



## DISCUS Adds Two New Databases

As part of the South Carolina State Library's Business & Workforce Development Initiative, DISCUS, South Carolina's Virtual Library, is pleased to announce two additions to its lineup of resources: LearningExpress Library and Ferguson's Career Guidance Center.

LearningExpress Library is an interactive tool that provides practice tests and tutorials designed for both students and adult learners to succeed on aca-



ademic and licensing exams. Feedback includes immediate scoring, complete answer explanations, and individualized analysis of the user's results.

Ferguson's Career Guidance Center is a career research database that includes overview articles and videos on nearly 3,400 jobs and 94 industries, broken down into 16 Career Clusters created by the U.S. Department of



Education. The product also includes searchable entries on scholarships, internships, and more.

These two complementary resources have been licensed for statewide use to help meet the needs of South Carolina citizens during these difficult economic times.

Visit [www.scdiscus.org](http://www.scdiscus.org) or contact your local public library to find out more!

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## Charleston County Public Library Plans Skin Health Fair

With Charleston residents spending so much time outdoors in boats, at the beach or visiting the area's fantastic parks, Charleston County Public Library is planning a Skin Health Fair to educate residents about skin health and safety as part of a recent grant from the American Association

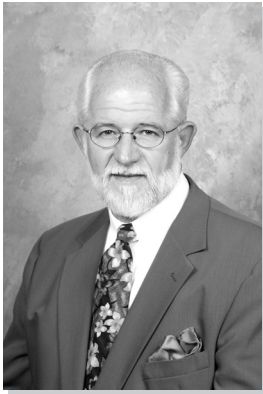
for the Advancement of Science's Skin Deep Project. One of only 10 grants awarded nationally, the library is working with the Medical University of South Carolina to coordinate the November event so residents can learn how to protect themselves and better

recognize skin cancers and diseases.

Planned for the library's Mt. Pleasant Regional Branch, the fair will include information stations plus talks by medical professionals with expertise in the field, according to



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### Director's Corner

As predicted in my last Director's Corner, fiscal year 2010 is promising to be as interesting as 2009. We have been directed to cut an additional 4.4% from our budget. This addition takes us to just short of 30% less budget than we ended fiscal year 2008. Our instructions from the governor, common to all state agencies, is to present a budget with no increase in funds and to demonstrate how we would handle a 15% cut. The budget pain felt by the State Library last year is being felt by many of the public libraries across the state. Several have had to cut staff, take furlough days, reduce hours, cut materials budgets, etc. All of this in a time when our libraries are most needed by our citizens. Circulation, door counts, computer usage is up across the state. Public library staffs are doing all they can possibly do to meet

the needs of South Carolinians.

A victim of the economic downturn was our *SchoolRooms* product. It was not catching on as quickly as we expected and our strategy for funding was, because of the failing budget, not going to work. Given this turn of events, we decided to pull the plug on *SchoolRooms* and invested in two online products that would help public libraries assist patrons get back to work. On September 8<sup>th</sup> we introduced the *LearningExpress Library*, an interactive tool that provides practice tests and tutorials designed for both students and adult learners and *Ferguson's Career Guidance Center*, a career research database that includes overview articles and videos on nearly 3,400 jobs and 94 industries. The product also includes searchable entries on scholarships, internships,

and more.

Our strategy in introducing these two products not only included the fact that these products will prove exceptionally important to citizens, but also allows libraries that were subscribing to these databases to repurpose those funds used for the subscription to other endeavors. More than 15 county library systems were affected.

We're trying our best to give the citizens of South Carolina the information they need most. We have put together a new perpetual family literacy calendar (see page 4) and offering it to organizations that serve underserved populations and we're also beginning to loan our new Talking Book Services digital audio book players (see page 11).

Stay tuned for more great things to come!

### Charleston County Public Library Plans Skin Health Fair, continued

Susan Frohnsdorff, the branch's reference manager who applied for the grant. Information will be available on various topics, e.g., skin cancers, skin diseases such as Rosacea and Psoriasis, acne control for all ages and the importance of moisturizing. Additionally,

students from one area school will learn about skin health in the classroom and participate in a poster contest.

