# <u>Marlborough Public Library</u>

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#### Books @ the

#### Library

- I. Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn
- 2. The Casual Vacancy by J.K. Rowling
- 3. The Racketeer by John Grisham
- 4. Notorious Nineteen by Janet Evanovich
- 5. Merry Christmas, Alex Cross by James Patterson
- 6. Fifty Shades of Grey by E.L. James
- 7. The Black Box by
- Michael Connelly
- 8. NYPD Red by James Patterson
- 9. The Mark of Athena by Rick Riordan
- The Forgotten by David Baldacci
- 11. The Perfect Hope by Nora Roberts
- 12. Killing Kennedy by Bill O'Reilly
- Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver
- 14. The Bone Red by Patricia Cornwell
- The Light Between
  Oceans by M.L.
  Stedman

## **Letter From the Director**

### Exciting 2013

As we begin a new year, I can't resist the temptation to make a list of some of the things I am looking forward to in 2013:

\* The arrival of our new Children's Librarian, Geralyn Schultz, who will help develop new programs and services for children and their families.

\* The celebration of our newly designed Children's Department. We have made lots of changes, including new paint, shelving, furniture and carpet to update the space and make it more welcoming to all. We are planning a celebration and will provide more details in early 2013.



Margaret Cardello, Library Director

new Home Delivery service to bring the library to those who cannot come here because of health or transportation issues!

\* The implementation of a grant to hold Conversation Circles for those English Language Learners who would like to practice their English skills in an informal group setting. \* The arrival of new PCs throughout the library. Thanks go to the Mayor and City Council for this much needed update!

\* Working with the Marlborough Downtown Village committee to develop programs that will help promote downtown and the City's new official Cultural District designation from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

\* Our Friends spring program calendar, including their author series, which brings many interesting authors to Marlborough.

\* Getting to know more Marlborough residents and learning how the Library can meet their needs.

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## A Fond Farewell to Necia Blundy

Our Children's Librarian, Necia Blundy, recently left our library to return to her home state of Washington with her family. Necia has been at the Marlborough Public Library since October 2007 and was hired by our previous director Sal Genovese. With her upbeat disposition, engaging smile and infectious laughter, she spent five years nurturing the Children's Room to become the warm and welcoming place that it remains today.

Due to Necia's leadership and the efforts of her fellow staff, we were able to grow the Summer Reading program, increasing its number of participants two years in a row. Last summer, 468 participants registered, beating out the previous year's total of over 300. Over 5,597 reading hours were logged by our voracious young readers last summer!

Necia not only held awesome Summer Reading events, but also brought in of successful lots programming, such as a variety of story times, monthly programs, and great author visits like leanne Birdsall and Lenore Look. For older children, she expanded children's programming to include book groups, а



Necia Blundy, Children's Librarian at Marlborough from Oct. 2007 to Oct. 2012

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### **Adult & Reference Services**

## **Technology Questions?** Reference is Here to Help!

The Reference Department at the Marlborough Public Library is planning some exciting programs for the winter months. We will still be offering technology help for those who are getting frustrated with their devices. Bring in your laptops, tablets, Kindles, Nooks, or your smart phones and we will try to figure out whatever it is you need. For our special programs we will be looking at our new culinary database and exploring some of the volumes from our wonderful 641 (cooking and baking) collection. We are also in the process of updating our 747 collection—interior design. An evening looking at fantastic rooms and websites that can help you plan a project may get you out of the winter doldrums. Watch for other programs coming in the future.

# MPL at Your Door Step

Marlborough Public Library has launched a new Home Delivery Service program. Are you or someone you know unable to make it to the library due to transportation or health issues? This program is for you! What you need to know:

- We'll deliver up to 10 items every month—books, movies, DVDs, audiobooks, CDs—any format that interests you.
- You fill out a form of your viewing/listening/reading preferences and staff and volunteers will select items from the collection just for you.
- Pick up and delivery will be scheduled according to your availability.
- 4) You can sign up at the library, on our website or go to this link to download the form: http://www.marlboroughma.gov/Gen/MarlboroughMA\_PubLibrary/HomeDelivery/ homebound\_application.pdf

### **Become a Homebound Volunteer!**

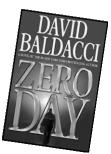
Are you interested in becoming a volunteer to help with the Home Delivery Service? If so, we're looking for more people to help select items and deliver them to patrons. Hours are flexible. Please fill out a volunteer application and send it to the library. http://www.marlborough-ma.gov/Gen/ MarlboroughMA\_PubLibrary/HomeDelivery/ homebound\_volunteer\_application.pdf Join our Book Club! Visit the circulation desk for a copy of the book. E-mail Denise Lamoureux at dlamoureux@cwmars.org with questions.

