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Public Libraries Summit

The planned Australia Library and Information Association Summit, which was to have taken place in Canberra at the National Library of Australia in March, has been postponed until mid year.

FOLA has taken a pre-eminent leadership role in the Summit. It was a FOLA proposal to have a Summit, and to strategically focus on issues concerning a national public library strategy, involving all three tiers of government.

FOLA President, Dr Alan Bundy AM has been a key player, along with members of the FOLA Public Libraries Interest Group – Jack Goodman (CEO of Tutoring Australasia) and Robert McEntyre (CEO McEntyre & Associates) and myself.

FOLA's submission to the summit can be found on our web site www.fola.org.au and can also be found on the ALIA Summit web site at <http://www.alia.org.au/governance/committees/public.libraries/summit09/submissions.html> along with other papers from interested groups and individuals.

Our paper focuses on the second key goal of the Summit, which is *'to engage with all three levels of government to develop a framework that supports libraries across Australia'*.

"Friends groups are therefore encouraged to be vigilant in these times of economic stress and uncertainty. Make your voice count on the issue of public library funding and the importance of adequate provision."



'In the economic downturn, even more demands are being placed on Australia's public library system. Now is the time to commence planning the overall national response to improving that system to a level which emulates best international practice'.

Friends groups are therefore encouraged to be vigilant in these times of economic stress and uncertainty. Make your voice count on the issue of public library funding and the importance of adequate provision, particularly at a State government level. Now is not the time for your local authority to cut services. Take the opportunity to speak, contact, write to your local member of parliament – take a few key points from FOLA's Summit Paper and quote them.

Jan Fullerton, Director-General of the National Library has stated that "Public libraries transcend social, economic, political, racial and environmental barriers. They play a vital role in achieving Australia's commitment to social inclusion." She also went on to talk about the need for adequate funding for public libraries to enable them to participate in the online environment.

Friends groups can play a part in the Summit process. Ask your library how you can respond.

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Michael Kirby, *FOLA patron*

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FOLA Patron, the Honourable Michael Kirby AC, CMG retired as a judge of the High Court of Australia in February 2009. Justice Kirby, until that date had been our patron since the inception of FOLA in December 1994.

On 4 December 1994, addressing the gathering in Queens Hall, State Library of Victoria, Michael Kirby delivered a stimulating speech on the role of libraries in a democracy and the challenge before FOLA and Friends.

Despite his challenging work schedule, Michael Kirby has continued his interest in our work, never failing to give support and when the opportunity was there, be present at our 5th anniversary in Melbourne, the Sydney Conference of FOLA in 2000, and be present via video link at our 10th anniversary in Canberra in 2004, held at the National Library of Australia.

This brief synopsis gives us a glimpse of his career:

- 1975 First chairman of the Australian Law Reform Commission
- 1983 Appointed Federal Court judge and delivers ABC Boyer Lectures
- 1984 President of the NSW Court of Appeal
- 1993 Special representative of the United Nations Secretary General for Human Rights in Cambodia
- 1995 Sits on Court of Appeal of the Solomon Islands. President of the International Commission of Jurists
- 1996 Appointed to the High Court of Australia
- Served on committees of the UN, UNESCO, WHO, CSIRO and the OECD. He has also been chancellor or deputy chancellor of a number of Australian universities and president of the International Commission of Jurists in Geneva
- 2008 Awarded the inaugural Australian Privacy Medal



- 2009 Retires from the High Court of Australia

FOLA is delighted that the Honourable Michael Kirby has agreed to continue as our patron.

THE CURTAIN GOES UP AT BALMAIN

After many years of lobbying, from the Friends of Balmain Library (NSW), the newly refurbished and enlarged library facility will be available to the community in March.

Mayor of Leichhardt, Jamie Parker, cut the ribbon on Thursday 19 March.