Because Charleston is a beach community, Frohnsdorff said residents are concerned about issues like skin cancer and skin disease. Hopefully, this event, will help them

be proactive with prevention and detection. Skin, the body's largest organ and most visible, has millions of cells and nerve endings that relay messages about pain, pressure and touch. In spite of its toughness, it can be damaged if not cared for correctly. For more information visit [www.ccpl.org](http://www.ccpl.org).

### USC Libraries Receive NEH Digitization Grant

University of South Carolina librarians Kate Boyd and Craig Keeney will lead efforts to digitize select S.C. newspapers published between 1860 and 1922 using a \$350,000 two-year grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The newspapers, now available only on microfilm, will be made accessible on the Internet through the University Libraries' S.C. Digital Newspapers Project, a joint project of the University Libraries' Digital Activities Center and the South Caroliniana Library.

The project will involve scanning about 100,000 pages of newspaper text and providing cataloging information to enhance access to information about the artistic, literary, religious, ethnic, cultural, economic, and political events in South Carolina during one of the most eventful periods of its history. The S.C. newspapers will be mounted on the Website of "Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers" ([chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov)) which presently holds more than one million pages of historic American newspapers. The site is produced by the National

Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP), a program jointly sponsored by NEH and the Library of Congress.

This project will capitalize on the Digital Activities Center staff members' management and technical experience in digitizing such cultural heritage materials as maps, manuscripts, and original newspapers and on the South Caroliniana Library staff's experience in identifying, cataloging, and microfilming newspapers. In addition, the project builds on previous collaboration between the University and NEH. In the 1980s, the University used a planning grant to inventory South Carolina newspapers and to publish *South Carolina Newspapers*, an exhaustive county-by-county reference book, edited by Dr. John Hammond Moore. In the 1990s, the University Libraries cataloged 1,249 newspaper titles and filmed 990,332 pages with financial support from the NEH United States Newspaper Program (USNP).

Boyd, who heads the Digital Activities Center, said, "For over 200 years, librarians at this institution have acquired,

collected, preserved manuscripts and printed materials and have made them accessible to users. I hope that this next step towards even more accessibility to South Carolina newspapers will capture people's interest in South Carolina and American history from around the world. We are excited to bring these invaluable primary resources to the people through free access on the Web."

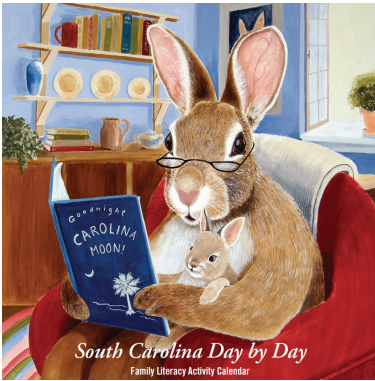
Remarking on the timeliness of the project, Keeney who is cataloger for the Published Materials Division of South Caroliniana Library said, "The 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War in 2011 offers our nation an opportunity to re-examine the war's origins and impact. As South Carolinians played significant roles during and after the Civil War, it is crucially important that South Carolina newspapers spanning the years 1860 to 1922 be made available to researchers through the 'Chronicling America' online database."

For more information, contact Kate Boyd at (803) 777-2249.



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## Taking Family Literacy Day by Day Across South Carolina

The South Carolina State Library is pleased to announce the launch of a family literacy activity calendar called *South Carolina Day by Day*. The calendar is designed to be a tool that families, caregivers, educators and librarians can use at home and in the classroom to further develop early literacy skills that help young children become prepared for school or do better in school. The goal is to provide families and caretakers a full year's worth of activities so the calendar is to be used more like an activity book than simply a calendar. There are lists of recommended books which also encourage all to use their local public library. Craft projects are designed to utilize simple items that are easily found in the home.

