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Worthington Public Library

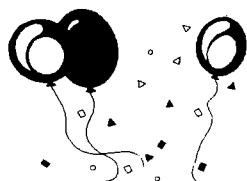
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# Friends Newsletter

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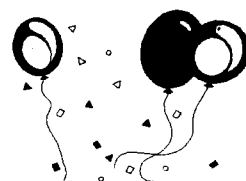
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## **NORTHWEST LIBRARY GRAND OPENING**

The Grand Opening of the Northwest Library is almost here! Scheduled to coincide with National Library Week, the celebration will be packed with entertainment and festivities, sponsored in part by you, the Friends of the Worthington Public Library!



**Monday, April 14**

Wine and Chocolate Celebration 7:00-10:00 P.M.

Friends are invited to tour the new facility while enjoying an evening of fine wines, food and music. Sample wines from the Wine Vault. Savor appetizers and a decadent dessert buffet from Quality Fare while Greg Loughman and Ed Moed entertain you with soft jazz. Tickets are \$15 per person and must be purchased by April 5.

**Tuesday, April 16**

Community Breakfast and Dedication 7:30-10:00 A.M.

Our annual community breakfast will be followed by the dedication of the Northwest Library with Jo Ann Davidson, Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, delivering the keynote address. This ceremony officially opens the Northwest Library!



**Thursday, April 18**

Teachers Open House 3:00-5:00 P.M.

The Northwest Library staff will highlight the many learning resources available for teachers and students.

A Family Frolic

7:00 P.M.

Bring your family to meet award-winning storyteller Ellen Ford. She will transport you back to the days of family-furnished entertainment when grandparents, parents, and children gathered in the parlor to sing, play games with string and paper, and tell stories.

**Friday, April 19**

American Girl Tea Party 4:00 P.M.

Children ages seven and older will enjoy refreshments and old-fashioned crafts based on the popular American Girl series of books that explore American history through the eyes of young girls.

**Saturday, April 20**

VolunTeen Recognition 4:00 P.M.

Join us in recognizing Worthington's worthy teenagers who donated over 1,800 hours of volunteer service to the library. Let's show them our pride and gratitude!

Buskers

2:00-6:00 P.M.

Another treat on Saturday will be the wandering minstrels from OSU's Renaissance Festival who will furnish entertainment with an historical flair.

**Sunday, April 21**

Open House 1:30-4:30 P.M.

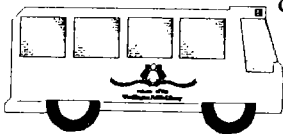
This exhilarating week will close with tours, refreshments, and Don Haines at the piano to highlight the afternoon.

Many of our hard-working Friends volunteers will be helping at each event. Come cheer us on and show your support. We hope to see you there! ❖



## SHUTTLE SERVICE

A free shuttle will operate continuously between the Old Worthington Library and the Northwest Library around the times of the main events. You can reserve a seat by calling 645-2620 after April 1. The shuttle holds 38 passengers, and riders will be accommodated on a first-come, first-serve basis.



Sunday, April 14 ..... 6:30 to 10:30 P.M.  
Tuesday, April 16 ..... 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.  
Saturday, April 20 ..... 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, April 21 ..... 1:30 to 5:00 P.M.

## HATS OFF TO HAT O'TOOLE!

Hat O'Toole has a surprising range of interests. She has been an active Friend since she moved to Worthington in 1976. She teaches piano in her home, runs competitively, and for the past four years, Hat has managed the Friends' ongoing booksale on the lower level of the Old Worthington Library.

The library is aggressively culling its collection to make the upcoming move easier. These discards, plus patron donations, provide an excellent selection at the ongoing booksale. In fact, Hat estimates that the books on display turn over completely every few days. So be sure to stop by and see what's new!

Hat spends about an hour three times a week selecting books to display from the discards and donations. She is assisted by her husband Bob one day a week, and relies on John Morse to substitute for her when she and Bob are away. Hat emphasizes that this is not a difficult job but is a very necessary one to raise money for our Friends projects and assist the library in managing its collection.

