

Sylvan Lake Municipal Library

New Year, New You! Free Library Cards Coming This January!



January - March 2025

Programs and Activities



Don't Miss a Moment

Hours of Operation (New)

Sunday:	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Monday:	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday:	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday:	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday:	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Website:	www.sylvanlibrary.prl.ab.ca
Newsletter:	https://prl.ab.ca/sylvanlake/about-us/newsletter

Holidays and Closures

January 1	Closed for New Year's Day
February 17	Closed for Family Day

Program Breaks

December 22 - January 6 | February 16 - March 3

All of our weekly preschool and afterschool programs will pause during program breaks. Monthly programs and special events will continue as usual during these breaks.

To be notified about unexpected program cancellations, sign up for our mailing list and select "announcements".

Our weekly preschool and afterschool programs kick off this January.
Unless otherwise stated, all programs are free and drop-in.

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Preschool Programs

Infant Sensory Play | Ages 0-2

Wednesdays | 2:15-3:00 p.m.

Drop In, Starts January 8

No program February 5

Stories, rhymes, songs, and sensory play for young families.

Preschool Story Time | Ages 2-5

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays

10:15-11:00 a.m.

Drop In, Starts January 7

Stories and music, followed by a sensory activity or craft.

Live Stories with Miss Corrie

Fridays | 9:15-9:45 a.m.

Virtual via Facebook Live | Starts January 10

Stories, songs, and a simple craft or sensory activity via Facebook Live. View past story times on our Facebook.

Story Time in the Wild | Ages 2-5

Fridays | 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Drop In | No program January 31, February 7,

Story walks, nature play, and crafts outdoors, rain or shine.

Watch website for weekly locations.



Mess is Best | Ages 0-2 & 2-5

Saturdays | 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Drop In, Starts January 11

No program February 1 - March 1

Sensory activities and messy play stations. Infant and Preschooler activities will alternate weekly; view calendar for age-specific dates.

Pyjama Story Time | Ages 2-5

Thursdays: January 16, February 27, and March 20

6:15-7:15 p.m.

Drop In

Dress in your PJs and bring a stuffie to the Library for a bedtime story time, followed by a craft.

Donuts with Grownups | Ages 2-5

Saturday, February 22 | 10:15-11:00 a.m.

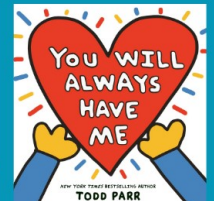
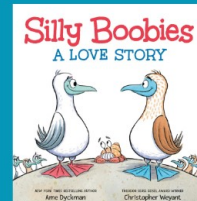
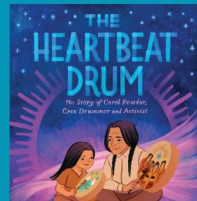
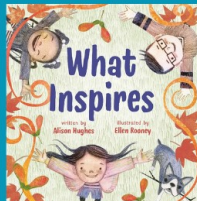
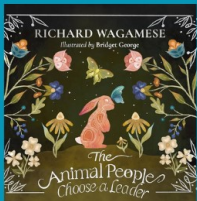
Saturday, March 8 | 3:15-4:00 p.m.

Drop In

Children are invited to bring a special person in their life for a story time at the Library. This program is sponsored in part by Mountain House Bakery.



Check out these new books!



School Age Programs

Board Game Café | Ages 8+

Tuesdays | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Drop In | No program February 4, 18, and 25

Make new friends and enjoy the board game of the week while we learn and play together. Watch our website and social media for weekly board game announcements.

Anime Club | Ages 8+

Wednesdays | 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Drop In | No program February 19 and 26

Celebrate your love of anime and manga with the Library, while making new friends.

S.T.E.M. Explorers | Ages 6-12

Thursdays | 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Drop In | No program February 6, 20, and 27

Explore the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math at the Library with fun projects and challenges.

