

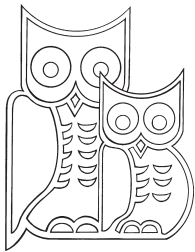
WHAT'S NEW @ St. Catharines Public Library

November/December 2011

HEART TO HEART AFRICA: *EDUCATING RURAL TANZANIA*

Heart to Heart Africa has worked for years to improve education and water access in Kitonga Village, Tanzania. Christine Nimeth, founder and director of this charity, will tell the fascinating story of this village, the progress that has been made and her personal experience working there.

- Wednesday, November 9 • 7:30 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room • FREE



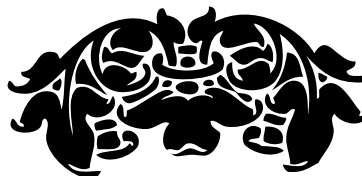
ST. CATHARINES PUBLIC LIBRARY STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The St. Catharines Public Library Board is committed to providing all the citizens of St. Catharines with the highest level of library services, materials and facilities within the resources available to meet their informational, educational and recreational needs.

ST. CATHARINES PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

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Decorating For The Holidays with **BBB**looms

Get ready for the festival season! Join the Design Team from BBBlooms as they demonstrate how to decorate with style and get your home ready for the holidays. You will discover how to make all sorts of floral decorations that are easy, beautiful, and creative. This promises to be an entertaining and informative evening.

- Wednesday, November 30 • 7:30 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room • FREE



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For Children

New sessions of **Books & Babies** will be starting in November. Please check the Story Time Brochure for the dates and times for each Library location.

Remember
TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE
for all programs.

Family Story Time (Ages 5 and under and their families)

Snuggle Stories

It's getting chilly outside. Snuggle up and listen to stories nominated for the Regional Chair Early Years Niagara Literary Award and enjoy songs and a craft.

- Tuesday, November 8 • 6:30 - 7:15 pm
- CENTRAL, Story Hour Room • FREE

Jingle Bells

Jingle all the way into the Library to celebrate the holidays with stories, songs and a craft.

- Tuesday, December 6 • 6:30 - 7:15 pm
- CENTRAL, Story Hour Room • FREE

Please register in advance by calling 905-688-6103, ext. 227.

REGISTRATION:

1. **Children must meet the minimum age requirement at the start of the program.**
2. Register in person at any Library location.
3. Fees must be paid at the time of registration.
4. Programs may be cancelled due to insufficient interest.

Please register in advance.



christmas ornament workshop (ages 6 - 9)



Get in the holiday spirit at Santa's workshop! Create unique keepsakes for your tree, listen to Christmas stories and enjoy hot chocolate. Space is limited so please register in person in advance at any Library location.

- Saturday, December 3 • 10:30 - 11:30 am
- CENTRAL, Story Hour Room • FEE: \$3.00 per person



MISTLETOE MANIA (AGES 7-11)



Come join us for some Christmas fun! Make a Christmas stocking, listen to stories and sing some jingles, all while enjoying a special Christmas treat! Please register in advance by calling 905-934-7511.

- Friday, December 9 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- GRANTHAM • FEE: \$2.00



NUTCRACKER SWEETS (AGES 3 - 6)



Little ladies and gents are cordially invited to the Land of Sweets for stories, sweet treats and a craft inspired by the holiday classic, The Nutcracker. Space is limited so please register in person in advance at any Library location.

- Saturday, December 10 • 2:30 - 3:30 pm
- CENTRAL, Mills Room • FEE: \$3.00 per person

Story Stairs

Meet on the stairs in the Boys and Girls area at the Central Library at 11:15 am every Saturday for 30 minutes of storytelling. Bring your favourite stuffed animal friend.

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE

For Children

hockey bingo (ages 7 - 11)

Join us for hockey-themed bingo in honour of Team Canada at the World Junior Championship. Get ready to S-C-O-R-E great prizes!