The campaign by the Friends has been long and protracted, but is a credit to the efforts of this exceptional group,



committee and hard working president's, that the upgraded library has come to fruition. – further details in the next NewsUpdate

FOLA Awards 2008

Peter McInnes Award for Library Services for Children and Young People

Hurstville (NSW) *Winner*

Dragon Tales Mandarin Storytime Pilot Program in Mandarin for 0-3 year olds and for parents, grandparents and carers. Using story, rhyme and song to prepare children for pre school. Information on child development, pre literacy and numeracy and simple craft skills were presented in Mandarin language. The library joined with St George Migrant Resource Centre.

Wingecarribee (NSW) *Highly commended*

Friends supported the Bilby Book Club for the 0-5 year age group. Project displayed strong partnership between Friends Group and the Library. The Bilby Club encourages lifelong reading habits in the very young with particular incentives for members.

Blue Mountains (NSW) *Highly commended*

Books 4 Babies Scheme – A good example of community partnerships between Friends, Library, local hospital and Megalong Book Company, which involved fundraising of \$5000 for the project. Kit 1 for newborn babies and Kit 2 for 18 month olds. A strategic and planned approach to increase difference in terms of children involved with kits and reading skills when they reach playgroup and school age.

Fairfield (NSW) *Highly commended*

Program supporting children and young people as part of Fairfield's Learning City Plan. Excellent exemplar for other libraries using a broad strategic approach, especially in a city with a culturally and linguistically diverse community, supporting literacy and numeracy. Included a partnership run by men for men and their children.

Macquarie (NSW) *Highly commended*

Children and young adult services and programs incorporating the library's marketing plan – identifying market segments of pre school to Year 12 and indigenous groups. Involved significant support from community groups including family day care centres and local radio.

Ipswich (Qld)

Best Practice approach for provision of library services to children and young people. Partnerships and community engagement with Ipswich District Teacher Librarian Network, resulting in the Biennial Ipswich Festival of Children's Literature, with 1900 students attending 18 writing workshops.

Kempsey (NSW)

Fiona the Forest Fairy Outreach Storytime Service – visits to preschools 4 times a year or once a term. Promotes the importance of reading and that the library is a fun place where all are welcome.

Lake Macquarie (NSW)

Children's reading will not go to the dogs – Building Reading Confidence for Kids Program allows children to practice reading on a one-to-one basis to a trained therapy dog. The dog's trainer sits near-by to assist the child if needed.

Gold Coast (Qld)

Making reading fun for kids on the coast – Literati on the Glitter Strip was developed – A Feast of Literature – Author Encounters – More than Words. A range of events and activities for regular and new customers.

Alexandra (Vic)

A range of programs for children young people and families. Storytelling Workshop, Mums & Book Night, and a variety of Junior Friends events – Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Archie Fusillo Writing Workshop, African Drumming Workshop, Julius Ceasar is Dead, Robin Hood, Halloweeny Family Trivia Night, Pizza and Performance.

Inverloch (Vic)

Come & Meet (the author) Events – assisted in the relaunch of the Friends of Inverloch Library with support from the local community bank being used to sponsor a junior Friends newsletter.



Peter McInnes

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Wonthaggi (Vic)

Owls (Official Wonthaggi Library Supporters) held an iPod Shuffle competition – aimed to encourage children and young people to come to the library.

Midwestern (NSW)

Castle Quest Summer Reading Program aimed to encourage reading during the summer school break, increase junior membership, raise the library profile, form partnerships in the

community, develop skills and experience of library volunteers, with 630 children participating.

Bayside (Vic)

Reaching Out Program providing special services including Russian and English language programs to a public housing estate comprising 127 properties. Results were increased library membership from children and families and a partnership with other community agencies.

Eric Flynn Award for Library Services to Older Adults

Campaspe (Vic) Winner

Words on Wheels Storytellers – Extension of Books on Wheels into Aged Care Facilities with residents enjoying listening to stories read aloud and entering into discussions on the story or any memories it provoked. WOW storytellers prepare and present information, short stories and poems pertaining to a chosen theme for the month. This same theme is repeated once a week at four different locations. All resources are made available by the library. Partnerships were formed with a range of activity coordinators at the facilities. Other organisations such as Rostrum, Probus and Rotary were involved. Local business, Council departments and support agencies promote the service. 22 sessions per month are now being provided across the Shire of Campaspe, with 16 WOW storytellers.