Family Art Attack | Ages 6+

Once a Month | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Registration Required

January 18: String Art

February 13 (6:15-7:15): Wood Burning

March 15: Miniature Books

Parents and children are invited to create their own unique artwork at the Library. All materials provided; take home what you create.

Junior Book Club

Select Mondays | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Registration Required

Discover new books and read along with your peers while engaging in crafts and activities at the Library. Sign up early for a copy of the book to keep!

January/February read: Starfish by Lisa Fipps |

Recommended for Ages 10-14

Loot Kit Pick-Up: December 21

March/April read: Ravenfall by Kalyn Josephson | Recommended for Ages 10-12

Loot Kit Pick-Up: February 18

Kids Writing Hub | Ages 8+

January 11, February 22, and March 22

3:00-4:00 p.m. | Registration Required

Do you want to be a writer? Grow your writing skills while learning new techniques from special guest writers at the Library.

January: Learn how to turn an idea into a story with Blackfalds author Doug Morrison. Discover how to harness creativity from everyday moments. Future guests to be announced.

Red Hot Science | Ages 7-14

Friday, January 31 | Registration Required

Ages 7-10 | 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Ages 10-14 | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Ecosystems in a Jar

Welcome to the enchanting world of terrarium crafting, where participants will embark on a whimsical journey to create their own tiny oasis! Join us for a day filled with creativity, laughter, and the joy of bringing a little piece of nature into your home. With the right balance of materials, sunlight, and nutrients, an ecosystem can be created, and the terrariums can survive for years.

School's Out Days | Ages 8+

Craftapalooza:

Friday, February 21 | 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Drop In

Dive into an explosion of craft supplies and make your own unique creations.

Minecraft Mania:

Friday, March 7 | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Drop In

Play along with friends old and new. Participants can use their own account, or play on a free library account. Use our computers, or bring your own device.

Gaming on the PS5:

Friday, March 21 | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Drop In

Drop in for an afternoon of gaming on the Library's PS5. Games from our board game collection will be available to play as well.

Teen Programs

Prism Club | Ages 13+

First Tuesday of the month | 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Drop In

Movie nights, art projects, and book chats for LGBTQ2S+ youth and allies. Refreshment provided.

January 7: Join us to watch and discuss *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World* based on the graphic novel by Bryan Lee O'Malley.

Future projects to be selected by participants.

Paint with Melissa Hall: Teen Edition

Thursday, January 9 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Registration Required

Paint along with local artist Melissa Hall and take home your own unique piece of art.

All materials provided. This event is free, courtesy of a Walmart Programming Grant.



Teen Survival Movie Night

Tuesday, February 18 | 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Drop In

Create your own mini-survival kit while watching a movie at the Library.

"A national manhunt is ordered for a rebellious kid and his foster uncle who go missing in the wild New Zealand bush." - ***Hunt for the Wilderpeople*** (2016, Rated PG-13).

Refreshments provided.

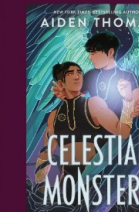
Teen Pyrographic Art

Friday, March 14 | 3:45-4:45 p.m.