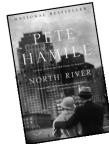


**Travels with Charley** by John Steinbeck Mon., January 14th at 6:30pm or Thurs., January 17th at

10:30am

Zero Day by David Baldacci Mon., February 11th at 6:30pm or Thurs., February 14th at 10:30am





North River by Pete Hamill Mon., March 18th at 6:30pm or Thurs., March 21st at 10:30am

# Writing Group for Adults

Interested in writing and sharing your stories/poetry? Join our adult writing group every third Friday of the month. Writers are encouraged to stop by for a few hours, share their work, and critique their peers' stories/poetry. If interested, please sign-up by emailing Jess Bacon at jbacon@cwmars.org. Space is limited to 15 writers, so sign up now!

> Upcoming Meeting Dates: January 18th, February 15th, and March 15th All meetings are 9:30am-12pm

### **Teen Services** Teen Volunteer Opportunities—Real Experience, Real Life, Real Fun

Due to popular request, you can now volunteer at the library all year long! The five opportunities listed below were created to give you real world experience and build your own resume for future jobs and college applications. **Register for one** of our volunteer workshops (see calendar, pgs. 8-10) and remember to bring any work samples listed in the position requirements. Your choices:

#### **MPL PHOTOGRAPHERS:**

Description: Enjoy photography? We need pictures of our events and arts & craft samples for our newsletter and Facebook pages.

Position Requirements: Make a portfolio of 3 pictures of a group of three or more people and 3 pictures of an object. Must be reliable and able to show up to events you signed up for.

Time Commitment: Flexible. Sign-up for events and craft photo sessions when you are available.

#### WINDOW ARTISTS:

Description: Paint a window around the library to advertise our programs and brighten the Children's Room with a design

inspired by a preselected picture book.

Position Requirements: Paint one or more windows. Must be responsible with the paint and clean up supplies before leaving.

Time Commitment: Flexible. We paint windows every season and you'll have multiple opportunities to come in and paint.

#### **EVENT PLANNERS**

Description: Enjoy creating events for your peers? We have a budget, a large room, and endless possibilities!

Position Requirements: Come up with a teen event idea and make a list that includes: 1) description of event, 2) cost, 3) explanation of the people needed and their roles, and 4) supplies needed. Must be willing and able to run the event with your fellow planners.

Time Commitment: I hour meeting a month, plus event preparation, set-up, facilitation, and clean-up.

#### **MPL ADVERTISEMENT TEAM:**

Description: Have an artistic eye? Interested in creating ads for upcoming programs? Have fun coming up with quick catchy lines? We could use you for our advertisement team!

Position Requirements: Go to our online calendar for any teen event and create an advertisement that includes: 1) a Facebook post (status with a picture [no copyright work!]) 2) a picture that can be posted on our Digital Frame, and 3) an idea to get the word out to teens about the program (bonus if it is creative!). Must be able to adhere to deadlines.

Time Commitment: 1/2 hour meeting a month for assignments, plus the time it takes to complete your work (but this can be done at home).

#### **PURCHASING MANAGERS:**

Description: Love to spend money? Enjoy giving recommendations on great books to read, movies to watch, or CDs to listen to? This is the job for you!

Position Requirements: Come up with 5 recommendations for your favorite area, whether it is video games or a particular genre. Must be willing to use professional magazines and websites to make your recommendations.

Time Commitment: At least one hour a month, on your own time, hunting for good recommendations. Once a month, meet the YA librarian to discuss your list.

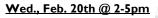
### **Teen Programs and February Vacation Events**

Published Author, Anna Tourkakis, will be here for a Cooking Demo on Tue., Feb. 19th!