- Wednesday, December 28 • 2:30 - 3:30 pm
- CENTRAL, Story Hour Room • FEE: \$2.00 per person

Winter Wonderland Bingo (Ages 6-11)

Come and join us for some Winter Bingo fun! With many chances to win, you'll be yelling "BINGO" before you know it! Please register in advance by calling 905-934-7511.

- Thursday, December 29 • 2:30 - 3:30 pm
- GRANTHAM • FEE: \$1.00

Dinosaur Mania! (Ages 3-5)

Join us for some dino-riffic stories, songs and make your very own dinosaur craft to take home! Please register in advance by calling 905-646-0220.

- Thursday, December 29 • 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- PORT DALHOUSIE • FEE: \$1.00

Hello 2012! (Ages 6-11)

Ring in 2012 with a daytime's New Year's celebration just for kids. Join us for stories, crafts, a countdown and more fun activities as we say hello to a new year!

- Saturday, December 31 • 11:00 am - 12:00 noon
- MERRITT • FEE: \$1.00

Winter Wonderland Bingo (Ages 6-11)

Come to the library for some fast-paced games of bingo and the chance to win some fun prizes! Please register in advance by calling 905-646-0220.

- Tuesday, January 3, 2012 • 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- PORT DALHOUSIE • FEE: \$1.00



HOCKEY IN THE LIBRARY (AGES 6-11)



Put on your favourite hockey jersey and join us for this fun hockey program. Stories, quizzes, games and a craft will all be a part of this exciting event!

- Tuesday, January 3, 2012 • 2:30 - 3:30 pm
- MERRITT • FEE: \$1.00

Polar Bear Snow-lebration (Ages 4-8)

Polar bears are amazing animals! Did you know that they are the largest of all bears and the biggest meat-eaters on land? Where do polar bears live? What do they eat? Is their fur really white? Come and learn more about this "cool" creature with stories, games, crafts, and delicious snacks! Please register in advance by calling 905-934-7511.

- Wednesday, January 4, 2012 • 2:30 - 3:30 pm
- GRANTHAM • FEE: \$2.00

FAMILY GAME TIME

(AGES 5 AND UP AND THEIR FAMILIES)

Come in with your family and friends for a fun afternoon of board games, puzzles and other activities. Hot cocoa and cookies will be provided. Please register in advance by calling 905-934-7511.

- Thursday, January 5, 2012 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- GRANTHAM • FEE: \$1.00/family

The Artistry of Eric Carle (Ages 8-13)

Join us for an art workshop as we explore some of the innovative techniques that celebrated illustrator Eric Carle uses to make his eye-catching designs.

- Thursday, January 5, 2012 • 11:00am - 12:00 noon
- MERRITT • FEE: \$1.00

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE

For TWEENS and TEENS

Crafty Christmas **(Ages 10-14)**

Join us to learn the art of Iris folding just in time for the holidays! Using this elegant paper craft technique, create a greeting card that is truly unique. We will also be decorating festive cookies, so bring your creativity and your appetite! Please register in advance.

- Saturday, December 3 • 2:30 - 3:30 pm
- CENTRAL, Mills Room • FEE: \$3.00 per person



ATTENTION TEACHERS

Research Skills Development For Grade 8 Students

Prepare your students for high school by introducing them to research and information resources (print and electronic) available at the library. We are now booking for the period January through May 2011. Call 905-688-6103, ext. 228 for program details or to book a visit.

WII WINTER GAMES TOURNAMENT **(AGES 9-14)**

Think you have what it takes to become a Wii Winter Games Champion? Test your skills in our tournament on the big screen! Bring your friends and compete for awesome prizes. Space is limited. Please register in advance by calling 905-688-6103, ext. 227.

- Tuesday, January 3, 2012 • 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- CENTRAL, Mills Room • FREE

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE

For Teens

Anime Club

(Ages 12-18)



Do you like Japanese Anime? Bring your trading cards, share your drawings and check out our collection of manga and graphic novels. Join us on the first Thursday of each month.