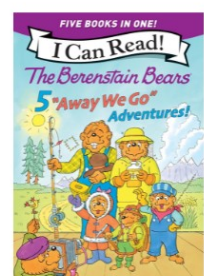
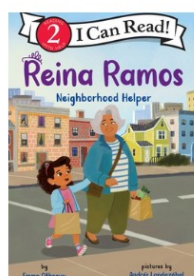
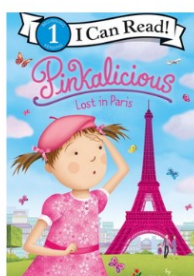
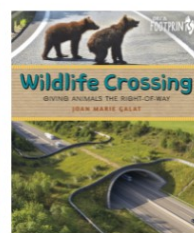
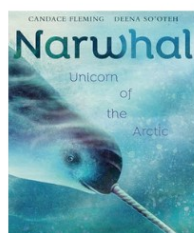
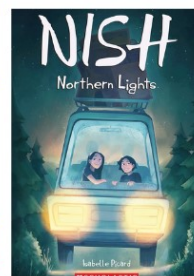
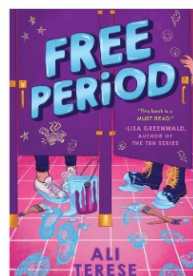
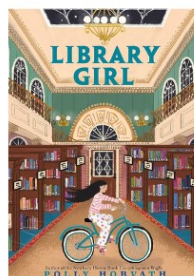
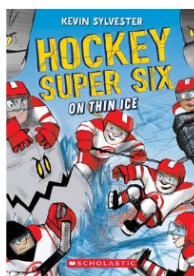
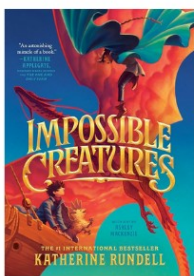
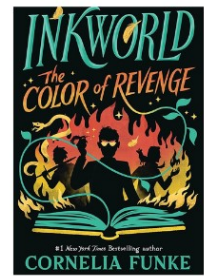
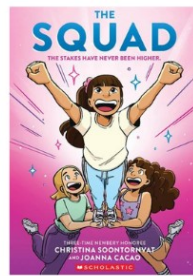
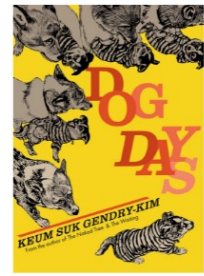
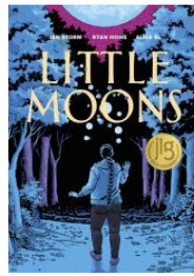
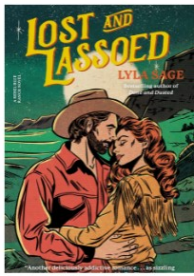
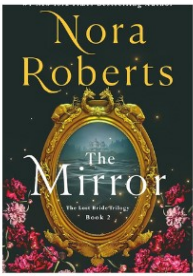
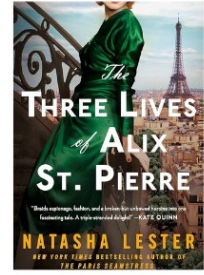
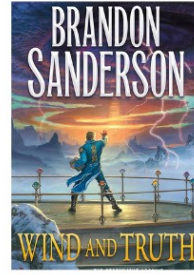
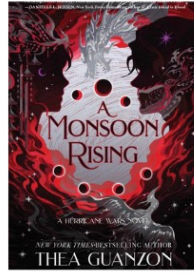
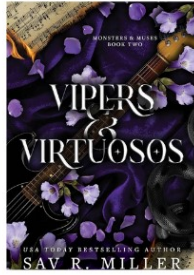
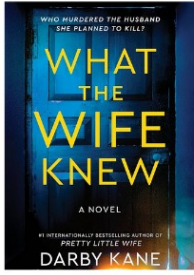
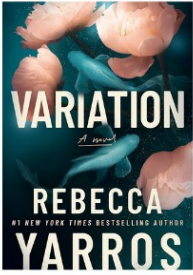
Registration Required

Create your own unique wood burn art at the Library. All materials provided, take home what you create.

Check out these new books!



New Books at the Library!



Adult Programs

Pub Trivia Night

First Wednesday of the Month | 6:30 p.m.

January 8: The Viewpoint Lounge

February: No meeting this month.

March 5: Snake Lake Brewing Co.

Do you have what it takes to be a trivia champion? Join us for an evening of pub trivia fun with friends and family. Build your team (max 6 players) then meet us at the venue of the month.

Art Attack | Ages 16+

First Thursday of the Month | 6:15-7:15 p.m.

or Third Friday of the Month

3:00-4:00 p.m. | Registration Required

January: String Art

February: Wood Burning (no Thursday session)

March: Miniature Books

Create unique art with friends old and new. Try different art styles and mediums, and take home what you create.

