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Friends

in HANSARD



Leslie Williams, MLA, Member for Port Macquarie; Judith Hansen, President Friends of Port Macquarie Library; and Cameron Marshall, ABC Radio Mid North Coast

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Daniel Ferguson
Executive Director FOLA



Beyond a Quality Service

The Australian Library & Information Association has just released – *Beyond a Quality Service: Strengthening the Social Fabric, Standards and Guidelines for Public Libraries*.

Found at http://www.alia.org.au/publiclibraries/PLSG_web_110407.pdf John Murrell (CEO of West Gippsland Regional Library Corporation) and a member of the FOLA national committee was one of the members on the ALIA Project Reference Group, established to provide comment and guidance.

The document is an evidence-based guide for the development of public library services in Australia. It lists 12 standards and 20 guidelines to be applied within the context of local challenges and opportunities. Friends groups should examine their own library environment in relation to these national standards. A well informed Friends campaign requires facts. This document can be viewed as an opportunity to work with library management to improve library services, and to stimulate debate where standards may have fallen.

Friends have particular opportunities in addressing the quality of service their libraries provide. We cannot all achieve, and may not wish to, the standards within the Rangeview Library District through the *Anythinklibraries* network, however, we do not wish to find ourselves as one of the 500 threatened library closures in the UK.



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Friends and active citizens, such as *Voices for the Library* in the UK provide the much needed bulwark against the erosion of standards in our public library system.

It is worth revisiting FOLA’s 2008 paper – Investing in Australia’s future through its public library system – why, who, how.

http://www.fola.org.au/pdfs/Investing_in_Australias_future.pdf

Your voice in the community and the role of your Friends group will be strengthened by understanding the contents of these two documents. It just helps deliver a quality service.

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Friends in Hansard



"I also take this opportunity to acknowledge and commend the Friends of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Library. Those volunteers are out there supporting our local library so it makes perfect sense that we should be supporting them."

The Friends of Port Macquarie Library recently found themselves mentioned in NSW Parliament Hansard. Speaking to the NSW Library Amendment Bill 2011, on 30 May 2011 was the newly elected Member for Port Macquarie, Leslie Williams, MLA.

Mrs Williams said: "I also take this opportunity to acknowledge and commend the Friends of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Library. Those volunteers are out there supporting our local library so it makes perfect sense that we should be supporting them. They describe themselves on the organisation's website as, 'People who know that a community with a first-rate library is a better place to live'. Let me highlight for members the objectives of this great organisation, the friends of the library. They are to maintain an association of people interested in books and libraries, to promote the use of Port Macquarie-Hastings Library services and appreciation of its value

as an asset to the community, to encourage and support the extension and improvement of library services in the Hastings, and to support the freedom to read and access to free information for all. Additionally, the friends of the library believe the services public libraries offer are so important that they held a Meet the Candidates night in the lead-up to the State election on 26 March to make sure they had the support of all candidates. It was a great event held in our local library, and I commend the friends of the library for this great initiative."

NSW Friends groups should consult the Hansard reporting of the debate on the Library Amendment Bill 2011. Many State politicians spoke positively of the role of libraries in their community.

<http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/parliament/hansart.nsf/0/8E860F31025196F5CA2578B10009C0CB>

21 Years for *Friends of Tamworth Library*

The Friends of Tamworth Libraries recently celebrated their 21st birthday with a party which included the two remaining original members, Anne Brown and Jan Morris, and the former Librarian who initiated the group in 1989, Judy Jaeger. President, Judith Sheargold, welcomed the many guests to a lavish afternoon tea with a birthday cake and a presentation to the Library of a collage of pictures of all the buildings which have housed public libraries in Tamworth since the first in 1881. This gift now has pride of place in the Local History section of the library.

From the first jellybean competition, FOTL (Fottle) has been innovative in its ways to raise funds for the libraries of Tamworth. There have been raffles, selling library bags (an ongoing project), Anzac biscuits, selling advertising on bookmarks, theatre parties, and the memorable "Death by Chocolate" nights. The main source of income now is monthly book sales which have

become a firm fixture in the calendar of many people, who attend every month.