Cairns (Qld)

Extension of 3-tier Housebound Service with deliveries provided by staff and volunteers and the establishment of satellite libraries in aged care facilities.

Maroochydore (Qld)

Author Talks – successful library and Friends partnerships linking with many local authors.

Inverloch (Vic)

Come & Meet Events – New method designed to communicate with the local community with authors, social events, childrens activities, interaction with young and older generations.

Griffith (NSW)

What's on for Seniors – range of activities including discussion group, free movie screenings, Seniors Newsletter using the library web site, computer classes and group knit-ins.

Ashfield (NSW)

Home Libry Outreach Project – connecting patrons with each other and the rest of the community by conducting a range of activities with Work Experience Students, local business and library suppliers supporting.

Tweed Heads (NSW)

Tweed Talks – encouraging senior clients to view their library as a source of diverse information, consultation with Healthy Ageing Project Officer at Tweed Shire Council. Topics included: Scams and product refunds, Tracing family history, Victims of crime support, Health and nutrition.

Alexandra (Vic)

Mums & Books Night, Winter Solstice Dinner, Blokes Café, Pink Dinner, Murrindindi Writers Café, Vintage Readers, Top & Top, Continental Club and programs for the family – a diverse range of programs for adults.

Eurora (Vic)

Promoting Service with the Friends Bookshop – wonderful community effort with Friends, Library, business and Council support.

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REACHING OUT TO YOUNG PEOPLE

JUNIOR FRIENDS

'The presence of a group of energetic young people who feel welcome adds a buzz to the library.'

So say library staff about the Alexandra Junior Friends of the Library (JFOL), a group of highly motivated young people who meet monthly at the Alexandra Library in country Victoria to plan and implement projects for young people and families in the community. The wide-ranging activities include literacy promotion, collection improvement, children's activities and events focused on visiting authors.

The group offers its members opportunities for positive social interaction, a bit of fun and food. Library staff have noticed a marked difference in connecting with secondary schools that have JFOL members.

Alexandra Junior Friends of the Library was established in 1991 and has a healthy track record of consistent achievement. Over the past couple of years, the group has raised money to pay for many library projects, with the keen support of local people and businesses.

One of the main ideas behind JOFL is that teenagers need meaningful participation. As Libby Kotschet from the Alexandra Library notes:

When young people have their ideas accepted, they gain pride and become aware of their place in the town – or even the universe. Each member of the Murrindindi friends group has tangible evidence of their achievements. Community involvement enabled the group to purchase a \$2,000 Science and Technology encyclopedia, comfy couches, sent books to outback communities – as well as all the Tintin videos!

Resources

The main things needed to get the project going were a staff member to steer it and a yearly plan of activities. Combined with a sense of fun, a bit of nerve, food (this is why the group needs funds) and an Adult Friends group to manage the cash – they had a recipe for success.

Convenors need to be flexible and stay tuned to the kids so the program is relevant to them, the plans have to be shared plans. Libby Kotschet

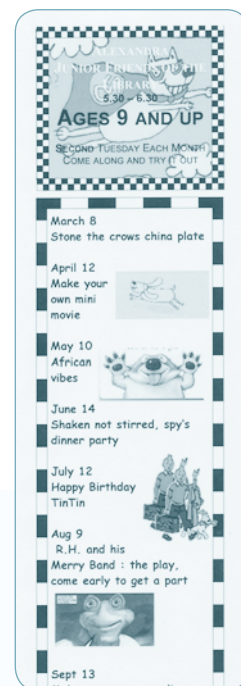
Money has been raised from sales of secondhand books, library bags, T-shirts with logo and photos made into cards. Fundraising events include a sausage sizzle, roast potato stalls, a festival (combined with the local hospital) and trivia nights.

Fundraising for JFOL is essential, and without our community getting behind our projects we would never be able to achieve our goals (Farrell & Matthews 1998).

Achievements

The JFOL group has attracted a variety of young members, some with little or no experience in the library, who have taken on leading roles to encourage others to use and enjoy books.

