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A Letter From Our Director

Summer has snuck up on us again. This, unlike the ofwinter. storms something we can each appreciate. I hope many of you will be able to take advantage of the summer days, by going to a beach, camping, or even a holiday somewhere else. If you can, I want to give you a little reminder. A book is a great thing to accompany you and often takes up very little space in luggage. Even less if it is an eBook or downloadable audiobook.

I recognize also that there are many people who are unable or do not have the chance to vacation during the summer months. For

them, I suggest a journey of a very different kind. Lose yourself in a book series. Travel the routes vour favorite author has painstakingly laid out for you. Go to the places that only exist the in imagination. Meet interesting people, who have never existed. Read.

I wish for you all to have adventures this summer. Be it through lived experiences or between the covers of a book. So, no matter if you are at home, at a cottage or a campsite this summer, make time for yourselves to read a good book. Or a dozen, if you have the opportunity.



Events

July/August/September 2023

Board of Directors 2023 - 2027

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Children's

Programming

Help children discover the joy of reading through our Toddler Time and Storytime series as well as special programs expanding basic literacy.



Preschool Programs School Aged Programs Storytime Schedule

General

Programming

Fun, creative, social programming for all ages to enjoy.



Chess Club Workshops Game Night



Adult Programming

Dig deeper into books, crafts, continuing education, and community through adult programs such as author talks and book clubs at the library.



Book Clubs Chess Club Signature Events

Boomers & Beyond

Engaging programs and services designed to empower older adults, allowing them to keep up with the world and stay current.



Book Chats Workshops VLS Service

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



SEPT. 1 - 30, 2023



Sign up for a Library card and enter our draw to win a

\$200 Station Mall Gift Card

Also... 2 Runner ups will each receive prize filled gift baskets!

Already have a Library Card?

Refer a friend for a Library card and have your name entered in our draw as well!

(remind them to let us know your full name as their referral)





Rules

- An individual signing up for a card can only have 1 person as a referral
- ii. Valid only with a Full Membership sign-up. Library cards are FREE!
- Must show proper identification at the time of sign-up.
- iv. One library card per person.
- v. A person can be a referral for an unlimited amount of people.

Children's Programming

Registered Programs

Baby Time Ages Newborn to 12 Months

Babytime offers the youngest library users and their parents or caregivers the opportunity to share time together at the library. Babies will be exposed to language, books and playful activities. We invite you to come sing, clap, bounce and listen to stories!

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Tuesdays: October 3 - November 7, 2023 10:00 am - 10:30 am **Program Room**

Online registration begins September 12, 2023, 9:00 am.

Register at this link https://ssmpl.ca/kids/ kids-programming/

This program is generously sponsored by



This happy guy was the winner of our Lego My Library **Spring Wrap-up Party Gift Bag!** Congratulations from your Library friends!

Toddler Time



Ages 13 to 29 Months

Get up and get moving at the library with stories, songs and fun that encourages your toddler's development and skills! During these 45 minute programs, library staff share stories, songs, movement activities and crafts to match the emerging skills of your toddler. This program will engage toddlers and teach caregivers how to encourage and support learning through play and fun.

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Thursdays:

October 19th - November 23rd, 2023 10:00 am - 10:45 am **Program Room**

Online registration opens Thursday September 28, 2023 at 9:00 am.

Please visit the Children's programming page at https://ssmpl.ca/kids/kidsprogramming/

This program is generously sponsored by

Zonta Club of Sault Ste Marie Area

Pre-School

Ages 30-48 months

James L. McIntyre **Centennial Library**

Program Room

Wednesdays: Sept. 13 - Nov. 1, 2023 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Children will explore stories and learning activities that encourage them along a lifelong path of reading and learning. All children will have opportunities to engage in activities that focus on pre-reading, numeracy and socialization. Come join us and get ready to read!