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President Judy Sheargold (l) watches while Anne Brown and Jan Morris present a collage of photos of the Libraries of Tamworth to Library Services Manager, Kay Delahunt.

Save our Libraries!

With nearly 500 libraries across the UK threatened with closure, a variety of campaigns have sprung up. A key to success for all is – Community support.

Many public figures have entered the debate, including Josephine Cox, who has written 43 books. She was the most borrowed British-born adult author in 2009, according to the royalties organisation, Public Lending Right.

Voices for the Library, is one such campaign group. It is a place for everyone who loves libraries to share their stories and experiences of the value of public libraries.

They state “We don’t want to lose our libraries, and we aim to ensure future generations continue to enjoy access to free unbiased public libraries and librarians.”

Voices for the Library have the following aims:

1. Share positive stories from public libraries and librarians across the country.
2. Provide factual information about library usage in the UK.
3. Provide spokespeople for the media from a variety of different public libraries
4. Be a voice for communities and individuals to speak out about why they value their public libraries.
5. Support local campaigns to save libraries where it is apparent that the local council has not properly considered the impact of cuts to library services.



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Recognising the need:

There’s an awful lot of information floating around about library campaigns and closures, and we know not everyone has the time to get to grips with it all! *Voices* quick intro to the current UK public library situation – in a 2 minute and a 10 minute version, to suit busy lifestyles.

They also have both available to download as flyers: [VftL 2 min guide](#), [VftL 10 min guide](#)

The 2 minute guide to library campaigns:

1. Over 10 % of UK Public Libraries are under threat
2. Councils have a legal obligation to provide libraries – and they aren’t allowed to charge for book loans
3. If you’re worried about libraries in your area, contact your councillor and MP
4. You could also set up a campaign or a ‘friends of’ group – Facebook or a blog is a great way to do this
5. Want to know more? See <http://www.voicesforthelibrary.org.uk>

WE OPEN DOORS FOR CURIOUS MINDS

“Rangeview Library District’s current and future growth is due to the support of the Adams County community, who in November 2006 voted to approve a mill levy increase to help fund the library.”

RANGEVIEW LIBRARY DISTRICT: 2010 Winner of the National Medal for Museum and Library Service (USA) <http://www.anythinklibraries.org/> and the 2011 John Cotton Dana Award from the American Library Association.

Rangeview Library District is proud to serve the residents of Adams County through its seven Anythink libraries serving the communities of Bennett, Brighton, Commerce City, Northglenn, Thornton and the Perl Mack neighborhood of Denver. For community members outside of these areas, the district offers outreach services through its Bookmobile, Anythink in Motion, visiting area schools and homebound residents.

Originally the Adams County Public Library, in January 2004, Rangeview Library District became independent from Adams County and now operates as its own entity, overseen by a five-member Library Board of Trustees appointed by the Adams County Commissioners. ACPL was founded in 1953, and first served county residents solely out of a bookmobile. The district has grown exponentially in the past 50+ years to its current seven libraries, with four new libraries constructed in the past two years.

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Friends Foundation

The Rangeview Library Friends Foundation was created in 2009 to raise financial support for RLD from the private sector. The Foundation



is a nonprofit corporation organized solely for community and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Foundation recognizes the importance of providing quality resources, programs and materials to the public through Rangeview Library District (the “Library”) and the benefit of providing funding for additional programs. To that end, its mission and purposes are:

1. To generate broad-based public support and participation in order to forward and support RLD’s mission to “open doors for curious minds” by enhancing the public’s understanding and enjoyment of the Library through the use of special programs, activities and projects.
2. To work with RLD to raise money through contributions so that capital projects, programs and activities may continue to be provided for the general public.

The Foundation will work with the RLD Board of Trustees and Library Director to identify needs for funding of special programs, activities and capital projects that cannot be funded with public-sector dollars.

In September 2010, the Foundation hosted its first annual fundraising event, Sparkopolis.

