it contains no ability to email items. In this context Ancestry.com was also mentioned, with its drawback being that the library version is only available within the library building.

There are also free legal forms for Nebraska available at https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/forms . Another useful link is https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/self-help

Lynda.com is a source of tutorials on a variety of subjects, including computer programming and software such as Excel. Some also like Reference USA and one library has ValueLine (funded by the banks in town).

*Consumer Reports* is available as a separate "database" known as consumerreports.org and tends to be popular. However, Nebraska libraries can already point their users to the *Consumer Reports* magazines and buying guides in Ebsco's MasterFile (NebraskAccess).

The attendees much appreciated the home cooking provided by the library board!

# Upcoming Basic Skills Courses

To see the list of 2018 classes, click here. Here's what's coming up next:

| Dates of Class | Topic | Registration |
|---|---|---|
| January 22-– February 2 | Communication | December 11—January 12 |
| February 12—February 23 | Customer Service | January 8—February 2 |

# News Around the System

## Two Great Programs in Central City

*By Sara Lee, Photos by Judy Marco and Sara Lee*

In our Preschool Story Time kids learned about bats and learned they were good animals to have around because they eat a lot of bugs and insects. We did a song where the children pretended to hang upside down like bats during the daylight and fly around at night. We made batmobiles with little bats hanging upside down.

Game Night for Teens/Tweens was a fabulous way to try out our NEW 65" 4K, Ultra HD TV and Nintendo Switch gaming system! Board games were played, Halloween snacks were devoured, and prizes were given away. It was a very fun evening!

## Fall Displays in Aurora Middle/Sr. High Media Center

*Provided by Emmy Fiala*

Can you tell that Emmy loves fall?!

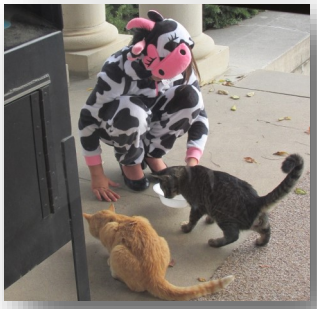
# News Around the System

## Halloween Fun in Fairbury

*By Linda Dux, Photos by Linda Dux and Fairbury Public Library staff*

The Fairbury Public Library hosted nearly 80 children over the course of the evening on Thursday, October 26th.

The 1977 cartoon movie The Hobbit was enjoyed with buttered popcorn. The dragon Smaug was a featured guest. The judges had a nearly impossible task, attempting to choose only 3 winners for the best costumes! Each child received an age appropriate book. Crafts, games and candy rounded out the evening.



## Preschoolers party

*Provided by Ann Garey*

The Polk Public Library recently celebrated a Halloween Party during Preschool Reading Time. Here is a photo of the children in their costumes!

# News Around the System

## Super Heroes in Palmyra

*By Glenda Willnerd, photo by Jackie Thomson-Bremer*

The Palmyra Memorial Library youth advisory team of "super heroes" hosted a trunk at the annual Teammates Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 28th. The library's theme this year was "Library Bat Cave." Over 200 children attended the event. Everyone had a fun time.

## Staff Gets into the Spirit

*Provided by Heather Koenecke*

At Auburn Memorial Library, our two evening librarians got into the spirit on Halloween. Tanya is on the left and Jennie on the right.

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## Halloween Events at Hebron Secrest Library

*By Terry Olson, photos by library staff*

Fall is a busy time of year. A fun group of children joined us for a "Spooktacular" Fall Storytime. Aaron Reynolds' new release *Creepy Pair of Underwear* served as our featured book. No night light is necessary when you have a pair of these undies for they glow in the dark. The children enjoyed stories, crafts, and had fun with their glow in the dark necklaces.

Halloween night was cold, cold, cold, but what fun we had participating in the Chamber's Trunk & Treat Program. Lots of children in fabulous costumes were haunting the streets. Children received treats and were invited to stop at the library to check out some "Spooktacular Books". The old pirate says," It's time for all the young'uns to get '**Hooked Into Reading**'. "

# News Around the System

## White Table Receives Coverage on TV

*Provided by Sara Lee*

Below is the White Table at Central City Public Library. You can access the TV coverage at http://nebraska.tv/features/ntvs-good-life/central-city-public-library-honors-americas-armed-forces-with-white-table-display