- Thursday, November 3 and Thursday, December 1
 - 7:00 - 9:00 pm
 - CENTRAL, Story Hour Room • FREE

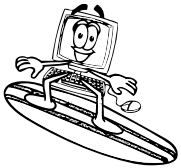
Please register in advance. Call 905-688-6103, ext. 227.

Teen Advisory Council (TAC)

(Ages 12-18)

Hey Teen Advisory Council members! Remember that TAC will be meeting in December to discuss ideas for Teen collections, programs and services! If you are interested in becoming a member please call 905-688-6103 ext. 225 to find out if the Library is currently accepting applications.

- Thursday, December 8 • 7:00 - 8:30 pm
 - CENTRAL, Story Hour Room • FREE



Teen Lab

(Ages 12-18)

The computer lab is all yours for 2 whole hours! Surf the net, update your Facebook, chat on msn, play games, or type up your homework. No registration is required. Just drop in!

- Thursdays, November 3, 10, 17, 24
- Thursdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
 - 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- CENTRAL, Learning Resource Centre • FREE

Twilight Trivia

(Ages 12-18)

Think you know everything about the Twilight Saga? Test your knowledge with a trivia and prizes based on all the books, and the first four movies! Snacks Included!!!

- Wednesday, January 4, 2012 • 2:30 - 3:30 pm
 - Merritt • FEE: \$2.00

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE

Computers 1

Take a tour of the basic parts of the computer, learn mouse and keyboarding skills and how to work on a Windows computer. No experience necessary. Register for one of the dates below.

- Wednesday, November 9 • 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Friday, December 2 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Friday, November 25 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- FREE

Computers 2

Explore the Windows operating system, including finding and starting programs, managing files and folders. Pre-requisite: *Computers 1* or basic mouse and keyboard skills. Register for one of the dates below.

- Wednesday, November 23 • 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Friday, December 9 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Friday, December 2 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- FREE

Internet 1

Learn to surf the Internet, access websites and print information. Pre-requisite: basic knowledge of computers. Register for one of the dates below.

- Wednesday, November 30 • 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Friday, December 16 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Friday, December 9 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- FREE

Internet 2

Learn to search the Internet using Google. Pre-requisite: *Internet 1* or basic knowledge of computers and the Internet. Register for one of the dates below.

- Wednesday, December 7 • 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Friday, November 4 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Friday, December 16 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- FREE

Internet 3

Focus your searches to find just the right information and explore new forms of information on the Internet. Pre-requisite: *Internet 2*. Register for one of the dates below.

- Wednesday, December 14 • 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Friday, November 18 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Friday, November 4 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- FREE

Computer Training at the Central Library

Recommended for ages 15 and above.

- **Registration required for all courses.**
- **Cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance.**
- **Sessions may be cancelled if courses are not filled.**
- **For information or to register call 905-688-6103, ext. 211.**

Internet 4

Find it ALL online - even hidden treasures that are not freely available. Use online tools, such as directories and databases, explore portals and download forms. Plus, test your new skills with an Internet scavenger hunt. Pre-requisite: *Internet 3*. Register for one of the dates below:

- Wednesday, November 2 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Friday, November 25 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Friday, November 18 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- FREE

Email

Learn to send, receive and organize your email in Outlook Express. Explore Hotmail, a free web-based email service. Basic knowledge of computers required. Pre-registration is required.

- Saturday, November 26 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- FEE: \$5.00 + HST

Get HIP! Learn to use the Library Catalogue

Let us introduce you to Horizon Information Portal (HIP), our online catalogue and gateway to books, DVDs, articles, music and much more. Pre-registration is required.

- Tuesday, November 1, December 6 • 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- FREE

Microsoft Word Basics

Learn the basics of creating stylish letters, professional looking reports and other useful documents in Microsoft Word. Basic knowledge of computers required. Register for one of the dates below.