Prepare and sample a three course meal: Greek yogurtcucumber sauce, chicken kabobs in a pocket and chocolate dipped strawberries. Registration is required and limited to 16 teens. Tue., Feb. 19th @ 5:30-7pm

#### Video Game Tournaments

2 Games, 2 Chances to Win \$25 to GameStop! Register to compete in Mario Cart on the Wii and Super Smash Bros for Wii U. Snacks are provided.





#### **Operation Otaku**

Join our anime and manga fan club! Every other Tuesday, 5-6:30pm. Ages 13+

See Calendar on pages 8-10 for dates.

#### **B.L.T. Teen Book Group**

Calling all teens! If you like to talk about books, then join us each month for fun discussion and a snack. We'll read from different genres chosen by group members. Ages 13+ NOW ON TUESDAYS!

Jan 29th, Feb. 26th, Mar. 26th @7pm

### **Breaking Dawn Finale Party**

Watch parts 1 & 2, answer Twilight trivia, eat pizza, and decorate t-shirts representing Team Edward or Team Jacob. Bring your own t-shirt but art supplies will be provided.

Sat., Feb. 23rd @ 10am-2:30pm

#### **Musings: Teen Writers**

Enjoy writing? Interested in creating your own stories? This is the group for you! We meet the 2nd Thursday of every month, Grades 7-12.

<u>Jan. 10th, Feb. 14th, Mar. 14</u>th @ 6:30-8pm

For the latest information, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TeensMPL

### **Children Services**

## **Children's Room Makeover!**



If you haven't had the chance to visit the Children's Room lately, you should! We have recently renovated the space and it looks amazing!

With new carpeting, wooden shelves, forest themed furniture and a

fresh coat of paint, it feels like a brand new place! New computers arrived the beginning of January, five of which are for children grades 5 and below, and a special sixth computer has been added just for parents. We also have more



tables for additional space to complete Marlborough homework, make a puzzle, etc.

During our remodel, we moved a lot of materials to new locations, but don't worry if you are a little lost. Our Children's staff can help you find any items you need.

Make sure to stay tuned for details about a celebration for our remodeled newly Children's Room.

This makeover has been generously funded by the joint efforts of the City of Marlborough, the Public



Library Foundation, and the Trustees of the Marlborough Public Library, along with annual grant funds provided by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

# Winter Children's Programs

#### PRESCHOOL PALS **BABY & TODDLER TIME** Check our online calendar Join Tricia for stories, fingerplays, Baby and Toddler time is now combined! for February Break songs and a craft! This program is for Join Tricia for songs, fingerplays, and programs ages 3 1/2-6. stories for children ages 0 - 3 1/2. Great program for siblings! Wednesdays, 10-10:45am Fridays, 10-10:45am **AFTERNOON ADVENTURES ART CLUB** WICKED COOL SCIENCE **DROP IN CRAFT** Explore awesome science topics Drop in and make a new Create a piece of fine art or Do you like stories, crafts, and fun **MONTHLY PROGRAMS** with Amy for grades 4-6. craft each month! This an arts and crafts project. For activities? Then join us one afternoon a month for Afternoon Adventures! Each Registration is required. ages 7-12. Registration is program is for all ages! month will feature a different activity and required. Jan. 12th, Feb. 9th, Jan. 17th, Feb. 28th, Mar. 21st snacks. Ages 6-10 Jan. 22nd, Feb. 26th, Mar. Mar. 9th <u>@ 4-5pm</u> @ 10am-12pm <u>26th @4-5pm</u> <u>Jan. 3rd, Feb. 7th, Mar. 7th @ 4 pm</u>

#### MAD SCIENCE **BOOK GROUPS** AMERICAN GIRL CLUB Are you mad for science? Then join Debbie **Everything But The Kitchen Sink** Every month we'll read about a different American for some fun science experiments! This (E.B.T.K.S.) covers all genres, ages 10+. Girl, make themed crafts and eat snacks. For girls program is recommended for grades 1-3. Tue., Jan. 8th @ 6:30-7:30pm ages 6-10 and their mothers and friends. Parents Registration is required. are requested to participate in the program. Dolls of any kind are encouraged but not required. Muggle Support Group is for fantasy Jan. 10th, Feb. 14th, Mar. 14th readers, ages 10+. Group 1: Jan. 8th, Feb. 5th, Mar. 12th @ 4pm @ 4 pm Mon., Jan. 14th @ 7-8pm Group 2: Jan. 15th, Feb. 12th, Mar. 19th @ 4pm









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science program, and a variety of art and craft sessions. The Children's staff also targeted early elementary school kids with Afternoon Adventures and American Girl club which Stephanie Nogler runs and which now has two separate sessions due to its popularity.