The Calendar is a project of the South Carolina State Library, working in partnership with many agencies, and primarily funded by a Library Services and Technology grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The State Library is the project coordinator and will handle distribution of

the calendar. The original artwork depicts sights and scenes of South Carolina painted by artist Helen Correll of Spartanburg County. You may have seen her other work, most notably the posters for the Jamboread Festival held by the Spartanburg County Public Library. The design was created by Colleen Coletta, a Columbia based graphic designer. Many different elements were included in the design to spark creativity and enthusiasm in children and families.

*South Carolina Day by Day* is a perpetual calendar, meaning that the calendar is undated and has no date-specific material so it never becomes outdated. The calendar starts with September because that is the time that most are getting back to school and programming begins. A preview was introduced at a recent Literacy Leaders Awards Event sponsored by USC's School of Library and Information Science and the South Carolina Center for Children's Books and Literacy, both program partners. Many agencies such as the South Carolina State Library Foundation, Reach

out and Read, South Carolina Department of Education, Education Oversight Committee, SC Humanities Council, SC DHEC, and South Carolina First Steps to Kindergarten Readiness among many others are all partners. Soon calendars will be distributed through a variety of events at public libraries, agencies, and daycare centers so families most in need of quality, fun, and educational resources will have them. Later this year, there are plans for other versions including an online interactive web version. Individuals and nonprofit groups will have an opportunity to purchase the calendars after next month. Please check the South Carolina Library Network (SCLN) wiki for updated information. We will continue to seek partners and funding so that all South Carolina families and caregivers will have an opportunity to benefit from this resource.

If you are interested in being a partner in this effort, please contact Denise Lyons at [dlyons@statelibrary.sc.gov](mailto:dlyons@statelibrary.sc.gov) or call 803.734.6061.

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## State Library Recognized by United Way

On Wednesday, September 9, the South Carolina State Library was recognized as a United Way 2009-2010 Kickoff Superstar. Fifty-four Kickoff Superstars were recognized at the 2009-2010 Campaign Kickoff and of these, only four represented state government agencies. According to David Goble, State Library director, "It was a thrilling event. We were recognized as a Pace Setter organization for initiating our campaign before the kickoff and because we increased our giving by more than 11%."

The mission of United Way of the Midlands is to unite people and resources to improve the quality of life in the Mid-

lands. The United Way of the Midlands works to determine and respond to the critical human service needs of the community, and this work is achieved by a four-part process: determining community needs, prioritizing community needs, developing community resources, and distributing community resources. Goble continued, "This is a time of great need in our community and the United Way is an excellent way to help."

According to the United Way of the Midlands website, "Community stewards in four targeted care councils develop and review a community-wide needs assessment to determine

key issues in the community. Once the issues are prioritized, these volunteers then determine which organizations can best provide direct services to allocate funding. Funds are raised through a workplace campaign, grant writing and private, individual donations.

The South Carolina State Library is an active supporter of community organizations such as the United Way. For more information about the United Way of the Midlands, please visit [www.uway.org](http://www.uway.org).



## SC Center for the Book Promotes Two Programs

The State Library's South Carolina Center for the Book is currently promoting two student contests: *River of Words* and *Letters About Literature* (LAL).

Each year, in affiliation with The Library of Congress Center for the Book, River of Words conducts a free interna-

tional poetry and art contest for youth on the theme of WATERSHEDS. The contest is open to any child in the world, from 5-19 years of age.

LAL focuses on reader response and reflective writing. The LAL website provides *free* teaching materials, including lesson plans, writing

samples, assessment checklists, and teacher tips.

Teachers and librarians are encouraged to learn more about both contests and in turn, encourage students to participate.

LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE





## Pineville Child Wins National Geographic Kids Grand Prize



As part of May is National Get Caught Reading Month, Berkeley County libraries distributed entry forms for another "Get Caught Reading" promotion.