Hat will continue her excellent work in the Annex once the Interim Old Worthington Library opens. If you feel inspired by Hat's example, you can volunteer to run the ongoing booksale at the Northwest Library, where there are permanent shelves and a prominent display area just off the main lobby. Just call Carol Brieck at 899-9272. Hat will happily show you the ropes! ❖

## GIFT CART ROLLS NORTHWEST

You'll soon find the Friends Gift Cart in the Northwest Library's large, sunny lobby where it will attract patrons coming and going. The generous storage space in the new building allows us to stock a greater variety of merchandise than ever before. Check out the tempting new items, and don't forget your Friends discount! Call Carol Brieck if you can spare a few hours a week to help staff the cart. This is an important source of revenue for the Friends, and a great way to meet people! ❖

## OLD WORTHINGTON OPEN HOUSE

While the Northwest Library celebrates its grand opening, volunteers and staff will be moving material from the Old Worthington Library building to the Annex. Partitions are down and the cubbyholes of the old bank building are turning into bright, open spaces. On April 16, the Old Worthington Library building will close so roof repairs can begin. Many, many volunteers are needed to pack and unpack books being moved to the Annex and the Northwest Library. If all goes well, the Interim Old Worthington Library will open on April 22. Library patrons using the Interim Library will be glad to see that all services will be maintained.

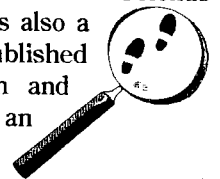
The Friends and the Worthington Historical Society are co-sponsoring an Open House at the Annex to introduce library patrons to the Interim Library. Please plan to attend Sunday, May 19, from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. There will be refreshments, tours, and a fascinating exhibit from the archives of the historical society. ❖

## DISCUSSION GROUPS FORMING

Two new book discussion groups are forming at Northwest Library. Organizational meetings will be Monday, April 22, at 10:00 A.M. and Wednesday, April 23, at 7:00 P.M. Call 645-2650 for more information.

## WRITERS FORUM FEATURES JULIE REESE

Julie Reese is well known to the Friends as the maestro of the booksales, tirelessly pursuing donations, supervising volunteer sorters, and coping with logistics. But Friends may be intrigued to learn that she is also a practicing private investigator, a published authority on workers compensation and employee theft and fraud, as well as an aspiring mystery author.



Ms. Reese recently spoke on alternative publication methods at the Central Ohio Friends of the Library Writers Forum. The event drew 140 participants including high school and college students, adult writers, and fans. Pulitzer Prize nominee Allan Eckert was a featured speaker, and all the authors were available to the participants individually, apart from the structured sessions. The Friends of the Worthington Public Library co-sponsored the writers forum and provided scholarships for several local high school students. Don't miss this event next year!

Julie reminds us that she welcomes donations for the Market Day booksale. It's time for a little spring cleaning anyway! Bring your books to the Old Worthington Library until April 13, or to the Northwest Library after April 16. If you'd like to have your books picked up, call Julie at 436-4672. She'll be glad to take a handful or a houseful! ❖

## MAKE A FRIEND A FRIEND!

Give the benefits of membership to someone you care about. It's easy to do!

A Gift from
Name
Address
City, State, Zip
Telephone

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior                  | \$ 5.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior                  | 7.50    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual              | 10.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family                  | 15.00   |
| Supporting                                       | 25.00   |
| Patron   | 50.00   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Super Friend | 100.00  |
| Amount Enclosed                                  | _____   |

A book will be donated to the library in the name of each **Super Friend** (\$100 or more).