FOLA Friends are the stars of latest book

Kay and Muriel Craddock feature in *Rare: A Life Among Antiquarian Books* by Stuart Kells

Both mother and daughter now laugh at their naivety in entering a male dominated field with no retail experience. "If we'd had more knowledge we wouldn't have opened the shop", Kay says. "Because we would have felt it was beyond us."

Muriel, now 98 and retired, quotes poet Thomas Gray: "Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise."

Kay and her parents Muriel and Les first opened a bric a brac and old books shop called the Treasure Chest in Essendon in 1965. Two months later, Les Craddock died of a heart attack. Many people would have quit, but the Craddocks needed to work and were locked into a three year lease. The Craddocks would move the business several times, gradually focusing on the more rarified area of antiquarian bookselling.

The biggest stroke of luck was when a real estate agent offered them the lease of the basement of the elegant, olde-world Scots Church hall, with windows on the fashionable Collins Street, Melbourne. They moved in in June 1990 and have since prospered, defying recession, the rise of the internet, and questions over the future of bookshops.

Kay sees new technology simply as a tool, just as computers replaced typewriters. She's on Facebook and plans to use an eBay platform.



Kaye and Muriel Craddock

Last year, a customer sought an important gift for a colleague. Kay had contacts to find him a pristine set of Charles Darwin's *The Zoology of the Voyage of HMS Beagle* (1838-43) as well as an extremely rare, pre-publication copy of Darwin's *On the origin of the Species* (1859).

"With books – of all businesses – people really do have to have that personal knowledge and attention," she says.

Kay and Muriel have been long-term sponsors to FOLA and the Friends of the Baillieu Library, University of Melbourne

<http://www.kaycraddock.com/wordpress/>



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FRIENDS OF THE STATE LIBRARY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND FOLA FORUM

Glenys Beckwith reports.

**Held In The Hetzel Lecture Theatre
State Library Of South Australia,
Tuesday 17 May 2011**

*"The Director of
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The Director of the State Library of SA, Mr. Alan Smith welcomed over 30 delegates from 9 different local library systems. He spoke of his pride and keen interest in the Friends groups across South Australia and stressed the importance of Friends groups especially in times of decreased funding from government. He mentioned that he had just heard that several libraries in the UK were closing their doors due to funding cuts. He reminded us all of the importance of libraries as a place of education and recreation; a place for all members of the community.

*"Ms Kristina Barnett ...
spoke of the support
being given to the
Christchurch Library
in the wake of the
earthquake."*

Mr Peter Zajicek from the Conservation Department, State Library of SA gave a presentation about the work of his department. What used to be a book binding department has evolved into a highly professional Conservation Service whose staff are constantly upgrading their skills with training sessions from people from interstate and overseas. The range of tasks undertaken and the range of materials having to be conserved is amazing. The people of SA are very lucky to have such dedicated staff who meet all the challenges that come their way with determination, innovation and skill.

Ms Kristina Barnett (Vice-President of FOLA) offered apologies for Dr. Alan Bundy (President of FOLA) and Mr Daniel Ferguson (Executive Director of FOLA).

She spoke of the support being given to the Christchurch Library in the wake of the earthquake.

She then spoke about the National Year of Reading, to be launched on 14th Feb. 2012 and encouraged all Friends of Libraries to think



about their contribution to the success of NYR at the local level. The NYR provides an outstanding opportunity, through the promotion of literacy and reading, where public libraries can show why they are worthy of much greater investment. It also provides opportunities for Friends of Libraries to improve their own profile and membership. Friends of Libraries groups may consider increasing and /or preserving 2010/2011 funds to help with specific NYR local events. Planning for NYR is already underway (see: www.love2read.org.au)

She mentioned that the FOLA website is currently off-line and is being reviewed.

FOLA's AGM is to be held in SA at the Campbelltown Library on Thursday Sept. 1st. this year. Hopefully, many Friends groups will be able to attend.