Knit-Wits

Thursdays | 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Drop In

Create beautiful handmade projects while meeting new friends. Bring your own supplies or use ours. Want to help lead a project? Ask us about our volunteer opportunities!

Film Society

Last Monday of the Month at Landmark Cinemas | 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Tickets \$10.00 + GST

Season Passes Available

January 27: *The Fabulous Four*

February 24: *Blitz* *6:00 p.m. start time

March 31: *Conclave* *6:00 p.m. start time

April: *Drive Back Home*

Join us at the local theatre to watch the Independent Film of the month. Tickets are available for presale at the Library, or at the door the night of. Cash sales only at the theatre.

Resume 101

Monday, January 13 | 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Registration Required

Build a resume from scratch with guidance from our Library Director. Participants should bring their work history, and any previous resumes they've created.

Use our computers or bring your own device.

Tech Connect

Tuesdays | 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Drop In | Starts January 14

Need help with your smartphone, laptop, tablet, or e-Reader? Have questions about cyber safety?

Drop by the Library for a one-on-one session with library staff. Assistance provided first-come, first served.

Staff are not able to assist with topics beyond our knowledge, or outside the scope of technology coaching. We are not able to diagnose or fix hardware issues.

Tech Safety @ the Senior's Centre

Wednesday, January 15 | 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Drop In at the Sylvan Lake Seniors Centre

Learn basic tech safety tips at the Senior's Centre, followed by a Q&A to answer your questions about tech safety and scams.

Writer's Hub

One Thursday a month | 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Registration Required

Do you want to be a writer? Grow your writing skills while learning new techniques from special guest writers at the Library.

January 23: Learn how to turn an idea into a story with Blackfalds author Doug Morrison.

Discover how to harness creativity from everyday moments.

Future guests to be announced.



Special Events & Community Guests

Vision Board Making | Ages 16+

Saturday, January 4 | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Registration Required

Manifest a vision for your future with our Vision Board Making session.
All materials provided.

XOX Ladies Night | Ages 18+

Friday, February 7 | 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Tickets \$5.00 + GST

Join us for an evening of pampering and relaxation. Check out the local vendors, and place your bid on silent auctions to help support the Library. Food and drink provided.
Wine \$3.00 per glass. *Must have photo ID.

Family Literacy Day | All Ages

Saturday, January 25 | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Drop In

Celebrate literacy at the Library with an Elephant and Piggie puppet show with special guest readers and giant games throughout the Library.

Frozen Party | All Ages

Saturday, February 15 | 10:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Drop In

Join us in your iciest apparel for a Frozen movie marathon, singalong (with guests!) a story time, and activities throughout the Library.

Story Time & Singalong: 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Frozen 1 Screening: 11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Frozen 2 Screening: 1:30-3:15 p.m.

Let's Talk: ESL with the Henday Association

Tuesdays | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Drop In

Improve your English conversational skills while getting to know your neighbours. For more information, call the Henday Association for Lifelong Learning at 403-227-2866.

Career Leap Resume Review

**Wednesdays: January 8, February 5, March 5
12:30-2:30 p.m. | Drop In**

Bring your resume to the Library for review by the Red Deer Career Leap Team. First come, first-served. For more information, contact Career Leap at 587-876-6025

Homeschool Hub

Every Other Thursday

12:30-2:00 p.m. | Drop In at Sunnyside

Local Homeschool families are invited to join the Homeschool Hub in collaboration with the Library at the Sunnyside Christian Retreat Centre for interactive reading experiences, story times, themed activities, and more!

Located at **202 Birchcliff Rd., Birchcliff, AB.**

Visit www.homeschoolhub.ca for more information.