Through her connection with the elementary schools and by making visits to the 3rd through 5<sup>th</sup> graders, Necia was able to relay the importance of the public library in their lives for school research as well as leisure time pursuits. "I have to

say that I was always very impressed by how much they seemed to like reading and talking about books when I visited them for my book talks," Necia fondly recalls. "They usually loved sharing books they read with me and it was great fun to discuss them and see the kids get excited about the books I shared."

Necia has been gone since the end of October. What she misses the most are the kids and families she got to know. Marlborough was the first community she worked in where she saw such a vast love for and interest in books from the children who frequented the library. She also misses the wonderful kids in her story times and book groups, especially her Muggles, who are an amazing group of readers and thinkers. They always had lots of fun. She also adds that she wouldn't have been able to achieve as much as she did without the great staff whom she relied upon for all of their creativity and innovative ideas. Working in the Children's Department was a team effort.

We at the library would like to thank Necia for the fantastic work she did while here. Necia, we miss you lots and wish you well in your future endeavors!

## Say Hello to our New Children's Librarian

Marlborough Public Library welcomes Geralyn Schultz as our new Children's Librarian. Geralyn has been the Youth Services Librarian at the Rockland Public Library for the past 5 years. She was formerly a pre-school and kindergarten



**Geralyn Schultz** 

teacher and has a degree in Music. Geralyn looks forward to bringing her music and years of experience to MPL. She will start on January 7. Be sure to stop by the Children's Department and say hi!

# New Children's Nonfiction - Check It Out!

the Museum Hartland

Acclaimed author/illustrator Hartland presents the fascinating 145-million-year journey of a dinosaur, a Diplodocus longus, from its discovery in 1923 in Utah to its arrival in the hallowed halls of the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in Washington. D.C. (NEW! | 567.913 HAR)

How the Dinosaur Got to The Elephant Scientist by by Jessie Caitlin O'Connell

> Journey to the Namibian desert with O'Connell, an American scientist, and witness one of the largest, most complex, and most intelligent mammals living today on earth.

#### (NEW! | 599.67 OCO)

Why Rabbits Eat Poop and Other Gross Facts about Pets by Jody Sullivan Rake

Learn about the unusual

behavior of pets, including dogs, cats, rabbits, and hermit crabs.

(NEW! | 636.088 RAK)

Sleight of Hand by Joe Fullman

This book includes step-bystep, illustrated instructions for 13 magic tricks that rely on sleight of hand, plus performance tips and stories of famous magicians. (NEW! | 793.8 FUL)



### **Friends of the Library**

# Upcoming Events - Jan., Feb. & Mar.

Thank you for a successful Book and Bake Sale last October. We made over \$2,286 in book sales and an astounding \$599 in the bake sale. We look forward to seeing you come back for our next sale in April!

Wed. Jan. 16th - 7pm Special Winter Program

Wed. Jan 23rd - 7pm Yacyshyn Concert Series #3

2013 Annual Photography Show Mon. Feb. 4th - Sun. Feb. 10th Hours Vary

> Reception and Open House Mon. Feb 4th 6-8pm

Wed. Feb. 13th - 7pm "AJ Gurney Love Letters" presented by Stephen Collins

Wed. Feb. 20th - 7pm #I - 30th Author Series Program

Wed. Mar. 13th - 7pm #4 Concert YCS - Ezra Cutting Trust

Sat. Mar. 16th - 10am-1:30pm Auditions for 16th Anick Young People's Concert

Wed,. Mar. 20th - 7pm #2 - 30th Author Series Program



Wed. Mar. 27th - 7pm Kevin Gardner: Discovering NE Stone Walls

Learn about the stone walls in New England, from their history to their creation by professional stone wall builder and author of "The Granite Kiss", Kevin Gardner.