## AUTHOR VISIT: TED LEWIN

Ted Lewin, noted children's author (*Market!*, *The Day of Ahmed's Secret*, *Peppé the Lamplighter*) will give a brief talk on Sunday, April 28, from 1:30-2:30 P.M. in the Northwest Library meeting room. His books will be available for sale before the presentation, or you may bring in your own copies for him to autograph. A reception will follow. ❖

## OLC CHAPTER CONFERENCE

Carol Briek will appear on a *Fundraising for Friends* panel at the Ohio Library Council Chapter Conference April 24 at the Fawcett Center for Tomorrow. Carol will share her secrets to growing a successful Friends group, and in particular, how to set up a Gift Cart for fundraising. ❖

## TWO NEW DIRECTORS JOIN FRIENDS BOARD

The Friends Board of Directors also welcomes two new faces: Bill Mattox is the new Vice President in charge of programs, and Gary Kopp will replace Kathlyn Heywood as Member at Large when the Heywoods go "Down Under" this summer. Welcome Bill and Gary!

## VOLUNTEER WITH THE FRIENDS!

Here are some of the fun ways to get involved in supporting your library!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Used Book Sale   | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Cart        | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking/Baking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephoning           |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mailings         | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VolunTeens       | <input type="checkbox"/> Library Moves         |

Please check the volunteer activities that interest you and send this slip to the Friends, or call one of the volunteer coordinators named in this newsletter.

Name
Address
City, State, Zip
Telephone

The Friends welcome contributions of any amount. Memberships and donations are tax deductible.

## SPRING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Mark your calendar to attend the Friends spring general membership meeting on Sunday, May 5, at 2:00 P.M. in the meeting room of the Northwest Library. We will discuss the Friends' recent accomplishments and plans for the future. Come share your ideas and feedback!

Amos Loveday, President of the Library Board, State Preservation Officer, and Head Curator of the Ohio Historical Society, will speak about the preservation of the statehouse and other important central Ohio buildings. He will also answer your questions about the future of the Worthington Public Library system. ❖

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Tanya Goff reports that our membership stands at 333. We enrolled many new members already this year, and renewals remain strong. She added that several people upgraded their memberships when they renewed (for example, from Individual to Supporting). Volunteers will be available to enroll new members during all the special events at the Northwest Library grand opening.

## **TWO NEW TRUSTEES JOIN LIBRARY BOARD**

The Friends welcome Jennifer Best and David Barnhart to the Board of Trustees of the Worthington Public Library. Both began their terms in January. Jennifer, who is filling Don Leach's vacancy, will serve for three years, while David is beginning a new seven year term.

Jennifer Best will serve with Gregg Christenson as board liaison to the Friends. Jennifer became involved with the Friends when she worked for passage of the 1992 library levy. She grew up in Worthington and resides in the school district with her husband, Bill, and two children, Jackie and Brandon.

Besides serving on the Library Board, Jennifer is a part-time accountant and is very involved with her children's activities. She is a Girl Scout leader and treasurer of the PTA. Considering her background, it comes as no surprise that Jennifer is especially interested in the library's programs for children.

Jennifer and her family will be enthusiastic users of the new Northwest Library which is practically in their back

yard and which Jennifer describes as gorgeous. In fact, she reports that she has already scheduled the meeting room at the new library for her daughter's Brownie troop.

David Barnhart has been a patron of the Worthington Library since he moved to the school district in 1982. He lives in central Worthington with his wife, Jackie, and three children. David and his family use the Old Worthington Library and look forward to the expanded facility which will be ready in 1997.

David is an attorney and has been active in the Far Northwest Coalition. David is getting acclimated to his duties as a trustee and to the challenges facing libraries in the nineties. Chief among these is technology. David recently attended a seminar on the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN), and believes the library must master new ways of delivering information to patrons while maintaining traditional services.