## Surviving and Thriving: AIDS Politics and Culture

*Provided by Susie Dunn*

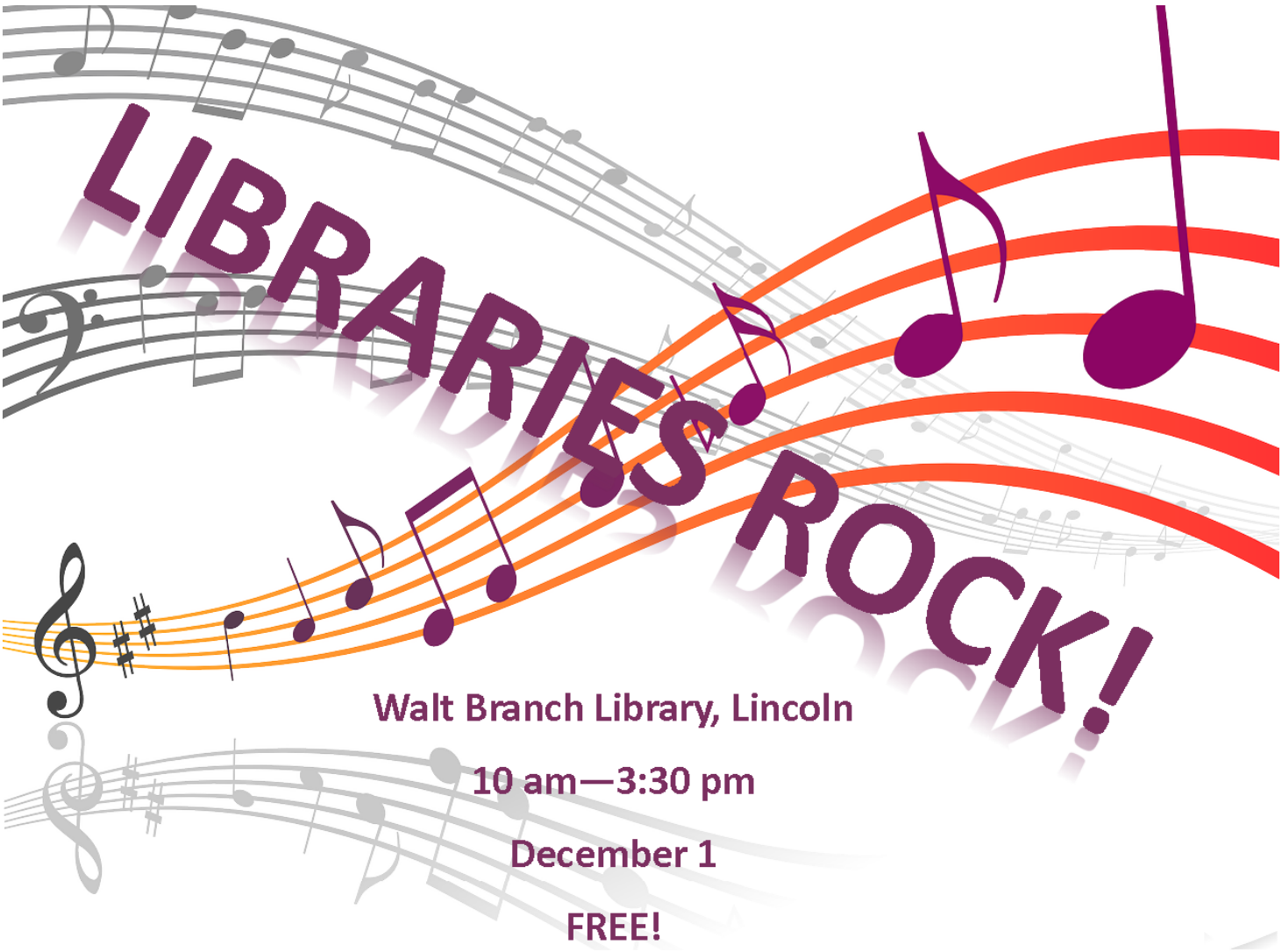
The Southeast Community College Lincoln Campus Library Resource Center is hosting a traveling exhibit "Surviving and Thriving: AIDS Politics and Culture." This informational display has been developed and produced by the Exhibition Program at the National Library of Medicine.