# From Our Music Shelves to Your Player

Looking for something new to listen to? Check out these selections from our music collection.



<u>Gin Blossoms – Outside Looking</u> In: The Best of the Gin Blossoms (CD Pop GIN)

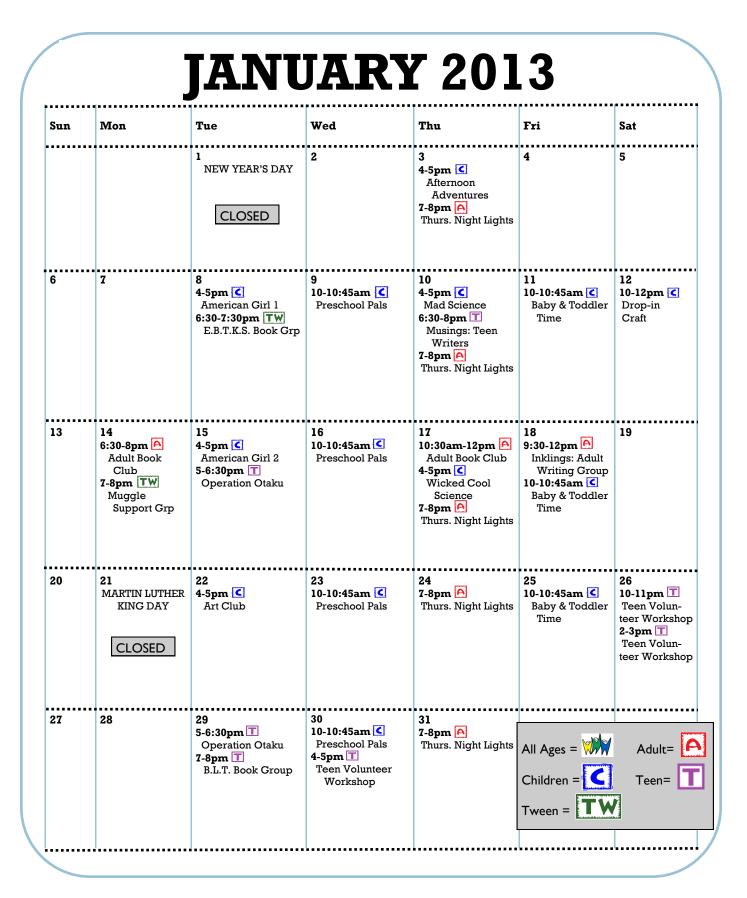
The Gin Blossoms are a pop rock band best recognized by their work in the 1990s. They are known for their distinctive lead guitar and thoughtful lyrics, both contributed by late cofounder Doug Hopkins. "Outside Looking In" contains a number of songs that are instantly familiar from local radio stations, including "Hey Jealousy," "Found Out About You," and "Follow You Down."

#### <u>Steve Reich – Different Trains</u> (CD Classical REI)

Steve Reich is a famous modern classical composer, best known as a pioneer of minimalist music. "Different Trains" is based on Reich's experiences as a child, traveling between New York and Los Angeles by train in the early 1940s. In Reich's words, "While these trips were exciting and romantic at the time, I now look back and think that, if I had been in Europe during this period, as a Jew I would have had to ride very different trains." He expresses this through speech samples taken from several sources, a string quartet and recordings of American and European trains. The result is a relentless and haunting three-movement musical portrayal of a horrifying time in history.



Looking for more? Check out the recommendations rack in the music section or feel free to browse through our collection.