Sophia Jenkins picked

up an entry form at the St. Stephen branch of the Berkeley County Library System for the "Get Caught Reading Now!" contest sponsored earlier this year by NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS-AEC. All you had to do to enter the contest was have an adult catch you curled up reading a book, have them fill out the form and sign it, then mail it in to NGK in Washington, DC. She caught her daughter, Shakerra reading, filled

out the form and mailed it in. The contest ran from 4/28/09 to 6/30/09. Sophia was surprised when she received an email from NGK. She thought it wasn't real. It was. Shakerra had won. In a few weeks, Shakerra received one of the fifty grand prizes that were awarded in the contest!

The grand prize consisted of the following:

*Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko (available at BCLS) provided by Penguin Putman; *The Secret Agent Jack Stalwart Series Book 9: The Deadly Race to Space*; *The Secret Agent Jack Stalwart Series Book 10: The Quest for Aztec Gold* (both provided by Weinstein Books) *Young Bond: Hurricane Gold*; *Silvertounge* (both provided by Disney Publishing, Inc.); *The Alchemist*; *The Magician* by Michael Scott (available at BCLS) (both provided by Random House,

Inc.); *Suddenly Supernatural: School Spirit*; *If You Are Reading This... It's Too Late* by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel (available at BCLS) provided by Hachette Book Group; *Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart (available at BCLS) (all three provided by Hachette Book Group). Approximate Retail Value of Grand Prize is \$106.90.

National Geographic Kids-AEC even threw in a few extras that you can see in the photo.

Shakerra is really excited about the books and does not like her 4 year old sister to handle them because she is not very careful with them.

Congratulations, Shakerra!!

For more information, contact the Berkeley County Library at 843-719-4223.

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## Assistant Branch Librarian/Children's Librarian wins Employee of the Quarter

*By Holly Schneider*

Jeanette "Jenny" Main was recently selected as Lexington County's Employee of the Quarter.

When gas prices skyrocketed, some daycares could no longer make it to the library. Jenny decided that if the kids could not come to the library, the library could come to the kids. Once Jenny began visiting the daycares, she also noticed a need for books in the centers. She began to gather donations and gently used books that had

been withdrawn from the collection. With the help of co-workers, a number of cardboard boxes were brightly decorated and filled with these "extra" books. Every time Jenny goes to a daycare she takes a box and rotates the books. She visits 10 centers monthly and serves over 350 children.

Michelle Brown of Kidstuff Daycare says that she greatly appreciates Jenny's dedication. She says that not only is Jenny a wonderful storyteller, but she is obviously pas-

sionate about children and public service. Ms. Brown said that small centers like hers just don't have adequate resources and that Jenny and the items from the Library help to fill the gaps. Jenny is Assistant Branch Manager as well as Children's Librarian and she goes beyond these duties daily to provide excellent service to the community.

We are appreciative and proud of Jenny's dedication to the children of Lexington County.



## State Library Welcomes New Staff Member to Talking Book Services

"I am thrilled to join the South Carolina State Library, Talking Book Services Team. It is a wonderful privilege to help patrons gain access to needed reading material!"

On August 24<sup>th</sup> we welcomed Tamara

McIntyre to the Talking Book Services Team. She is originally from western New York State. Tamara was previously employed with the Pennsylvania State University Libraries. She has completed a Masters degree in Teaching

from Johns Hopkins University and a Masters in Library Science Degree from Clarion University of Pennsylvania. In her spare time she enjoys hiking and watching college football with her husband and new dog, Bud.



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## USC School of Medicine Library Announces InfoAble Portal, a New Electronic Disability Resource