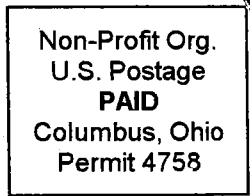
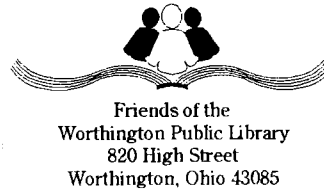
We look forward to the enthusiasm and diverse interests these new trustees will bring to our library system! ❖

## **FRIENDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

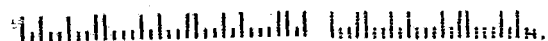
President:	Carol Brieck
Vice President, Programs:	Bill Mattox
Vice President, Membership:	Tanya Goff
Treasurer:	Marge Fenton
Secretary:	Rebecca Wenden
Member at Large:	Kathlyn Heywood
Member at Large:	Gary Kopp

## **FRIENDS NEWSLETTER**

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*Bring a friend to meet the Friends at our general membership meeting Sunday, November 17!*

We'll start at 2:00 P.M. in the Community Meeting Room at the Northwest Library, 2280 Hard Road.

Relax and enjoy light refreshments and *A Sense of Place*, readings by two accomplished local poets, Elizabeth Ann James and Linda Sleffel.

Ms. James, whose book of poetry *Stars and Other Persistent Dancers* has been accepted for publication, will read poetry based on her experiences as a native Ohioan and her interest in Ohio women.

Ms. Sleffel, a graduate of the William Allen White School of Journalism at the University of Kansas and a former copy editor for the *Topeka Daily Capital*, will read pieces based on her childhood on a Kansas farm.

The poetry reading will be followed by a brief report from our president. Please use this opportunity to offer your comments and suggestions for the coming year.

Finally, you will elect your 1997 Friends of the Worthington Public Library Board of Directors. See Page 4 for a list of current board members.



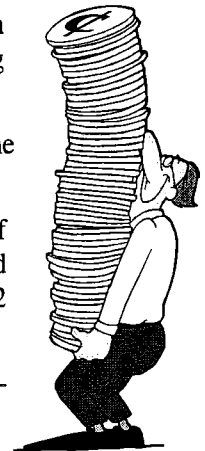
Our able treasurer, Marge Fenton, will not be able to serve the full year in 1997, and we need your help finding a replacement. The position requires:

- ❖ experience managing the funds of a non-profit organization, such as a church, PTA, or school;

- ❖ a computer with spreadsheet or financial software;
- ❖ time to pick up and deposit cash from the gift cart and ongoing book sales every week; and
- ❖ the desire to actively support the Worthington Public Library.

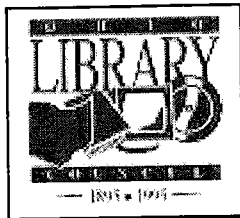
If you would like to nominate yourself or a friend for a this or another board position, call Carol Brieck at 899-9272 or send her a fax at 899-0720.

We also have openings on the Membership, Finance, and Hospitality committees. Committees are a great way to share your talents with the organization and help us help the library. Hope to see you on Sunday! ❖



## OHIO LIBRARY COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Friends officers Carol Brieck, Gary Kopp, Rebecca Wenden, and Bill Mattox attended the 1996 Annual Conference of the Ohio Library Council (OLC) last month at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.



The Conference's theme was *Keeping Our Balance as Ohio's Libraries Meet the Challenge*. Among the challenges are issues of intellectual freedom, library standards, computerization, and serving patrons effectively under constant budget constraints.

Wenden and Mattox attended the special session entitled *How to Make Friends with Your Friends*. Presented by the Ohio Friends of the Library, this session focused on setting up Friends groups and keeping them vibrant and well funded. Julia Brandow of the Kirtland Public Library moderated the sessions.

Sandy Dolnick, Executive Director of Friends of Libraries USA, presented fascinating ideas on membership development and fund raising, as well as board development, and why people want to be Friends members. She recommended distributing brochures to community groups such as the PTA, the Arts Council, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Welcome Wagon.

After talking with members of Friends groups from around Ohio, Wenden and Mattox concluded that we have an active and flourishing group in Worthington, with enviable membership strength. But they also see opportunities for increased participation by all segments of the community.