Online registration opens Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 9:00 am. Please visit the Children's programming page at https://ssmpl.ca/kids/kidsprogramming/

DROP-IN

Ready, Set, Read Storytime

Children Ages 3+ and Caregiver

Fun activities and crafts to support children's literacy development.

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Wednesdays:

10:00 am - 11:00 am

August 2nd - Sounds & Rhymes

August 9th - Understanding Stories

August 16th - Finding New Words

August 23rd - Print is Everywhere

August 30th - Letters, Letters, Letters



Dove Real Beauty

James L. McIntyre **Centennial Library**



Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023 6:00 pm

Join us this Fall for the Dove Real Beauty Workshop for Girls. By attending this workshop, you will learn how society creates "ideal" images of beauty and how to encourage young girls and women everywhere to embrace a more positive image of themselves, both inside and out.

Space is Limited Online registration begins Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 9:00 am. Please visit the Children's programming page at https://ssmpl.ca/kids/kidsprogramming/

Children's Programming

Drop-in Programs

Summer Lego "Build It" Challenge





Starts Tuesday July 4, 2023 Draw Date: Friday Aug. 25th, 2023

Drop-In program
Everyone Welcome!





Storytime

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Every Thursday starting: July 6th, to August 31, 2023 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Join us Thursday mornings this summer for fun stories and visit the craft table after!

Drop-In program - Everyone Welcome!

Back to Hogwarts



It's Back to Hogwarts Week @ the Library!

August 28 to September 2, 2023

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Drop-in during open hours to get sorted into your Hogwarts house and prepare for another magical school year!

Kids of all ages welcome! No registration necessary

PA DAY OLYMPICS



North Branch

Friday, September 29, 2023 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Join us at the North Branch for some fun PA Day activities. Enjoy games, Build Boxes, Olympic trivia, crafts and a scavenger hunt!

Drop-In program
Everyone Welcome!

PA DAY Cultural Family Fun Day

CULTURE DAYS

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Friday, September 29, 2023

Join us and help celebrate Culture Days with a Cultural Family Fun Day event to be held in **Clergue Park from 10:00 am to 3:00** pm.

Watch for more details in September!

LEGO My Library



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

Thursdays: Sept. 21 - Dec. 14, 2023

Join us as we explore our creativity with LEGOS at the Library! There will be LEGO challenges and free building too!

Drop-in program - Everyone is welcome!

This program is generously sponsored by:



Note: Parents must stay at the library with children under 10 years of age.

Sandman Storytime



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

6:00 - 6:30 pm

Wednesdays: Sept. 13 - Dec. 13, 2023

Sandman Storytime includes stories, rhymes and a simple craft.



Drop-in program - Children of all ages are welcome with their family!

Build Box Fun!

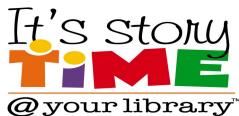


Drop by the James L. McIntyre Centennial Library or the North

Branch and try out one of our many Build Boxes. Visit our website to see the Build Boxes available. https://ssmpl.ca/reading-entertainment/object-library/

Children's Programming





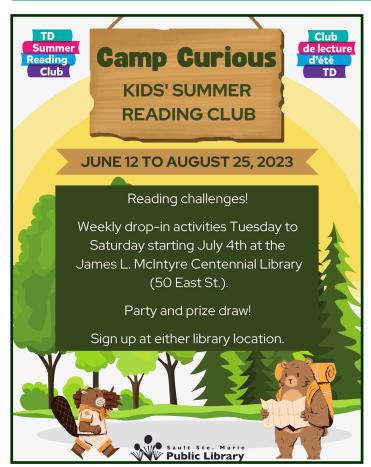
Registration is not required for the following free programs.

Storytimes include stories, rhymes and a craft.

* Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Storytime Schedule				
Day	Location	Storytime	Time	
Tuesday	North Branch	Storytime	11:00 to 11:30 am	
Wednesday	Centennial	Sandman Storytime (Starting Sept. 13, 2023)	6:00 to 6:30 pm	
Thursday	Centennial	Summer Storytime (July and August 2023)	10:30 to 11:00 am	
Friday	Centennial	Storytime (Starting Sept. 8, 2023)	10:00 to 10:30 am	

For more information about Storytimes please call the Children's Desk at 705-759-5241.