The exhibition explores the rise of AIDS in the early 1980's and the evolving response to the epidemic over the last 30 years. Jennifer Brier, the exhibition curator, explains that "Centering the experience of people with AIDS in the exhibition allows us to see how critical they were, and continue to be, in the political and medical fight against HIV/AIDS." The six-banner traveling display utilizes a variety of historic photographs as well as images of pamphlets and publications to illustrate how a group of people responded to, or failed to respond, to HIV/AIDS. The exhibit will be available November 13 through December 2, 2017.

The hours of operation for the Learning Resource Center are:

- Mon-Thurs: 7:30am-9:00pm
- Friday: 7:30am-5:00pm
- Saturday: 7:45am-Noon

Additional information about the exhibition may be found at https://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/survivingandthriving/




## Walt Branch Library, Lincoln

## 10 am—3:30 pm

## December 1

## FREE!

## Lunch on your own

Agenda:

1. **Books for Summer Reading** with Sally Snyder
2. **Engaging Teens** with Rachelle McPhillips
3. **Music from Around the World** with Dave Marsh

   Humanities Nebraska (HN) provides major funding for this program. The NHC receives support from the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, the Nebraska State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Humanities. This program is free and open to the public.
4. **Music Programming** from Humanities Nebraska
5. **Activity Ideas for Summer 2018**

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HUMANITIES NEBRASKA

**Register at** [http://bit.ly/LibrariesRock](http://bit.ly/LibrariesRock)

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SAVE THE DATE

BARNES & NOBLE
BOOKFAIRS

# *Southeast Library System Friends*

**Saturday, November 25**
**Barnes & Noble**
**SouthPointe Pavilions**
**2910 Pine Lake Road**
**Lincoln, NE**

**Free Gift Wrapping from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

- Remember to tell the cashier your purchase is for the book fair!
- Even your coffee shop and a/v purchases count!

**Contact Jen Jackson at the store for any ordering assistance!**

Can't attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble?

Visit **BN.COM/bookfairs** to support us online from 11/25/17 to 11/30/17
by entering Bookfair ID 12249959 at checkout.

A percentage of your Barnes & Noble purchases will benefit the SELS!

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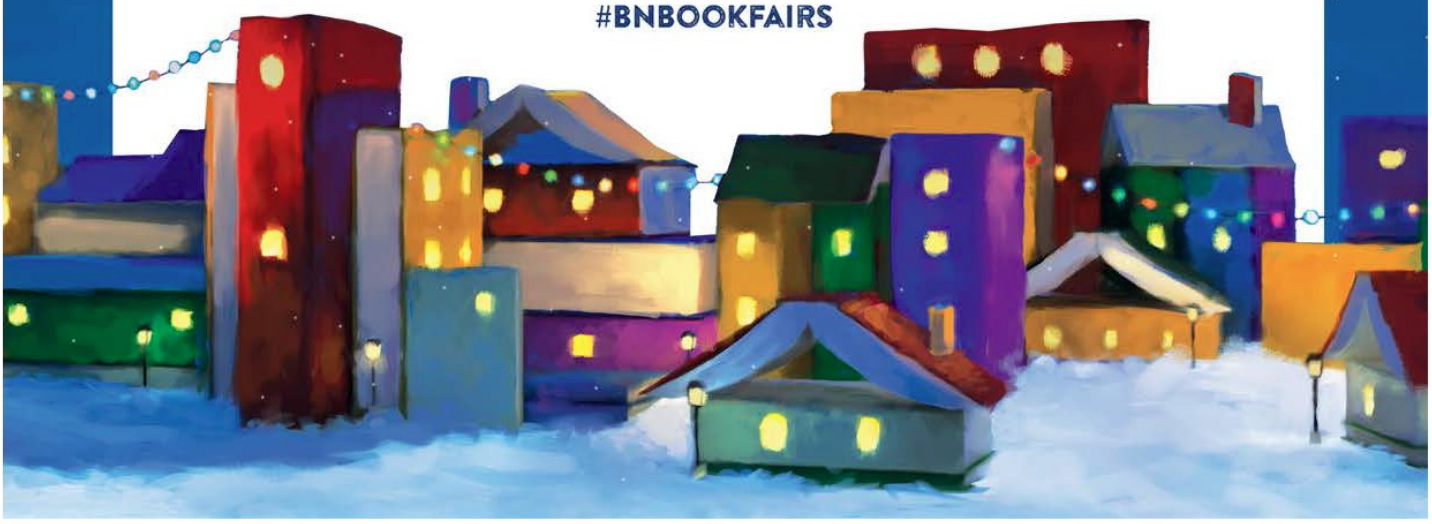