The main thing we have accomplished as Junior Friends is the ability to create new friends while helping the library. The Murrindindi Junior Friends of the Library has changed our lives and when we look back we can all agree that teenagers from even a small country town can make a difference (Farrell & Matthews 1998).



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Case Study:

Junior Friends of the Library, Alexandra Murrindindi Library Service (Victoria)

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- Halloween night
- Video and pizza nights
- Favourite Books festival
- Worst Book in the World competition
- Best Friends FOLA (Friends of Libraries Australia) award
- Archimedes Science Club
- History mystery bus tour
- Excursion to the Baillieu Library
- Summer Reading Club parties
- Shakespeare nights
- Music events
- Author visits
- Artrageous Youth Art Show
- New covers for ‘mouldy’ old stack books.

Establishing positions of authority and responsibility in the group appealed directly to some of the young members.

The idea of these positions was to enable youth to experience responsibilities, which all position bearers in the JFOL throughout its history have acquired. By introducing office bearers from the initial meeting, we were determined to be recognised as a credible organisation, rather than just a short-lived youth group (Farrell & Matthews 1998).

The Alexandra Junior Friends of the Library were joint national winners of the Friends of Libraries Australia (FOLA) Best of Friends Awards in 1997.



Impact

The JFOL group has been a benefit to the library service, the staff and the teenagers involved.

For members it has provided community involvement, friendships, the feeling of being at home in the library and a sense of commitment and belonging. Members of the group say that JFOL has provided a welcome alternative in a distinctly sports-oriented town.

We have attempted to increase the standard of literacy, in an area where reading is a pastime relegated to so called ‘nerds’ and ‘squares’ (Farrell & Matthews 1998).

For staff it has provided energy, links with community and a clearer understanding of the needs of young people.

Just planning a program with the group and tapping into community resources can be enlightening. Library staff member

For the library it has meant an enhanced community profile – opening up the possibilities of the library.

The JFOL helps build a core group of people who will have a lifelong relationship between libraries and several of our first JFOL committee, now in their late twenties, tell us this.

[JFOL] is a positive reflection on the library and staff when it's seen to be an active, inclusive, supportive, ok place for the young. The library may become a cool place to be. Library staff member

For the community it has meant increased pride in their young people.

The whole town buzzed on the FOLA award. Library staff member

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Lessons

Advice regarding the practical issues of running a Junior Friends group is available in *Junior Friends in Your Library, Alexandra Library Staff 1999 – A Guide to Starting and Maintaining a Group* (available from the Alexandra Library). This advice includes:

- Keep to a meeting structure. Juniors warm to it when they see that it has potential for controlling unruly elements, keeping things moving and giving everyone a say.
- Create a yearly plan that allows kids to suggest their own events and activities, and allows them ownership of the whole program – often the theme will be across all library activities.
- Activities, expectations and program needs tend to evolve with each bunch of kids. The current group is into running events for a wider age group.
- Not everyone will participate. Strengths of the group will vary: some may be into writing reviews, organising events, designing a web page, making radio ads, suggesting titles, or sitting quietly looking at their fingernails. Go with the flow of the group, keeping the library as the focus.
- Promote the group with photos, newsletters and a comments board or 'Read this' board within the library.
- Remember that teens are looking for opportunities to widen their world through experience. Try guest speakers, journalists, exchange students, tourists, non-readers.

Libby Kotschet emphasises that you should:



NEVER NEVER cancel. The essence of the program may need to be altered, but the event must go on. Kids love to plan and look forward to events. They put in energy convincing their parents to bring them along, don't disappoint them.

Challenges

The JFOL needs more press coverage.

Next steps

Membership of JFOL numbers about twenty. There is always a prize for bringing a new member. Currently the JFOL members are working on new library cards, which have member's photos and show their role in the organisation. These cards provide access 'privileges', including priority on events and new items.

FOLA note

Without the outstanding support of key staff member – Libby Kotschet, this group would not have achieved much of their undoubted success over twenty years. The support of the adult Friends group, library management and community, have all helped make this Junior Friends group one of the outstanding examples of partnership and co-operation in the worldwide Friends movement. FOLA encourages the establishment of Junior Friends groups as a way not only of recognizing the importance of children and young people in the public library system, but also as a mechanism for the growth, well being and survival of all Friends groups.