COOL ACTIVITIES TO DO OVER THE

SUMMER

using your Library Card!



The Library has passes to some of the city's most popular attractions! The Bushplane Museum, Ermatinger Clergue Historic Site, and the Sault Ste. Marie Museum. You can also visit a Provincial Park with a day pass or go swimming at John Rhodes pool!





Get Active!

Check-out a Disc Golf set for an afternoon of fun or borrow some Walking Poles for a hike on the city's Hub Trails!

You can try out the YMCA for a week with a guest pass, or check-out a Frisbee for a day of fun with your friends!

Going for a bike ride?

The Library has bike locks available for you to use for the day as well!

Electronics

The Library offers electronic devices for our patrons to check-out on their library cards. These items include:

External DVD Drives
Digital Radon Detectors
Thermal Cameras



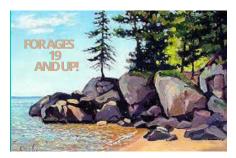
Adult Programming

Summer Programs

Adult Summer Reading Challenge

Superior Summer Reading Contest 2023

July 1st - August 31st



Pick up and drop off your challenge card to either the Centennial or North Branch Library or submit online to j.misener@cityssm.on.ca by August 31st, 2023 for a chance to win one of three, beautiful, locally-inspired prizes! You'll earn a ballot each time you complete a challenge!

For more information contact the Reference and Information Desk @ 705-759-5236.



Fall 2023 Book Clubs

The James L. McIntyre Centennial Library is

hosting three books clubs running from September through December 2023.

Mystery & Suspense Book Club

Held 2^{nd} Wednesday of each month 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Online registration begins Tuesday, August 16th at 9:00 am

The Tuesday Book Club

Held 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Two sessions:

Morning session 10:00 am - 11:30 am Afternoon session 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Online registration begins Tuesday, August 15th at 9:00 am

Watch our Social Media for details on the dates and book titles to be released soon!

Richard Zaric Author Event

Join former Sault resident Richard Zaric as he reads from his 2018 historical fiction novel *Hiding Scars*.



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Thursday July 20, 2023 2:00 - 4:00 pm



Richard has won the Two Sisters Publishing Romance Writing Short Story Contest in 2020. His short stories have appeared in various anthologies including

Through My Eyes, Rabbit Hole V, and Corporate Catharsis. Richard is just as likely to read the latest hot literary novel as he is to flip through an old comic book!

Lake Superior Day

Celebrate Lake Superior Day July 16th. 2023. Lake Superior is the greatest of the Great



Lakes of North America and holds 10% of the world's fresh surface water. Be sure to check the Lake Superior Day display at the James L. McIntyre Centennial Library in July!

First Time Home Buyers: Your Questions Answered!

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Thursday September 14, 2023 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm



Join TD Bank's Personal Banker, Sandra Mongui, to learn more about the purchase of your first home.

Online registration begins August 17, 2023 @ 9:00 am

Visit <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/first-time-home-buyers-your-questions-answered-home-buyers-home-buyers-your-questions-home-buyers-your-questions-answered-home-buye

tickets-664784126217 to register.



The Knit & Crochet Crafters Group



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Wednesday evenings starting September 6th to December 20th, 2023 6:30 - 8:30 pm

All levels of knitters and crocheters are welcome to attend and enjoy the company of others who love the craft! This group of crafters is intended to be self-sustaining Meet at the large table near the DVD collection at the Centennial Library. There may also be opportunity for those who would like to learn, depending on the attendance of those willing to teach!

Bio-Diversity Garden

Have you visited the Bio-Diversity Garden at the James L. McIntyre Centennial Library yet?