Book Clubs and Reading Challenges

Mystery Book Club

Second Monday of the Month | 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Drop In | Sylvan Lake Municipal Library
4715 50th Avenue

January 13: *The Silent Wife* by Karin Slaughter

February 10: *The Madness of Crowds* by Louise Penny

March 10: *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson

Read the mystery book of the month, then join us at the Library for a discussion.

New Romantics Book Club

Second Wednesday of the Month | 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Drop In | Lakeshore Café
5000 Lakeshore Drive

January 15: *The Bodyguard* by Katherine Center

February 12: *Not In Love* by Ali Hazelwood

March 12: *The Spanish Love Deception* by Elena Armas

Read the romance book of the month, then join us at Lakeshore Café for a discussion.

Bring Your Own Book Club

Third Wednesday of the Month | 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Drop In | Lakeshore Café

#130 - 5003 Lakeshore Drive

Read ANY book, then join us at Lakeshore Café to share your thoughts. View previous recommended reads on our website.



Book-to-Movie Club

Last Wednesday of the Month | 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Drop In | Lakeshore Café

#130 - 5003 Lakeshore Drive

January 29: *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner

February: TBA

March: TBA

Watch the movie of the month and/or read the book it was based on, then join us at Lakeshore Café for a discussion.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Ongoing At-Home Program

Track your child's reading from the ages of 0-5 (or until the end of Kindergarten). For every sheet they complete, they get to choose a prize. Once they've reached 1000 books, your child will receive a grand prize which includes a certificate of completion, books, toys, and other great prizes.

Introduce your child to books when they're young, and help foster a love of literacy!

Hogwarts Reading Club

September 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Track your reading and earn points for your House! Sort yourself into your House: Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, or Slytherin - or let us sort you at random. Keep track of the books you read and their page count - the pages are your House Points. For bonus points, give a brief review of the book. Keep an eye out for monthly challenges! More information available on our website.

Volunteer Opportunities

Film Society Committee

Help Select Titles for our Independent Film Series

Sign up for our Film Society Committee email list and receive information about upcoming TIFF selections for our screenings.

Volunteers can also help with poster distribution before each film, and selling tickets the night-of.

Special Events at the Library

Weekend and After-Hours Programs

Are you interested in helping with some of our special events at the Library? Head over to our website and fill out our volunteer application form.

Reading Buddies

New Initiative!

We're looking to pair strong readers who want to give back, with younger readers who need a little help with their reading progress.

If you're interested, contact the Library for more information!



Little Free Pantry

Seeking Donations and Community Support

The Little Free Pantry is a free, no-questions-asked resource for those experiencing food insecurity. Donations of food and hygiene items can be made any time during our open hours. Cash donations of \$20.00 or more will receive a tax receipt.

Library Board

Second Wednesday of the Month | 6:30 p.m.

Library Board meetings are open to the public. Keep an eye out for openings on our Library Board to help support the Library.

Home Deliveries

Books for Homebound Individuals

We're looking for volunteers that are able to drive and transport books and other Library items to patrons who are homebound. Must have a valid driver's license and vehicle insurance.

Snacks in the Stacks

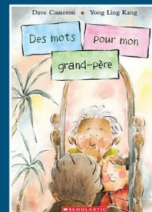
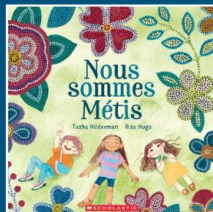
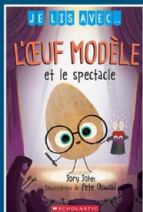
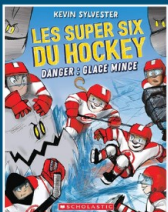
New Initiative!

We're looking for a regular sponsor for our afterschool snacks for kids at the Library. We're also looking for someone who is interested in and able to run a "Snacks in the Stacks" program with prepared food for participants. If you're interested, contact the Library for more information!

Thank you to our sponsors for their support!



