

Public Meeting Notice and Agenda

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

will hold a meeting on

Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 8 a.m.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON

At the Perry Public Library

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of February 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of Financial Statements: Gift Claims and City of Perry Library Line Items
5. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Library Capital Requests
 - b. Review City of Perry Personnel Policy
6. New Business:
 - a. Library Staff Retreat June 20, 2022
7. Board Education:
8. Librarian Report:
9. Open Forum:
10. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting is on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 8 a.m.
11. Adjourn

The Perry Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 8 a.m. Note: This meeting was held in-person in the Community Room at the Perry Public Library.

Board members Margaret Ruggle, Kendall Rathje, Mark Miller, Heather Karolus, and Rosa Gonzalez were present. Library Director Mary Murphy and Deputy Director Misty VonBehren were also present.

Board President Mark Miller called the meeting to order.

Agenda – Kendall Rathje moved to approve the agenda with Heather Karolus seconding the motion. MCU.

Minutes – Margaret Ruggle moved to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2022, meeting, and Rosa Gonzalez seconded. MCU.

Financial Statements – Gift Fund receipts and payments were presented with receipts totaling \$2,786.09 and seven checks, #6151 - #6166, totaling \$13,689.07. The City of Perry Library Fund Status Report was reviewed. Kendall Rathje moved to approve the financial reports with Margaret Ruggle seconding the motion. MCU.

Unfinished Business:

Security Camera System Update – The Library was awarded the ARPA Grant of \$5,000 from the State Library of Iowa. Drees Company has finished installing all the cameras. You can call up the cameras on any staff computer. Tyler from Drees was here this week and showed how it was possible to see the cameras on a phone App. There was a glitch in the app acquiring the permissions needed and Mark Kacmaryski and Tyler will have to solve the problem together.

Strategic Plan – The Board reviewed the proposed Strategic Plan. Margaret Ruggle moved to approve the proposed Strategic Plan 2022-2026 with Kendall Rathje seconding. MCU.

Accreditation- Heather Karolus moved to approve the application to the State Library for Accreditation with Rosa Gonzalez seconding. MCU.

New Business

Lockdown Policy - Heather Karolus moved to approve the Lockdown Policy with Margaret Ruggle seconding. MCU.

Board Education – Director Murphy relayed information about public libraries that have been involved with Book Challenges.

Librarian's Report:

Yearbook Digitization Project – The digitization has been done and the yearbooks are back to the library. When the digitized data base is here, it will be added to our databases on our website.

New Proposed Mission Statement: Enabling our community to thrive by offering lifelong opportunities to connect, learn, and create.

The City of Perry Safety Committee has reorganized and will be going through an organizational meeting in February. The Safety walk through of the library will be in March.

Several HVAC actuators are not working properly making the meeting rooms uncomfortably warm. Drees Company was here on February 1st, to investigate the problem. Part of the problem was fixed but a new part needed to be ordered.

The painting of the street level of the library is about 80% done. The lighter gray wall color reflects light better and makes the inside of the library appear bigger.

The Library Parking lot portion of the Solar Project, as reported by the contractor yesterday, is finished.

Director Murphy along with Abigail Chihak from Dallas County Health Department and Aubrey Alvarez of Eat Greater Des Moines will be presenting at the Community Food Systems, CFS Conference in West Des Moines on February 25, 2022. We will be talking about *Food Rescue at your Local Library*.

2022 Community Food Systems Annual Event | 02.25.2022



Reacting and Adapting: Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the food system and strategies for moving forward.

Join us for the 8th Community Food Systems Annual Event on Thursday, February 24 and Friday, February 25, 2022, at the West Des Moines Marriott in West Des Moines, Iowa, located at 1250 Jordan Creek Pkwy, West Des Moines, IA 50266.

The goal of the conference is to lift up best practices around the nation in all community food systems areas. Presentations will focus on impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and will discuss strategies for moving food systems forward.

February Events

Winter Reading Programs will continue at Perry Public Library this month, ending February 28!

The library will continue to offer the walk-in Chess program at the library in February. Instruction and Open Play are scheduled for 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, in the library Community Room.

The annual BRR (Bike Ride to Rippey) will take place on Saturday, February 5. Library patrons are reminded that parking near the library could be an issue that day.

Saturday Storytimes will continue at Perry Public Library in February, from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m., in the library Community Room. Saturday 12 and 26 are bi-lingual events!