- Thursday, November 10 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- Saturday, December 10 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- FEE: \$5.00 + HST

 ancestry library edition

Online Research 101

Learn to search Census Records, Wills, Passenger Lists, Birth, Marriage & Death Records and many other unique full-text primary sources with user-friendly search tools and comprehensive indexes to find the story of your ancestors.

- Thursday, November 17 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- Central Library, Learning Resource Centre • FREE

For more information or to register,
call 905-688-6103, ext. 211.

Job and Career Searching Online

Use national and local websites to find both public and private job postings, and discover new career possibilities by using the Internet and our electronic databases. Tap into the hidden job market and learn to research companies and job trends through government information, business directories, and even the newspaper. In addition, get tips on resume preparation, cover letters, and interview skills.

- Thursday, November 3 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- Central Library, Learning Resource Centre • FREE

Pre-registration is required.

Finding Health Information on the Internet



Find health information on the Internet and in medical databases. No experience necessary. Pre-registration is required.

- Thursday, November 24 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- Central Library, Learning Resource Centre • FREE

DOWNLOAD Audiobooks & eBooks



Want to download popular audiobooks and eBooks from home? Join us for a demonstration of the library's new Overdrive collection. You will learn how to find, download and transfer audiobooks and eBooks to your computer or portable device. Pre-requisite: basic knowledge of computers and the Internet. Register for one of the dates below:

- Wednesday, November 9 • 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- Saturday, November 19 • 10:00 - 11:00 am
- Wednesday, December 7 • 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- Central Library, Learning Resource Centre • FREE

For more information or to register,
call 905-688-6103, ext. 211.



Genealogy On The Internet



Learn about and explore genealogical websites, and develop your research skills. Pre-requisite: *Internet 1* or basic knowledge of computers and the Internet. Pre-registration is required.

- Thursday, December 1 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- Central Library, Learning Resource Centre • FREE

For more information or to register,
call 905-688-6103, ext. 211.



DISCOVER YOUR ROOTS



This program provides a basic overview of many genealogical resources and how to access and use them. Call 905-688-6103, ext. 220 to register. Space is limited.

- Thursday, November 24 • 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Special Collections, 2nd Floor, Central Library • FREE

Afternoons for Adults

For more information, please call
905-688-6103, ext. 227 or ask Staff
at the Central Library's Children's & Community
Services Information Desk.
All programs are free, no pre-registration required.

TRANSITIONING CARE AS WE AGE

Moving to the right level of care as we age is often necessary for many health and safety reasons. This presentation by Wendy Robb of the Niagara Health System helps families understand what steps to take and what's available in Niagara.

- Tuesday, November 8, 2011 • 2:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room, 54 Church Street

FOSTERING GUIDE DOG PUPPIES

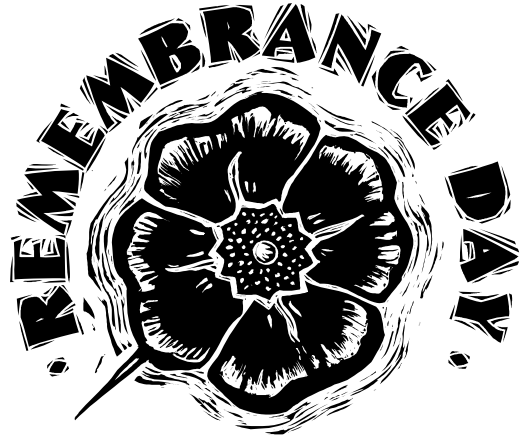
George Hostick has been involved for many years in the Lions' Club and its program for guide dogs for the disabled. This past year he has fostered a guide dog puppy and will talk about the whole experience.

- Tuesday, November 22, 2011 • 2:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room, 54 Church Street

SONGS OF THE SEASON

Please join Henry Goerzen and his band of Sunshine Singers for a joyful celebration of the Christmas season in song and story.