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**SYLVAN LAKE
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LITTLE FREE
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ABOUT US

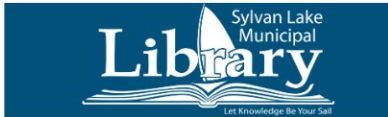
The Library houses a free no-questions-asked Little Free Pantry, where those in need can help themselves to perishable and non-perishable food items. The pantry can be accessed any time during our open hours, at no charge.

OUR HISTORY

In September of 2016, we started the Little Free Pantry in the centre of the library to help with growing food insecurities. We started with a few shelves, now we have 3 rows of shelves as well as a refrigerator.

USAGE

As food insecurity rises in the community, the need to restock high demand items becomes more frequent. Monetary donations go towards purchasing these items on a consistent basis.



403-887-2130

MONETARY DONATIONS

Donations can be made on our website, or in person at the library. Donations of \$20 or more can receive a tax-receipt. Donations can be made as a one-time gift or on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis.

PHYSICAL DONATIONS

Physical donations are made up of perishable and non-perishable food items, hygiene products, and toiletries. Businesses and community groups can gather these items, making their own large donation.

- High Demand Items**
- Canned protein
 - Canned fruit
 - Hygiene items
 - “Heat & eat” meals

- High Demand Items**
- Milk
 - Butter
 - Lunch meat
 - Cheese

Thank you

To all the individuals, groups, and businesses for your support, thank you.

Library of Things

Libraries are more than just books!

Our Library of Things is made up of additional items available for borrowing, ranging from board games to technology items to outdoor play items.

Discover these items and more available for checkout, free with your library card!

Board Game Collection



Shifu Orboot Children's Globe



Illuminated Smart World Interactive Globe for Kids



Binoculars Kit



NexSource Passes



Snowshoes



Daisy Book Reader



Kill A Watt Power Monitor



Radon Screening Kits



Fog Machine



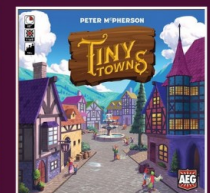
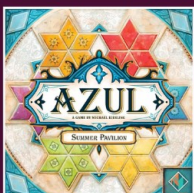
Guitar Pick Punch Kit



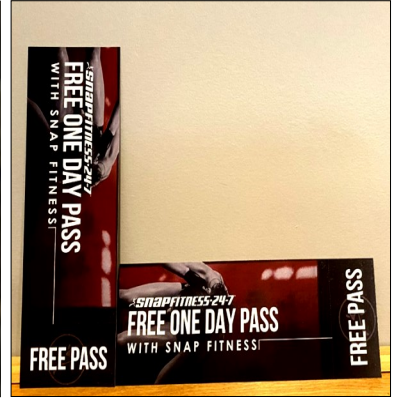
Bocce Ball Set



Check out these new board games!



Reusable Canvas Bags: \$5.25 | Headphones: \$2.50
NexSource Passes: Free with your Library Card | Snap Fitness Passes: Free



Our outdoor book return is accessible 24/7 to drop off your items.

Library Strategic Goals

Create Young Readers

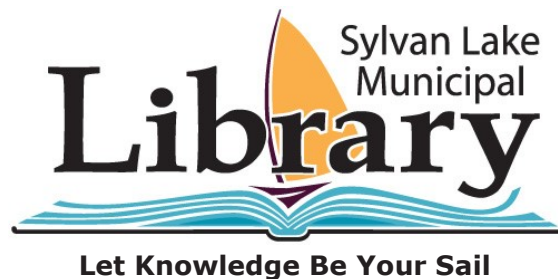
Children will have programs and services designed to ensure that they will enter school ready to learn, write, and listen.

Know Your Community

Patrons will have a central source for information about the wide variety of community programs, services, and activities.

Express Creativity

Patrons will have access to services and materials to enjoy and create original content in various formats and settings.



Visit a Comfortable Place

Patrons will have a safe and welcoming spaces to meet and interact with others or to sit and work independently.

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