Daniel Ferguson, Executive Director FOLA



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Friends around Australia



News, Events & Ideas...

Toowoomba (Qld)

End of year party and AGM held on 30 November. From a recent Friends Award given to Toowoomba, the Friends donated \$500 to spend on a special project, purchasing indigenous children's books. About 25 children from Harlaxton State School were present at the presentation of the books to the Toowoomba collection.

Thuringowa (Qld)

End of the year celebrations and book sales during November and December.

Items remaining from the book sale such as video and audio books were donated to Lifeline.

Port Macquarie (NSW)

At the recent AGM it was reported that book trolley sales and book sales had raised \$10,474 in the past year. The book group continues to be a forum for great exchange of ideas and views about books read, with numbers attending increasing. A report on the *Bookstart* program mentioned that over 2000 bookstart bags have been distributed to Hastings mothers since the program commenced in 2006.

Port Macquarie:
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Great idea

Every year Friends of Port Macquarie provide a book voucher to each local primary school as a reading encouragement award. These are usually awarded to the pupil of the school's choosing at their end of year celebrations.

When the awards were introduced, Friends members would present the awards in person. Vouchers are currently being sent to the 24 primary schools in the Port Macquarie Hastings area.



Wingecarribee (NSW)

The book sale at the end of the year was a great success with a profit of \$2,271. The December Christmas Party had as guest speaker, Dick Honor, local author who spoke on his book – *Your Start-Up Guide to Cryptic Crosswords*. March speaker is Jonquil Temple, a Puppeteer. And in April, Holly Kerr Forsyth in conversation with Professor Ian Bickerton. Holly will talk on her new book – *Gardens of Eden*.

Wagga Wagga (NSW)

In November the Friends welcomed Dr Karl Kruszelnicki, Julius Sumner Miller Fellow at Sydney University, author and ABC commentator.

Friends are in the process of selecting a new logo, which will be used to promote the Friends on letterhead, library bags and membership badges, along with appearing on the library web site.



National Library of Australia (ACT)

Nearly 300 Friends celebrated on 8 November, the publishing phenomenon that is Tony and Maureen Wheeler of Lonely Planet series guidebooks.

The Wheelers were introduced by Dr Tracey Dickson of the University of Canberra's Centre for Tourism Research. Following the formal part of the celebration, the Wheelers signed copies of their Lonely Planet guides, many purchased from the Library Shop. Over 100 Friends were taken on a trip around the ACT and Yass historic sites with former Friends' chairman, Terry Birtles.

From March 2009, the Friends newsletter will be distributed quarterly along with the *National Library of Australia News*.



Friends around Australia

News, Events & Ideas...

Willunga & Aldinga (SA)

November meeting took place at the Willunga Courthouse, where Sue Murn,



Warden for the Museum shared fascinating details of her time teaching, contact with Aboriginal people and an understanding of the land. After the talk Friends visited the slate museum. Magnificent Mawson was the October activity, when Nancy and Ian Flannery gave readings from the love letter of Paquita and Douglas Mawson. Then the actors and technicians of the mixed FOWAL and VOLT group enthralled the audience with the drama and music of their presentation.

Salisbury (SA)

At the November meeting, the Friends Shop Manager, Derrick, presented a history of the Friends of Salisbury Libraries, from the beginning to the present and also displayed photographs of the past 20 years of the Friends. In February the Friends celebrated 20 years as a Friends group. The Friends committee have framed A Tribute to Helen Barnes and placed it on the brick wall in the Helen Barnes Room of the Len Beadell Library. Helen was the Friends first Treasurer from 1988-2001.

Barossa (SA)

Meet the Author in February was Liz Harfull, author of *The Blue Ribbon Cookbook*, Australian entry for the Best Easy Recipes Book category in the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards.

The 2008 local History Competition, began in 1992, as a special project for high school students to celebrate the 150th anniversary of European settlement in the Barossa Valley, took place recently. Sixteen of the 135 projects were presented as finalists. First Prize went to Shane Rosenzweig for his model of the Hill & Son Grand Organ in the Barossa Regional Gallery in Tanunda. The competition today is now specifically for Year 9 students.