Book sales remain the backbone of Friends financial support. But other means of raising money exist which could be pursued. Some ideas may seem a bit far out, but might work well. What about, for example, a non-event during which participants do *not* attend a reading, or sale, or auction, or a social evening, but instead contribute \$25 for *not* participating! ❖

## GIFT CART

We're unpacking fabulous new Gift Cart merchandise every day. Look for the Magic School Bus, Brain Quest, and Bill Nye, the Science Guy card games. We also added popular Largely Literary items, and a wide selection of unique stationary. Or try a gift certificate. One size fits all! ❖

## MARKET DAY BOOK SALE

The 1996 Market Day Book Sale was our most successful fund raising event ever! We sold \$6,000 worth of books and gift cart merchandise, and recruited many new members over the three-day weekend.

We salute Julie Reese, who has been organizing the book sale since 1993. This is a year-long effort, and incredibly, Julie finds time for it along with her family, her work, and her writing.

Julie and her corps of dedicated volunteers put in hundreds of hours sorting and toting books months before the sale, and more volunteers joined them for sale itself. The honor roll includes:

Mary Lou Baker	Irene Candy
Marilyn Carter	Marge Fenton
John Gilbert	Pat Gilbert
Tanya Goff	Jan Jones
Eileen Kobee	John Litchfield
Bill Mattox	Anne McGorum
Bill McNutt	Bill Mirik
John Morse	Carol Ottolenghi-Barga
Jack Parrish	Mary Parrish
Joan Patton	Jack Pettit
Marilyn Pettit	Jim Reynolds
Ginny Ronning	Holland Shepherd
John Taylor	Sam Taylor

Wilson Hill Elementary School  
United Methodist Children's Home

The Wilson Hill Elementary School provided so many books and volunteers that Julie Reese and Carol Ottolenghi-Barga presented a plaque to the school.

Leftover books were donated to area hospitals and the Bryn Mawr College Alumni Association for their book sale a few weeks later. Only three boxes of National Geographics remained at the end of the day!

Although we are accepting donations for the 1997 book sale, space is severely limited! Please ask around and help us find commercial storage space for our books. Give your suggestions to Julie at 436-4672. ❖

### GIFT CART HOURS

WEDNESDAY . . . . .	10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. 6:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
SATURDAY . . . . .	10:30 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.

Our membership continues to grow by leaps and bounds. We've had good response to our new application brochure titled *Do You Know Who Your Friends Are?* It outlines our purpose and activities, as well as the benefits of joining the Friends. Pick one up the next time you are in the library, and pass it along to make a new Friend!