The Perry Public Library Monthly Book Club will hold its February 2022 discussion at 1 p.m., Tuesday, February 15, in the Library Community Room. Special guest Chuck Offenburger will join Library Director Mary Murphy for a discussion of selected title *Bet the Farm* by Beth Hoffman.

Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum will participate in the Chocolate Walk, February 12, 2022.

The Library will host The Indoor Farmer's Market on February 12, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Interested volunteers are invited to an organizational meeting for Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum, at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, February 17, at the newly re-opened Carnegie Library Museum.

The Library will celebrate national Take Your Child to the Library Day, on Saturday, February 19. Join us for Saturday Storytime, from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m., in the library Community Room, register for a prize-drawing, and take home a treat bag! This is a day to celebrate all that libraries offer to their communities. We encourage families to get a free library card for each child and make reading a daily habit.

Perry Public Library will be closed on Monday, February 21, for the Presidents Day holiday.

The Perry Public Library Virtual Mystery Book Club will hold its February Zoom book discussion with Library Director Mary Murphy on Tuesday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m. The selected title is *The Department of Rare Books and Special Collections* by Eva Jurczyk.

The Virtual Mystery Author Talk with Eva Jurczyk will be at 6:00 p.m. CT, Wednesday, February 23.

The Library will host Beth Hoffman, author of *Bet the Farm*, on Sunday March 6, 2022, at 2 p.m. for an Author / Book Talk. Additionally, we have partnered with Farm Credit in Perry to hold an offsite book discussion with Beth Hoffman at the Farm Credit offices in Perry on Monday, March 7, 2022.

Perry Public Library announces the 2022 All Iowa Reads community-wide book discussion, scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 19, in the Library's Community Room. The selected title is *The Butterfly Effect* by Rachel Mans McKenny. The annual All Iowa Reads event is intended to create an opportunity for people in a community to gather together to discuss a single book with an Iowa or Midwest connection. Guest facilitator George Minot of Iowa City will lead the discussion. This is a free event, and everyone is invited to participate. Books are available to check out or to purchase for a nominal price at the library.

The next normally scheduled meeting is on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 8 a.m. in the library's Community Room (aka the large meeting room). The public is always welcome.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mary K. Murphy, Library Director

Banking Summary

2/3/2022 through 3/2/2022

3/2/2022

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Category	2/3/2022- 3/2/2022
INCOME	
Children's Summer Library Prog 2022 Don	2,000.00
Donation Income	127.95
Gifts And Memorials	205.00
Room Maintenance	25.00
TOTAL INCOME	2,357.95
EXPENSES	
Credit Debit Card Revenue to City Hall	208.90
Digitization Project	960.50
Marketing Services	147.95
Programming	1,869.62
Staff Expenses	250.08
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,437.05
OVERALL TOTAL	-1,079.10

Register Report

2/3/2022 through 3/2/2022

3/2/2022

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 2/2/2022					31,704.86
2/7/2022	DEP	S Deposit	Friends Wayne Burgett	Children's Summer Librar... Gifts And Memorials Donation Income	2,000.00 25.00 27.65
2/14/2022	DEP	S Deposit	W Burgett by A Burgett Alice Fintel Gittens by Tighes	Gifts And Memorials Donation Income Gifts And Memorials	50.00 50.00 20.00
2/28/2022	DEP	S Deposit		Gifts And Memorials Room Maintenance Donation Income	35.00 25.00 20.30
2/28/2022	DEP	Deposit	Wayne Burgett Cash Register 2/21/2022	Gifts And Memorials Donation Income	75.00 30.00
3/2/2022	6167	S Wells Fargo Visa		Programming	-1,370.17
			FB Boosts	Staff Expenses	-250.08
				Marketing Services	-147.95
3/2/2022	6168	Wells Fargo Visa	S. Kestel February 2022 Visa Bill	Programming	-379.63
3/2/2022	6169	Fareway	February 2022 Store Account	Programming	-92.83
3/2/2022	6170	City Of Perry	February 2022	Credit Debit Card Reven...	-208.90
3/2/2022	6171	Ben's Five And ...	Store Account February 2022	Programming	-26.99
3/2/2022	6172	Advantage Archi...	January 2017-June 2019	Digitization Project	-960.50
2/3/2022 - 3/2/2022					-1,079.10

BALANCE 3/2/2022 **30,625.76**

TOTAL INFLOWS	2,357.95
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	-3,437.05
NET TOTAL	-1,079.10