# 2 in 1 Workshop

## Reader's Advisory, 10-12

*How do you best go about recommending books to library patrons? Becky will go over the Reader's Advisory interview, talk about advance preparation, and cover "elements of appeal." Activities and scenarios will be part of this interactive workshop, including a discussion of resources that are free and easily available to help with the process of Reader's Advisory.*

**Free Lunch for those attending both workshops, 12-1**

## Weeding, 1-3

*Do you find it hard to make time for weeding? Becky will make it clear just how important weeding is, and the workshop will include a skit and some great discussion questions to keep you from nodding off in the afternoon.*

FREE!
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## Seward Memorial Library, February 22

## Presenter: Becky Heil (Iowa State Library)

On the registration form you can choose both workshops, or you can select one of the two. Going to both means you also get free lunch!

Register at http://bit.ly/TwoinOne for this free workshop!

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# Library & Information Services

*Online Course Offerings*

**Spring 2018**

**January 8, 2018 – May 3, 2018**

*Registration for Spring Semester opens Nov. 13, 2017*

### *LIBR 2150 Managing Collections in Libraries and Information Agencies*

*Patty Birch, Instructor*

**This course will provide students with an understanding of managing collections in libraries and information agencies, including:**

- **Basics of Collection Management (terminology, models)**
- **21st Century Literacies**
- **Selection (All resources, for all age levels)**
- **Acquisition**
- **Deselection/Weeding**
- **Intellectual Freedom**
- **Copyright**

*Suggested prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library & Information Services.*
*For information regarding course content, contact the instructor at pbirch@cccneb.edu*

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### *LIBR 2210 Cataloging and Classification*

*Ruth Carlock, Instructor*

**This course will include theories, concepts and activities for cataloging and classifying materials in the 21st Century. It includes the following topics:**

- **The bibliographic record**
- **Sears and Library of Congress subject headings**
- **Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress classification systems**
- **The MARC record**
- **Resource Description and Access Instructions**

*Suggested prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library & Information Services*
*For information regarding this course, contact the instructor at rcarlock@cccneb.edu*

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### *LIBR 2940 Library and Information Services Capstone Practicum*

*Erica Rose, Instructor*

**This capstone course is the last course in the Library & Information Services program. Students will complete 40 hours of service learning in a host library. The course also includes a review of the principle pieces of learning from the LIS program.**

*Prerequisites: LIBR 1010, 2100, 2150, 2210, & 2250*
*For information regarding this course, contact the instructor at ericarose@cccneb.edu*

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***For information concerning Admissions or Registration, contact: Dee Johnson djohnson@cccneb.edu, 402-562-1418 or Toll Free at 877-222-0780 ext. 1418***

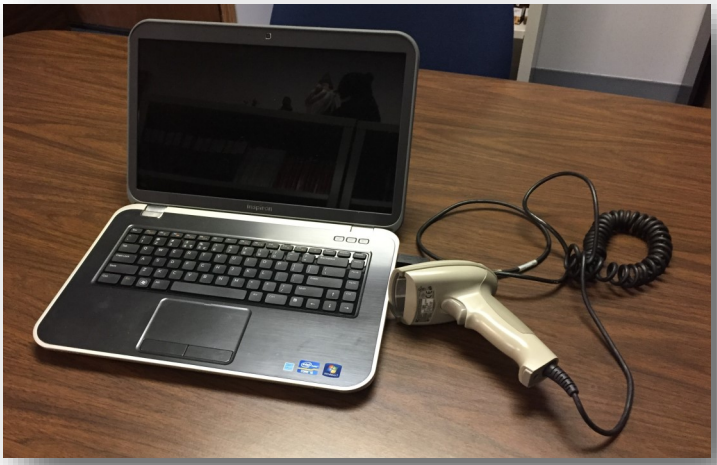
# System Spotlight

## Need to do Inventory? We can help!

**If you feel an inventory is needed at your library, there are two things we can do to help:**

- **Loan you a laptop and scanner, if needed.**
- **Demonstrate in person, at your library, how taking inventory works. That way we can get you up and running so that you can perform your inventory with confidence!**

**It is easiest if you have a cart on which you can transport the laptop and scanner as you move along your shelves—it makes inventory much faster!**

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