There are still some features to be added this summer but in the meantime you can check out some of the native plants growing in the flower beds, sit on a park bench and read a book or just relax for a little while.









General Programming

Game Night All Ages

North Branch

Try one of our board games or bring your own!



Wednesday July 26, 2023 Family Game Night 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Wednesday August 30, 2023 Game Night 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Wednesday September 27, 2023 Game Night 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Drop - In Everyone Welcome!

PFLAG COFFEE NIGHT

North Branch

2nd Wednesday of the Month

July 12, August 9, September 13, 2023 6:30 - 7:30 pm

LGBTQ2S+ drop-in support group. Everyone is welcome from parents to youth and allies!

Chess Club

The Library will be hosting a Chess Club at the North Branch!

North Branch

Tuesdays: Sept. 12 - Dec. 12, 2023 5:00 - 7:30 pm

All ages and abilities welcomed. No registration required.



Teen Advisory Group T.A.G.

An opportunity for teens (13-18) to voice their ideas about what they would like to see more of at the library. Working with library staff, teens will provide input for: Collections, Programming and Marketing. This is a great way to complete your community Service Hours!

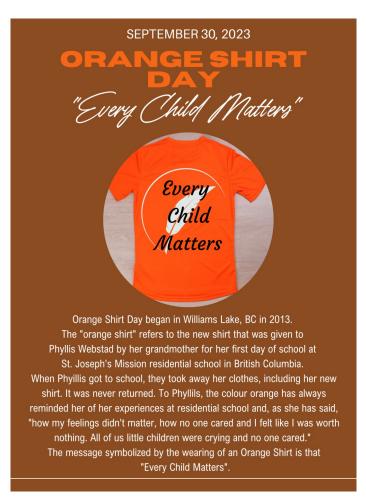
Ideas make you hungry? We will provide food!

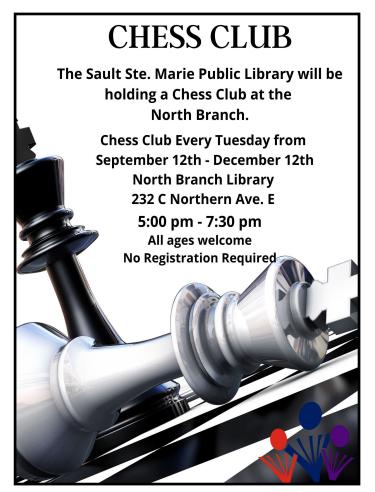
T.A.G. BOOK CLUB COMING SOON!

Contact Bentley:

b.ahonen@cityssm.on.ca for more info!







Boomers & Beyond

Savvy Seniors Book Chals



Active 55+ Savvy Book Chat

Join us at the Bay Street Active Living Centre (619 Bay Street) for our monthly book chat to discuss books, poems, authors and more! All those 55+ are welcome. Registration is required. Call 705-759-5377.

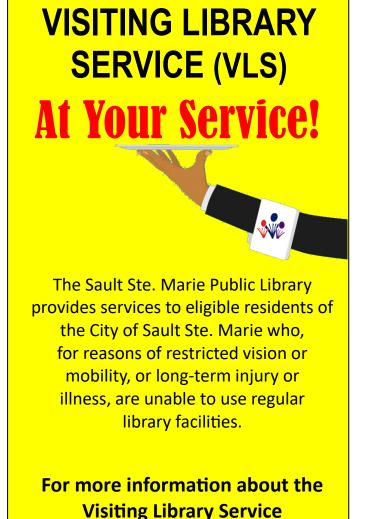
Held the last Tuesday of each month from 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Starting September 25th, 2023

Bay Street Active Living Centre 55+, 619 Bay Street

Facilitated by the Library





please call 705-759-5236



From the Archives of the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library

The Grey Nuns and the Hospital That They Built!

The General Hospital has a long history in the city. In the 1890s the population of Sault Ste. Marie was growing, due to the rise of the Clergue Industrial Empire.