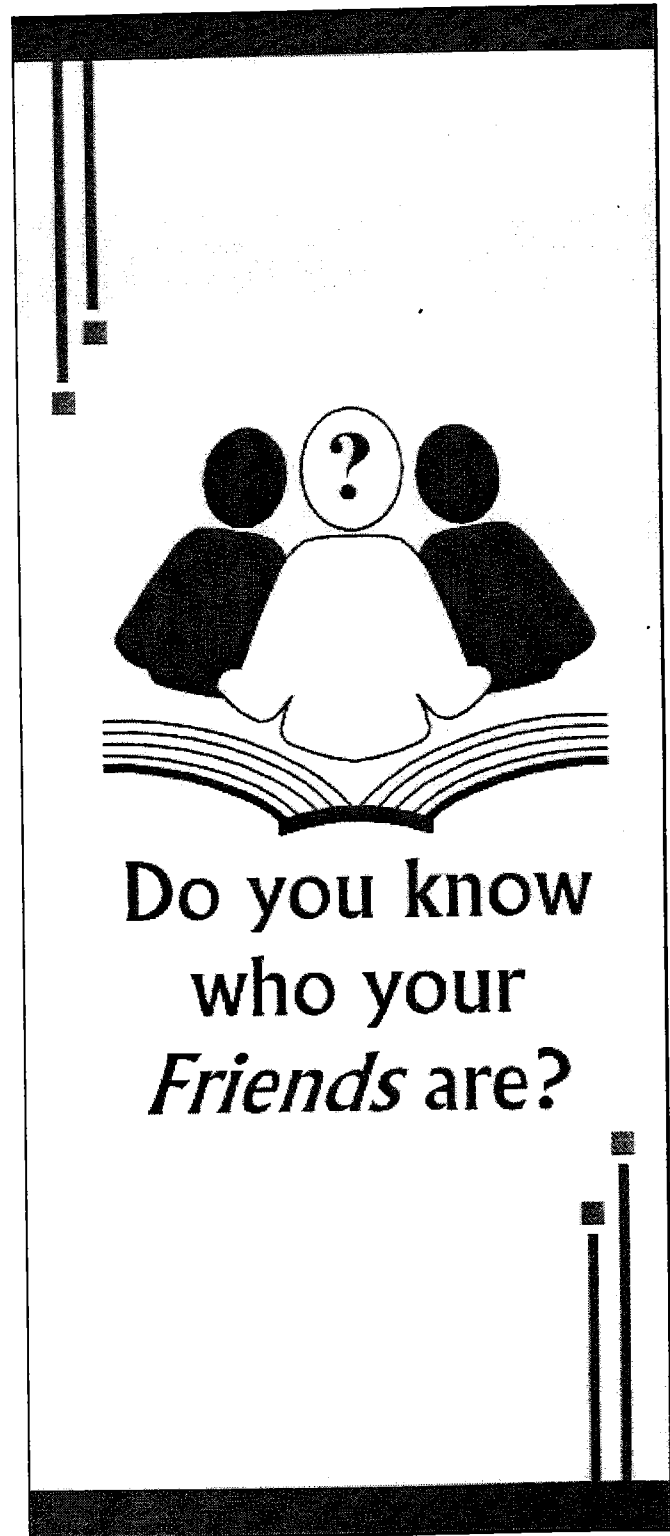
New *Super Friends* include

*Roy and Anna Barrett*  
*Thomas Dowling*  
*Cynthia Dillard.*

To show our appreciation for their substantial donations, the Friends will donate books to the library inscribed with the Super Friends' names.

We award honorary Friends memberships each year to patrons who made special contributions to the library. New honorary members include these businesses and individuals:

*Children's Book Escape*  
*Dairy Queen*  
*Dr. Joseph Mitchell*  
*Dr. Julia Keiser*  
*Dr. Lisa Johnson*  
*Flickers Cinema Pub*  
*Graeter's Ice Cream*  
*La Chatelaine*  
*Laughing Ogre Comics*  
*Magic Mountain Family Fun*  
*Media Play*  
*Moody's*  
*Radio Shack*  
*Scottie McBean*  
*Shocc Comics*  
*United Skates of America*  
*Westerville Golf Center*



**Do you know  
who your  
*Friends* are?**

Listed on the next page are new members who joined since the last newsletter in August. Welcome to each and every one of you, and thank you for your support of the Friends and the Worthington Public Library!

**NEW MEMBERS**

Roy C. Barrett	Michael C. Ellis	Dan & Janice Kauffman	Sara Schroeder
Roy K. Bartgo	Larry & Marion Fisher	Jack & Kelly Kerstetter	Mike Seminsky
Kara Bauer	Kelly Gorey Friar	Karen Lee	Cassandra A. Smith
Richard & Sarah Boyd	Alvin Garber	Roy Lovendahl	Konnie Smith
Gwendolyn G. Burns	David & Kyoko Greim	Barbara McFarland	Jerry Stewart & Family
Mary F. Caito	Michael Haley	Alan & Kathy McKnight	Waneta K. Sweeney
D. Nial Caltrider	Richard K. Halter	John Melick	Marti Tibbens
Harry Carillo, IV	Julie Harris	Karen J. Messenger	Heidi L. Townsend
Barbara Castelli	Sue Hartman	Fred L. Murray	Michael Ulm
Cynthia Dillard	The Ishizuka Family	Charles Muto	Melinda Valan
Thomas Dowling	Michael & Mary Kaminski	Joe Nesser	Katherina Van Tuyl
Bobbie Dudgeon	Michael B. Karr	Juanita E. Reed	Stanislaw Yankowski

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