State Library of South Australia (SA)

AGM was recently held with David Bright being re-elected as president. The Wednesday at One series will take place again from March to December in 2009, beginning with Keith Conlon and continuing with writers, chefs, welfare workers and others. The meetings have proved very popular as an informal lunchtime meeting between 1 and 2 pm.

Castlemaine Library (Vic) Goes Solar

On the 25th of February the Mayor of Mount Alexander Library, Phillip Shier, officially launched the new solar energy system at Castlemaine Library which has been operating since October last year.



Castlemaine

Library:

"over 2,000 kilowatt hours of electricity have been generated and over 1,000 kilograms of CO2 saved."

The Friends of Castlemaine Library (FOCAL) Mount Alexander Shire Council and the Mount Alexander Sustainability Group (MASG) worked together to get the project up. Stewart Jamison from "The Solar Bloke" installed 18 photovoltaic panels on the roof of the library. Phillip Shier pointed out that as a result over 2,000 kilowatt hours of electricity have been generated and over 1,000 kilograms of CO2 saved. While there are substantial savings throughout the year, they are particularly felt during summer, when air-conditioning is most needed and when the sun is strongest.

The project was jointly funded by \$5,000 from FOCAL, \$13,800 from the Council, \$1,500 from Goldfields Library Corporation and the remainder from State and Federal government rebates.

An important part of the program is to develop an education plan outlining the benefits of renewable energy to the wider community. A poster designed by Stuart Billington outlining how energy from the sun is converted to electricity is displayed in the library.

SWITCH: PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN A CHANGING WORLD

2009 NSW Public Libraries Conference and Exhibition

22-25 November, Sydney

The event is the inaugural joint event between the two NSW Public Library Associations: Metropolitan and Country.

It is an event that will stimulate both thinking and action planning for public libraries and their partners, enabling public libraries to continue to provide sustainable, valued services to their communities.

It will be held at the SMC Conference and Function Centre (www.smc.au.com)

Located beside Sydney's World Square, with easy access by rail, car, bus and Sydney Motorail.

"S" in SWITCH refers to sustainability: economic, social, cultural and environmental, and the role that public libraries and their government, business, education and community partners (Friends) will continue to play in community development and social inclusion, in a changing environment.

The event organising company Great Southern Events – GSE (<http://www.gse.com.au>) is assisting the Organising Committee with the event management. Ms Kay Reaney (kay@gse.com.au) is the GSE Project Manager – contact her for further details.

In 2008, the Library Council of NSW released a report titled "Enriching communities: the value of public libraries in New South Wales".

http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/services/public-libraries/publications/docs/enriching_communities.pdf

A key finding presented in this report was that for each dollar spent on NSW public libraries there is:

- \$4.24 of economic benefit generated, and
- \$2.82 of real economic activity generated.

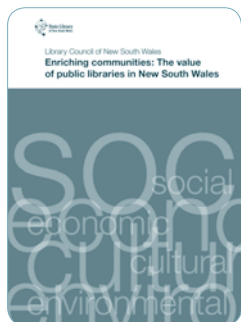
Over the coming weeks, further information on the conference will be available on the Public Libraries NSW Metropolitan Association webstie www.plnsw.org.au under 2009 Conference and Exhibition. This information will include program details and registration.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES — GHANA

The second known group on the continent of Africa has been established in Ghana. Friends of Libraries in Ghana was established in February 2009. The purpose of the organisation is similar to worldwide Friends bodies in Australia, Canada, UK and USA.

The public library system in Ghana has been operating for around 50 years and has 60 service points throughout the country, but poorly resourced, and many local areas choose not to provide public libraries. In 1989 a new local government law decentralised a number of organisations, including the Ghana Library Board. Since public libraries receive operating revenue from public tax, there have been strict limitations on this expenditure. In today's environment, the Friends believe they have a critical role to play.

One of the Friends' goals is helping make information and knowledge more accessible to the community.



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