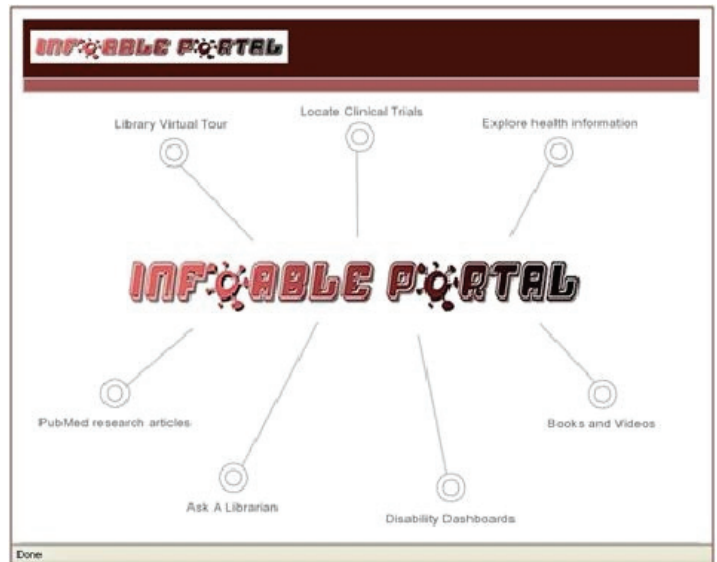
By Steven Wilson

The [InfoAble Portal](#), developed by Steve Wilson and Roz Anderson at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library, was designed to improve access to disability and health information for [Family Connection of SC](#). The InfoAble Portal combines information from MedlinePlus, Clinical Trials.gov, PubMed, and the Center for Disability Resources (CDR) Library. There are also virtual tours of

the CDR collection. In the tour, you can click on certain books and videos that have hot-links to the online catalog. The Disability Dashboard topics were

based on support groups at Family Connection. You can access the InfoAble Portal via the [CDR Library](#) web site.

THE INFOABLE PORTAL COMBINES INFORMATION FROM MEDLINEPLUS, CLINICAL TRIALS.GOV, PUBMED, AND THE CENTER FOR DISABILITY RESOURCES (CDR) LIBRARY.



After her presentation, Beverly Lewis signs a book for Carrie Koerber.

## Abbeville Hosts Author Beverly Lewis

The Abbeville County Library System was thrilled to host Christian fiction author Beverly Lewis at a special event on Saturday evening, September 12. The evening was held at the elegant Abbeville Opera House, a beautiful venue which celebrated its 100th anniversary last year. The author spoke to an enthusiastic crowd of over 65 people, who were fascinated by Lewis' stories of growing up in Lancaster County, PA. Since Abbeville County is home to a sizable Mennonite population, Lewis' stories of growing up in the Amish and Mennonite traditions were particularly interesting to the audience. Beverly Lewis is on tour promoting her latest book, *The*

*Missing*. For more information about the Abbeville County Library, visit [www.youseemore.com/Abbeville](http://www.youseemore.com/Abbeville).



## Anderson County Library Announces Staff Changes, Events, and More

The past quarter witnessed a number of staff changes at the Anderson County Library.

In April, staff and the public paid tribute to **Kathleen Egger-Price**, who had retired after 24 years with the library system. In 1985 Kathleen was hired as a children's librarian. She took over the job of Extensions Manager five years later and in 2006 was named Assistant Director and Head of Public Services for the library system.

Upon her retirement, **Janet Price** was named Assistant Director. Janet had joined the library staff earlier as Head of Reference and Adult Services, coming from her position as Reference Dept. Supervisor at Sumter County Public Library. Janet earned her MLIS from the University of South Carolina. She also served as Supervising Librarian for the Base Library at Shaw Air Force Base, which during her tenure

earned several Library Program Awards. Janet is a member of ALA and SCLA.

**Faye Thompson** retired at the end of September, after 28 years as a full-time library employee. Faye's first position at the Main Library was as a secretarial assistant. Over the years she worked on the bookmobile, circulation, and children's staffs before taking the role of computer specialist. The past decade saw her working exclusively in Technical Services, specializing in the processing of A-V materials and maintaining periodicals data.

**Donna Long**, Head of the Children's Services Dept., has been named chairman of the United Way of Anderson County's Success By 6 program for 2009-2010. Donna has been with the ACLS since 2000. In the coming months, the library system will partner with the United Way and Success By 6 in coordinating a Dolly Parton

Imagination Library for Anderson County. The program provides a free book, mailed every month to each registered child, ages 0-5, in the county.