- Friday, December 2, 2011 • 2:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room, 54 Church Street



MEMORIAL CONCERT

WITH THE
LINCOLN AND WELLAND REGIMENTAL BAND

Please join us for a concert dedicated to all the Canadians who have participated in military actions on our behalf.

- Saturday, November 5 • 11:00 am
- Central Library, Atrium • FREE



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is now on Facebook and Twitter.**

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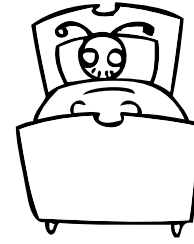
...in our electronic resources



Literature Resource Center

Literature Resource Centre is an up-to-date, comprehensive online database of literature-related information that is perfect for English students of all ages! Serious readers and book club members who are looking to gain a deeper understanding of the texts they read will also find this database particularly useful. This online resource provides quick and easy access to biographical information, literary criticism, professional reviews, plot overviews and unique multimedia files that will help you get more out of the literature that you study and enjoy. Literature Resource Center is available in the library or from home.

Click on the **Online Resources** tab on the Library web site <http://www.stcatharines.library.on.ca>
Select **Literature** from the menu for **adults** or **teens**.



"DON'T LET THE BED BUGS BITE!"



You've heard the saying, but how much do you really know about bed bugs? Did you even know that they were real insects? These historically common household pests are resurging around the world...and their next stop might be your place!

ANYONE CAN GET BED BUGS. Please join us as Gillian Thiessen, Public Health Inspector, presents "The Bugs Are Back In Town," an informative session about this important public health nuisance. Don't be shy!



- Thursday, November 17 • 7:30 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room • FREE



Crafting Holiday Cards *with a Personal Touch*

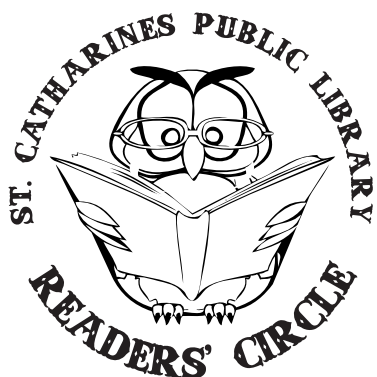
The holidays are a special time to show those important people in your life how much you care. Join June-Etta Chenard as she shares her tips for making holiday cards with a personal touch.

- Wednesday, November 23 • 7:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room • FREE



**For progress reports on the construction of the
Kiwanis Aquatic Centre
and Grantham Branch
visit [http://www.stcatharines.ca/en/playin/
KiwanisAquaticsCentre.asp](http://www.stcatharines.ca/en/playin/KiwanisAquaticsCentre.asp)**

**For information on donation and sponsorship opportunities,
please call L. Stripnieks at 905-688-6103, ext. 235
or by email to admin@stcatharines.library.on.ca.**



READERS' CIRCLES

Have you read and enjoyed
SECRET DAUGHTER, by **Shilpi Gowda**?

If you would like to talk about this book
with other readers then join us for a
discussion of this tale set in India.

- Tuesday, November 1 • 7:00 pm
- Central, Bankers/Rotary Room
- OR
- Saturday, November 12, • 10:00 am
- Central, Rotary/Bankers Room

*Please register in advance for this
free program at 905-688-6103 ext. 227*



The St. Catharines Public Library provides its own chat-based information and research service. Our reference librarians are available during regular library hours to answer any questions that you may have, from in-depth, course-related research to simply placing holds on books.

Chat with us by clicking on the "Chat with Us" button from the Library website at www.stcatharines.library.on.ca.

You can also send us an email at askus@stcatharines.library.on.ca, call us at **905-688-6103 ext. 211** or visit us in person.