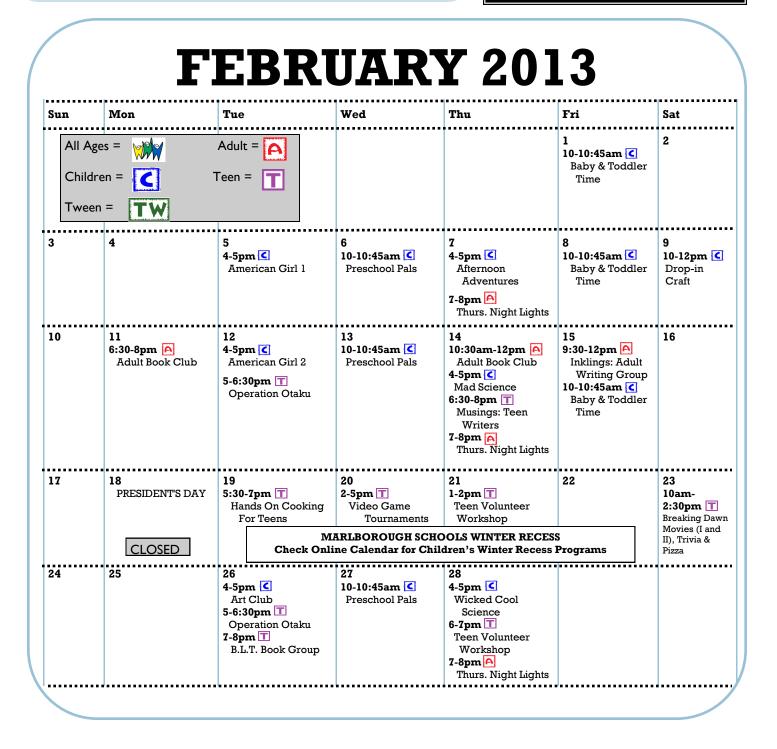
### **NEW!** Register for Programs Online!

- 1) Visit our website at www.marlboroughpubliclibrary.org.
- 2) Click "Calendar of Events" on the left side.
- 3) Below each program you'll see a box like this: Register
- Sign ups will begin ONE WEEK before the program date. Click the "Register" button and fill out the form.
- 5) After you hit "Send", you will receive an automated confirmation notice.6) If the program is full, you may join the wait list. If a spot becomes available, you will automatically be signed up and will receive an updated email notice.
- If you need to cancel, please call the library at 508-624-6900 or email the staff contact listed in your confirmation email.

### Please Note:

These dates are subject to change. Please see our website calendar for the latest program information.

Go to www.marlboroughpubliclibrary.org and click on "Calendar Events" on the left.



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#### **MARCH 2013** Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat 1 2 All Ages = Children = C Adult= 10-10:45am 🔇 Baby & Toddler Teen = 🔳 Tween = Time 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 4-5pm 🔇 10-10:45am 🔇 10-10:45am 🔇 10-12pm 🔇 Preschool Pals Afternoon Baby & Toddler Drop-in Adventures Time Craft 7-8pm Thurs. Night Lights 10 11 16 12 13 14 15 4-5pm 🔇 10-10:45am 🔇 4-5pm 🔇 9:30am-12pm 🦰 American Girl 1 **Preschool Pals** Mad Science Inklings: Adult 5-6:30pm 🔳 6:30-8pm 🔳 Writing Group Operation Otaku Musings: Teen 10-10:45am Baby & Toddler Writers 7-8pm 🦳 Time Thurs. Night Lights 17 18 19 20 22 23 21 6:30-8pm 4-5pm 🤇 10-10:45am 🔇 10:30am-12pm 🦳 10-10:45am 🔇 American Girl 2 Adult Book Club Adult Book Club Baby & Toddler Preschool Pals 4-5pm 🔇 Time Wicked Cool Science 7-8pm 🧛 Thurs. Night Lights 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 2-3pm 🔳 4-5pm 🔇 10-10:45am < 7-8pm 🦳 10-10:45am 🔇 Teen Volunteer Art Club Preschool Pals Thurs. Night Baby & Toddler 5-6:30pm 🔳 Workshop Lights Time EASTER Operation Otaku CLOSED 7-8pm 🔳 31 B.L.T. Book Group

### Marlborough Public Library

Regular & Summer Hours

Monday-Thursday: --9am to 8:30pm Friday: --9am to 5pm Saturday: --9am to 5pm

--9am to 1pm (July 6-Aug 31)

Sunday:

-- Ipm to 5pm (closed July 7-Sept. 1)

Mailing: 35 West Main Street

Parking: 22 Witherbee Street

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