**Laura Holden**, Head Librarian for the South Carolina Room, recently received an award from the *IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf*. These books and resource lists for materials preservation will be available in the SC Room for the public to use

On a programming note, the Friends of the Anderson County Library will host its **5<sup>th</sup> annual Starburst Storytellers' Festival**, Oct. 18-22. Featured tellers are Bobbie Pell, Tim Lowry, Lynn Ruehlmann, and Wright Clarkson-StoryGuy. During the week, tellers perform in district schools and present solo shows each evening at the Main Library.

*FRIENDS OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY LIBRARY WILL HOST ITS 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STARBURST STORYTELLERS' FESTIVAL, OCT. 18-22.*



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## Celebrating 25 Years with Lexington County Library



*By Holly Schneider*

Frances H. Hyman of the Batesburg-Leesville (B-L) Branch Library from the Lexington County Public Library System, retired after 25 years of service on July 31, 2009. Upon her retirement, Frances is now able to enjoy planting flowers in her yard and reading the books she has been waiting to read. Her husband, James, who

is already a good cook, will now be able to enjoy her company in the kitchen!

Frances saw many changes during her 25 years with the Library System – from a building that was completely gutted and renovated in 1999, several Branch librarians, numerous co-workers, and a growing community of patrons. She, as well as others from the B-L

Branch, worked on “Sparky,” the County’s Bookmobile, during the Branch’s renovation.

We all wish Frances a much deserved and happy retirement.

## Robert F. Skinder (1943-2009)

Robert Francis (Bob) Skinder, science librarian at the University of South Carolina’s Thomas Cooper Library from 1996-2008, died September 5 at his home in Hopkins, S.C.

Bob graduated from Southeastern Massachusetts University with a degree in English literature and also held a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Rhode Island. He

served in the United States Marine Corps from 1963-71 and in the Marine Corps Reserve from 1976-91. Prior to coming to USC, Bob served as a librarian at the Federal Aviation Administration Library, Walter Reed Army Institute for Research, and Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.



## New Digital Talking Book Players Arrive at State Library

This past April, the National Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), a division of the Library of Congress, entered the first phase of its transition to a digital playback system, as well as releasing an upgraded version of its pilot download website. Beginning with the testing of 5,000 digital players by NLS patrons in their homes, NLS has begun to launch a full-scale production and distribution of 26,000 players per month, ensuring continued access to reading materials for more than 500,000 registered users.

New to the NLS program is a state of the art online component, called the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) site. This new site for blind and physically handicapped patrons of NLS now provides better than ever access to digital audio books and magazines. The State Library's Talking Book Services web site will soon be providing ac-

cess to this site for its patrons.

The State Library's Talking Book Services Director, Pamela Davenport said, "This transition from the old four track audio cassettes to this new format represents a new digital reality." Davenport continued to say that "this transition shows that blind people have the ability to do what everyone else is doing in a world of Twitter and Facebook."

Readers may press buttons on the new NLS digital talking book players to quickly navigate the book structure, combined with the high-quality human recording, making the new digital NLS download books one of the most significant advancements in the provision of talking books for blind and low vision people.

Talking Book Services staff members have been anticipating this transition for over 10 years. According to

NLS, veterans are being offered the new digital talking book players first. The library currently serves over 700 veterans. Thus far, recipients of the new device have responded positively. Users no longer have to turn over the four track tapes which makes for easier operation. The State Library's Talking Book Services currently serves nearly 7,000 patrons. The library will receive a monthly allotment of players to keep up with the growing demand for the transition.

For more information about the State Library's Talking Book Services, visit [www.statelibrary.sc.gov/Talking-Book-Services](http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/Talking-Book-Services).

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## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**September 29, 30, Oct 1**

**Working with DISCUS workshops**  
Greenville, Columbia, Charleston

**October 6**

**Public Services Managers Exchange**  
Columbia

**October 8**

**DISCUS is for Kids, Too!**  
Columbia

**October 20**

**Get to Know DISCUS—SC's Virtual**  
**Library**

**October 28-30**

**SCLA Annual Conference**  
Columbia

**November 13**

**Children's Services Exchange**  
Columbia

**December 9**

**Branch Managers Exchange**  
Columbia

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