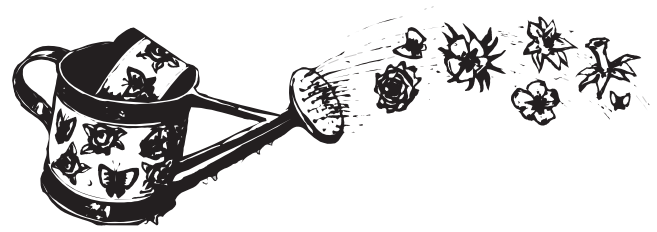
For local history or genealogy questions, please call **905-688-6103, ext. 220** or email us at special.collections@stcatharines.library.on.ca.



Carolling In The Atrium

Please join us for a lively concert
of Christmas music performed
by the Chapel Singers.

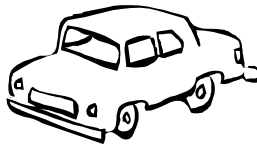
- Wednesday, December 7 • 7:30 pm
- Central Library, Atrium • FREE



SATURDAY MORNING GARDENING CLINICS

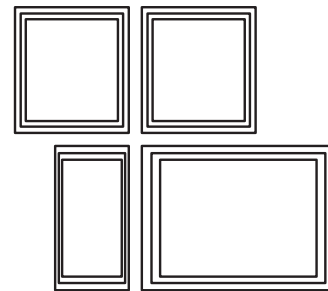
A Master Gardener will be
in the foyer of the Central Library
on Saturday, November 5
and Saturday, December 3
from 9:30 - 11:30 am
to answer
your gardening questions.

VISITING LIBRARY SERVICE



Library materials can be delivered to your home by volunteers through the Visiting Library Service. Any resident of St. Catharines who is housebound due to a short or long-term illness (minimum of 3 months), physical disability or age, and who is unable to obtain materials from the Library, may request this service. To register, please call the Central Library at 905-688-6103, ext.227. Staff will be happy to discuss your reading and/or listening preferences with you.

Volunteers interested in delivering materials to patrons who are registered with the Visiting Library Service should call the Central Library at 905-688-6103, ext.227.



*The St. Catharines Art Association
will have a display in the Atrium from
November 28 - December 3, 2011.*

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

CENTRAL

54 Church Street, L2R 7K2

905-688-6103, fax 905-688-6292

Tues. - Thurs. 10 am - 9 pm
 Friday 10 am - 6 pm
 Saturday 9 am - 5 pm
 Sunday 1:30 pm - 5 pm

Oct. - Dec.

Jan. - May

GRANTHAM

Grantham Plaza

400 Scott Street, L2M 3W4

905-934-7511

Tues. - Fri. 10 am - 8 pm
 Saturday 9 am - 5 pm

MERRITT

149 Hartzel Road, L2P 1N6

905-682-3568

Tues. - Fri. 10 am - 8 pm
 Saturday 9 am - 5 pm

PORT DALHOUSIE

23 Brock Street, L2N 5E1

905-646-0220

Tuesday 1 pm - 8 pm
 Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
 Saturday 11 am - 4 pm

Sunday Hours

CENTRAL LIBRARY

1:30 pm - 5 pm

October 16 - December 11, 2011

January 8 - May 6, 2012

Closed Easter Sunday.

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Regular Meetings

Central Library, 54 Church Street
 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Thursday, December 15, 2011

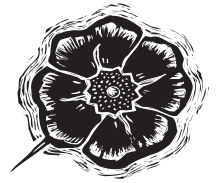
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REMEMBRANCE DAY

on Friday, November 11, 2011.



Holiday Hours



Saturday, December 24 Close at 2:00 pm

Tuesday, December 27 Regular Hours

Wednesday, December 28 Regular Hours

Thursday, December 29 Regular Hours

Friday, December 30 Regular Hours

Saturday, December 31 Close at 2:00 pm

Email us at admin@stcatharines.library.on.ca

Telephone Reference Service 905-688-6103, ext. 211

Email Reference Service askus@stcatharines.library.on.ca

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