Delegates Reports

Glenys Beckwith, the secretary of the **Friends of the State Library of SA**, reported that they have over 300 members and are continuing with their publications program which is their main fund-raising venture. New releases include the soft-cover edition of *The Adelie Blizzard. Mawson's Forgotten newspaper 1913; The Sources of the Finke River and other expeditions* by Charles Chewings and a softcover edition of *Zoology of New Holland* which is a facsimile of the first book ever published about the fauna of Australia.

FRIENDS OF THE STATE LIBRARY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND FOLA FORUM

They continue to present their Wednesdays at 1 program of speakers. These are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 1pm in the Hetzel Lecture Theatre and the theme is always *Books in My Life*. The talks are always revealing and never boring. They hosted events for 2 high profile people last year – The Hon Michael Kirby, retired High Court Judge and Darcey Bussell, retired prima ballerina with the Royal Ballet who has written ballet books for children.

The Friends have recently spent over \$18 000 in gifts to the State Library – some original documents concerning an exploration expedition in 1896 and a painting of Port Adelaide from 1907.

The Friends now have their office and lounge on the ground floor of the Institute Building of the State Library – very convenient for visitors and members.

Ann Hughes from the Murray Bridge Library Friends reported that their 10 active members have been busy with the planning of a new library and raising money by selling old library stock and donations and having their annual Spring Garden Party (indoors). But their major achievement was the *Tapping into the Oldies* project which was an oral history enterprise comprising some 38 interviews. After being contacted by a media group they moved up a gear to complete their transcriptions in very quick time and visuals were added through photos and CD's and their work was presented on www.bigstories.com.au. It became part of the family film presentation in Elder Park for the Adelaide Film Festival. Then this was topped by winning FOLA's Eric Flynn Award of \$1,000 which was presented by Dr. Alan Bundy in front of 65 people including many of the interviewees. Ann was happy to report that the Friends' involvement in the project had been tremendously fulfilling.

Ewen Miller from Unley Library Friends reported that their president Margaret Warming had been recently honoured by the Unley Council for her outstanding volunteer work. Friends of the Unley Libraries have a number of financially successful events particularly book

sales. Quite often, books sold are returned after being read and then resold. The Friends continue to fund their Hot Speed Reads by charging overdue fees for these particular items which are in high demand and cannot be reserved. It enables the library to have multiple copies of the newest popular items available. They are involved in the School Holiday Program. Every 2 months, the Friends hold various events such as book signings, talks by authors and food and wine evenings with entertainment by the Unley City band. The next event is on July 16th. A quarterly newsletter is produced and distributed through the local Angus and Robertson store.

Helen from the Mount Gambier Library Friends reported that their Friends group was only 10 months old, but had already raised \$13,000. It has 350 members and 16 committee members. Their new library has been embraced by the community and the stock is heavily borrowed. The Friends are concerned about the quantity of the stock and the quality of some of the fiction. Fund raising enterprises have included holding book sales, film premieres, selling their own stuffed toy bear named *Libreria*, catering for special events such as a speech given by Julian Burnside QC and huge raffle – a wheelbarrow full of donated goodies. Other activities include hosting get-togethers of the 13 book groups in the district called *Bound by Books*, holding a Cheese Masterclass (Chocolate next) and an Antiques Roadshow.

Because the Friends at Mount Gambier wish to have some form of independence and security, Helen raised the issue of becoming an Incorporated body and what insurance would be appropriate and some discussion and advice evolved around the topic and Kristina Barnett assured Helen that she could provide support with the process.

Helen expressed her pleasure at being able to come to Adelaide, attend the FOLA forum and visit the State Library.

Prue Blaikie from the Prospect Library Friends wants to know how to contact authors. This year has seen a number of events. A

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successful film evening on June 24th where 2 old reel to reel films were shown. Over \$5000 has been raised from book sales (Peter Walsh an ABC sports commentator donated a large number of sports books). An event with a panel of local crime writers was successful. Another successful raffle was held of goods donated by local businesses — the Friends always personally deliver a thank-you certificate to the businesses and believe that helps to keep the donations coming. They issue a quarterly newsletter highlighting the new books in the library and have 5 meetings a year including the AGM. They recently gave \$5,500 to the Library for audiovisual materials including hardware. They help with the children's writing competition that the library conducts.