As the community grew a hospital was needed, however the town was still not on sound financial footing in order to be able to build a public hospital. No private citizens at the time were wealthy enough to donate funds for a hospital. Even the federal government had turned down Sault Ste. Marie's request for funds. In June of 1897 T.F. Chamberlain, who was the provincial inspector of asylums and prisons met with the hospital committee and said "If you wish a hospital of which the work is serious and lasting ask the Grey Sisters."

The Grey Nuns can trace their origins back to Marguerite d'Youville. She was born in 1701 in Varennes, Quebec and in 1722 married Francois d'Youville. However, what should have been a period of happiness in her life soon became a life of strife. Out of her six children four died in infancy. Her husband showed little concern for Marguerite and their children. He engaged in the illegal fur and liquor trade and when he died in 1730, left her penniless and in debt. He had squandered the family's money on drinking and gambling.

She didn't let these experiences break her or her faith. Marguerite and three friends decided on December 13, 1737 to dedicate their life to helping the poor, becoming "les Soeurs Grises" the Grey Nuns.

On June 29, 1897, a day after receiving Chamberlain's advice, Dr. Robert Gibson, a local doctor wrote to Sister St. Cyprien, a Grey Sister at St. Joseph's Hospital in Sudbury. The letter provided all of the details needed to establish a hospital, with the exception of the cost of the building since Dr. Gibson was expecting the Grey Sisters to pay for the construction of a hospital. Sister Cyprien initially wrote to Superior General Demers about the proposed arrangement but it was her replacement Superior General Dorothy Kirby that actually completed the deal.

Due to the poor finances of the town the town's council asked the Grey Sisters to hold the mortgage on the lot and building. The town would then pay \$100 a year until the mortgage was paid off. On June 3, 1898 Superior General Kirby accepted the proposal, ensuring that the Sault would have a hospital.

Negotiations began immediately to secure a site and finalize the design of the hospital. Three lots were purchased on the shore of St. Marys River for a total cost of \$2,700. Meanwhile local architect, James Thomson sent his designs to Ottawa for approval. His hospital design ensured free circulation of air and allowed for additional wings to be added with ease in the future. Once they had these matters settled they then addressed fundraising, which included the selling of tickets in the local lumber camps.

The construction of the hospital proceeded slower than expected due to a high water-table and the presence of quicksand. These issues would plague

the General Hospital for years to come. The first nuns arrived by train on September 13, 1898. Since the hospital had not yet been completed, a house was designated as a temporary hospital. This house was located somewhere around the Government Dock near the intersection of Bay and Pim Streets, according to the book, *The Story of Bawating*.

The nuns were given no time to rest upon their arrival. On September 23, 1898 their first case of Typhoid was received with a second Typhoid victim admitted two days later. Out of fear of contracting the disease no one would come to do the laundry so the Sisters were forced to do it themselves. Since there was no water connection to the temporary hospital, they transported barrels of water from the river. In the sisters' publication, the Chroniques, it was noted that during the operation of the temporary hospital 64 patients were cared for with a total of three deaths occurring.

The cornerstone of the General Hospital was laid on September 21, 1898 with many prominent citizens attending. By the time that the General Hospital was completed in September of 1899 it had all of the latest medical equipment and practices at the time, including a quarantine area, pathology lab, x-ray machine and labs for research. It functioned as a Catholic hospital under the administration of the Grey Nuns until provincial funding forced the Plummer and General Hospitals to start the long process, beginning in the 1960s, to merge their services and create one public hospital serving the entire community. This goal was finally realized in 1993 with the new name of Sault Area Hospital being established.

When the General Hospital's grand opening was held on September 28, 1899 little did anyone realize that this would be the start of more than 100 years of providing health care from this location to the citizens of Sault Ste. Marie.



Sisters on the Staff of the General Hospital

Sister St. Leonard; Sister John the Baptist; Sister Teresa Agatha; Sister Mary Dolores, Superior; Sister Catherine of Siena; Sister St. Margaret; Sister Anthony of Padua.