Jill Stevens from the Barossa Library

Friends reported that fund-raising was their main focus. Penfolds very generously donated a magnum of Grange to raffle. A successful quiz night was held and a 4-day book sale at Tanunda raised \$1200. They recently gave the library \$3000 for new picture books. They have some difficulties with communicating with the membership as many do not have e-mail. So they continue to post out the printed newsletter but issue snippets of information via e-mail. Important changes are ahead as the Tanunda branch is about to be co-located with the Barossa Information Centre. The current Tanunda library building is to be sold to finance the new development.

Joan Siviour from the Willunga/Aldinga

Friends reported on behalf of her small group — only a committee of 6 but very active. Special events such as guest speakers are well attended. Ashley Mallett former cricketer and Bill Guy former foreign editor for *The Advertiser* were popular. A talk about Chinese style painting was interesting as was a talk by a local resident who had spent some time living in China. Other topics were antiques and the importance of making a will. Outings are sometimes organised — the last one was to the slate quarry. Raffles, catering, a quiz night, soup days and book sales are fundraising activities. History Week was on the theme of 25 years ago ie 1986. Stamros Giannos was guest speaker.

Lyn Radzevicius from the Stirling Library

Friends said that fundraising was their main focus. 4 raffles a year raise between \$3000 and

\$4000 and book sales raise another \$4000 or \$5000. They have 4-5 speakers a year and charge \$10 entrance which includes a glass of wine. Membership is free — people are asked if they want to be members when they join the library and most people do and so the Friends have their contact details for newsletter and publicity flyers. They only issue an electronic newsletter — cheaper and can be more frequent. The library is well patronised and under-resourced and so the Friends' advocacy role is very important so that Council fund the library adequately. At the last elections the Friends circulated a letter and questionnaire to all candidates and the responses were issued to the public (not in the library but at venues such as street book sales). 60% of the collection is out at any one time and 90% of the DVDs. 63% of the population are members and 1000 people visit the library every day. It is a great meeting place particularly for young people.

Christine Robjohns from the Salisbury

Libraries Friends represented the 5 Salisbury libraries. Each year the Friends sponsor "One Book One Salisbury" — Salisbury's biggest Bookclub where everyone in the community is encouraged to read the same book by an Australian author selected by the library. After 3 months reading and discussing time people can meet and hear the author at an open forum and literary lunch. Book sales raise valuable funds which are used to support library projects such as family literacy programs, Plectalk Daisy readers for the visionally impaired, family reading centre toys as distinct from the toy library and support for schools which may not have a teacher-librarian in teaching senior students to use on-line databases, gain critical information & literacy skills and guidance on undertaking research and a homework club for students in years 8-10. The Friends have a monthly newsletter, a Friends web-site and an on-line book-sale site. The library now has an electronic newsletter sent to 12,000 households replacing a print newsletter that went to only 2,000 households. This has increased participation in library activities.

Many thanks to Carolyn Potts and Chris Whitfield from the Friends of the State Library of SA who helped with this forum.

Delegates can be contacted through their libraries.



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Friends around Australia

News, Events & Ideas...

State Library (SA)

Join us on Facebook – Did you know that the Friends are on Facebook and that you can 'talk' to other Friends, make new friends, see photos of our events that you were unable to attend? The Friends of the State Library of South Australia is described on Facebook as follows: *This Group supports the work of the Library through fundraising, so the library can purchase items of historical interest to South Australia.*

West Gippsland (Vic)

West Gippsland Regional Library Corporation are collecting all their FOL groups within the library and making a visit to the Alexandra library and Junior Friends group on 29 August.

Wagga Wagga (NSW)

Quick Picks – are bright purple Express Bags for those who want to read, but are time poor for managing the selection of their own books. The library have selected a range of 5 books in a grab bag, that can be picked up and borrowed with minimal fuss. The last book sale raised over \$1260.

Wingecarribee (NSW)

\$1800 was raised in a recent booksale. The remaining items we removed via remainder book dealer, which saved the Friends money to pay to a truck to move unsold items.

Annual membership also entitles new Friends a free membership of the Berkelouw Books Book Club.

National Library of Australia (ACT)

Winner of the Friends Medal for 2011, was Linda Groom, former Curator of the National Library's Picture Collection.

21st Birthday Celebration of the Friends was held on 11 April when the new Director-General of the NLA, Anne-Maree Schwirtlich addressed the gathering.

Special discounts have been offered to Friends members for the Australian Chamber Orchestra concerts and for on-line purchases through the NLA Bookshop.

Salisbury (SA)

Antique expert Paul Bartlett visited Ingle Farm Library to provide valuable information about antiques and collectables at the March Friends event. In May a representative of The Phoenix Society was guest speaker at the Salisbury Library.

Inverloch (Vic)

In March the Friends organised a 'Meet the Author night'. The adventurer/author/filmmaker, Tim Cope drew a crowd that overwhelmed the organisers. Initially 280 chairs were set up in the ahll of the Inverloch Community Hub, but close to 500 people attended. By inviting Tim Cope the Friends targeted the 16-26 age group and about half of the audience were from that age group. Although Tim's presentation ended at around 9 pm he stayed talking to people nearly until 11 pm. An immensely successful night.

Doveton (Vic)

In March the Mayor of the City of Casey, Cr Shar Balmes, names the new meeting room at the Doveton Library, "Connie Newman". Mrs Connie Newman has been with the Friends since its inception in 1984 and was in particular, constantly active in lobbying local councillors for extra support, which a few years back resulted in the promise of enlarging the premises including a meeting room, which was opened and named in her honour. Connie also was until recently the Friends faithful treasurer. The revamped library now has a more contemporary, spacious, inviting look, thanks to the friends. The celebration was also attended by many other original foundation members of the friends, former staff members and other distinguished guests.

Willunga and Aldinga (SA)

The April newsletter gave the beginnings of a personal story from one of their longtime committee members, Tony Brooks. The story begins.... "My sister cried the day I went up the hill to catch the number 79 bus to the station. The cruel national service system was about

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The June meeting presented Malcolm Modra, a solicitor, who talked about making a Will.

Altona (Vic)

\$1350 was raised from the most recent booksale. Friends held a special Big Morning tea in May with funds going to support the Cancer Council. The event was a partnership between the Altona and Williamston Friends groups.

Tamworth (NSW)

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Balmain (NSW)

The conclusion is that the 2011 FOBL Book Boost was, once again a great success. Hundreds of new fiction books will be available in the library soon. They are valued at just over \$10,000, with approximately \$1300 left over. The committee has decided to engage in a new project by allocating the unused \$1300 to support the creation of a Nobel Literature Prize-winners' section within Balmain Library. Details at www.fobl.org.au

Toowoomba (Qld)

The City Library was deluged with 9 inches (360mm) of water in one hour in early January. An "inland tsunami" flooded most of the town of Townsville on 10 January. The library was closed for 2 weeks while cleaning and sanitation were organised. However, the good news for the Friends has been in raising over \$5000 from two book sales, and they were successful in their Community Benefit Fund 2011 application to the Toowoomba City Golf Club. Projects being supported are: DVDs for bulk loans and Housebound services, Book vouchers for school students through a Membership Drive, Fliptop camera and 3 canvas art prizes for the Youth Week Photographic Competition.

Barossa (SA)

In March, attention was turned to learning to read, when the Friends gave \$3000 to the library to be used to build up the children's picture book collection. The collection will serve the libraries at Angaston, Lyndoch, Mount Pleasant, Nuriootpa and Tanunda. At the end of March a book sale was held in the CWA Hall Tanunda over 4 days. Over \$900 was raised.

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Jan Morris (l) and Anne Brown, the only remaining original members of Friends of Tamworth Libraries, cut the birthday cake.



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