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iister Mary Bartho; Sister Mary Edward; Sister Margaret Anne; Sister Mary Emily; Sister St. Kes iister Mary Jean; Sister St. Macrina.





The Friendly Bookworm

Newsletter of the Friends of the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library



Cash Volunteer Ruth and Friends Vice-President Nina are with Karen from the Sault's new Youth Wellness Hub, opening soon on Dennis Street.

The Friends donated books to create a reading corner. This was a suggestion of the youth who helped plan the centre.

Reading corners are also established at the YMCA and the Windsor Place Retirement Residence.

Follow us on Facebook to catch special deals!

Monica has been using Facebook to promote our book sales and our customers are racing to the store to snap up the new deals!

Next Meeting
Monday, Sept.11, 2023
7:00 p.m.
James L. McIntyre
Centennial Library

Big thank you to our generous book donors and to the faithful hardworking volunteers!



We are always looking for new volunteers. Students enjoy volunteering in the bookstore and earning their community service hours.



Friends secretary Shirley and Student Volunteer Riley are enjoying a Saturday morning with the books!



Our Giant Book Sale and Flea Market will be outside July 13th – 15th

Enjoy the parade and then join us later!





Bookstore Hours

Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday - Closed

Lower Level James L. McIntyre Centennial Library

ON CULTURE DAYS

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Save the Date!

Family Fun Day



Friday Sept. 29th, 2023

Clergue Park
Free activities for all ages
in the hub of our community!
10:00 am - 3:00 pm



Scan the QR code to visit the Sault Ste. Marie Cultural Corridor Hub for a listing of everything going on in our community this year, or visit www.culturedays.ca.



The Sault Ste. Marie Public Library would like to acknowledge and thank our generous 2023 Donors

Patrick Allan

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Bill McBurney

Richard Moran

In Memory of Norm Rippon

Sault Ultimate Players Association

Recognized donors from January 1, 2023 – July 1, 2023

Would you like to donate to the Library?

The Library accepts **Cash**, **Debit & Cheque** (made out to the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library) at either of your favourite library locations.

Paypal - an online donation by credit card at https://www.paypal.com/ca/fundraiser/charity/3465175

Other donation options:

In Memoriam - As a tribute to a family member, friend, or colleague.

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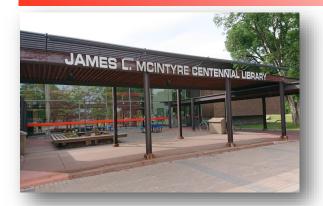
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The possibilities are endless!

Contact us today at 705-759-5242

About Your Library...





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50 EAST STREET, SAULT STE. MARIE, ON P6A 3C3

SUMMER HOURS

 MONDAY
 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

 TUES - FRIDAY
 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

 SATURDAY
 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY CLOSED



232C NORTHERN AVE, SAULT STE. MARIE, ON P6B 4H6

SUMMER HOURS

MON. - TUES 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
THURS. - FRIDAY 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

SATURDAY CLOSED SUNDAY CLOSED

Regular Library Hours resume September 5, 2023

Library Closures 2023

New Year's Day Sunday, January 1, 2023 Monday, January 2, 2023

Family Day Monday, February 20, 2023 Good Friday Friday, April 7, 2023

Easter Sunday Sunday, April 9, 2023
Easter Monday Monday, April 10, 2023
Victoria Day Monday, May 22, 2023

Canada Day Saturday, July 1, 2023 Monday, July 3, 2023 Labour Day
Thanksgiving
Remembrance Day
Staff Development Day
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day

Boxing Day

Sir William Hearst Day

Monday, August 7, 2023 Monday, September 4, 2023

Monday, October 9, 2023 Saturday, November 11, 2023

Monday, November 13, 2023

Monday, November 20, 2023

Sunday, December 24, 2023 Monday, December 25, 2023

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

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