City of Perry
Perry Public Library Fund Status Report
Marc5, 2022

Account Number	Account Title	Total Budget	YTD EXPDD	YTD Balance	Pct EXPDD
GENERAL FUND					
001-410-6010	WAGES	\$192,690.00	\$125,981.22	\$66,708.78	65%
001-410-6020	WAGES - PT	\$56,135.00	\$35,621.23	\$20,513.77	63%
001-410-6240	TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE	\$1,000.00	\$531.00	\$469.00	53%
001-410-6310	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE BLDG	\$1,000.00	\$505.61	\$494.39	51%
001-410-6371	UTILITIES	\$32,000.00	\$30,791.09	\$1,208.91	96%
001-410-6373	TELEPHONE	\$4,500.00	\$3,228.43	\$1,271.57	72%
001-410-6408	INSURANCE TORT/GENERAL	\$7,238.00	\$0.00	\$7,238.00	0%
001-410-6413	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$16,000.00	\$9,757.39	\$6,242.61	61%
001-410-6490	CONSULTANT & PROFESSIONAL	\$10,000.00	\$5,179.58	\$4,820.42	52%
001-410-6506	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$5,000.00	\$4,084.63	\$915.37	82%
001-410-6508	POSTAGE & SHIPPING	\$2,000.00	\$742.07	\$1,257.93	37%
001-410-6770	CAPITAL/BOOKS	\$0.00	\$316.40	(\$316.40)	0%
BENEFIT FUND					
112-410-6110	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$19,035.00	\$11,592.17	\$7,442.83	61%
112-410-6130	IPERS	\$23,489.00	\$14,201.58	\$9,287.42	60%
112-410-6150	PREMIUMS HEALTH INSURANCE	\$68,252.00	\$51,134.24	\$17,117.76	75%
112-410-6152	PREMIUMS/LIFE/DISABILITY	\$1,087.00	\$815.49	\$271.51	75%
112-410-6160	WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$276.00	\$191.91	\$84.09	70%
CAPITAL FUND					
121-410-6721	CAP OUTLAY-FURN/FIXTURES	\$15,345.00	\$14,389.17	\$955.83	94%
121-410-6725	CAP OUTLAY-OFFICE EQUIP	\$14,871.00	\$10,014.60	\$4,856.40	67%
121-410-6770	CAP OUTLAY - LIBRARY	\$40,000.00	\$36,230.87	\$3,769.13	91%
122-410-6750	CAPITAL/BUILDING	\$32,077.00	\$49,874.85	(\$17,797.85)	155%
GIFT FUND					
167-410-6520	MISCELLANEOUS	\$45,000.00	\$17,508.30	\$27,491.70	39%
167-410-6770	CAPITAL/BOOKS	\$25,200.00	\$2,567.28	\$22,632.72	10%
HHatCLM					
178-410-6020	WAGES - PART TIME	\$0.00	\$4,961.88	(\$4,961.88)	0%
178-410-6110	FICA	\$0.00	\$372.30	(\$372.30)	0%
178-410-6120	MEDICARE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
178-410-6130	IPERS	\$0.00	\$128.29	(\$128.29)	0%
LIBRARY TOTAL		\$612,195.00	\$430,721.58	\$181,473.42	70%

Library Capital Requests
 Sent to City Council for Approval
 March 3, 2022

Library	Capital Books and Materials	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	
Library	Capital Equipment/Computer and Technology Repla	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
Library	Capital Building Maintenance	\$ 12,000.00		\$ 12,000.00
Library	Interior Paint Phase 2	\$ 8,750.00		\$ 8,750.00
Library	Four Outside Gates	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
Library	Lighting Replacement Phase 1	\$ 11,400.00		\$ 11,400.00
Library	New Children's Book Shelving	\$ 17,650.00	\$ 17,650.00	
Library	Lockers and Storage Shelving	\$ 2,440.00	\$ 2,440.00	
Library	New Monitor for Community Room	\$ 3,085.97	\$ 3,085.97	
Total Library		\$ 108,325.97		

Board Overview

	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022 Year to Date	Fiscal Year % Change	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Last FY Aug.	Last FY Sep.	Last FY Oct.	Last FY Nov.	Last FY Dec.	
Volumes Held at Start of Period	106,485		1.27%	107,014	107,196	107,420	107,709	107,966	107,822	107,739	107,835	107,835	0	0	0	0	110,969	111,580	111,725	111,806	110,530	109,385
Electronic Music Circulation	382	294	15.45%	40	48	30	37	37	34	34	34	34	0	0	0	0	41	31	31	21	20	29
Electronic Audiobook Circulation	2,813	1,834	-2.20%	325	261	228	223	224	192	200	181	0	0	0	0	0	185	164	194	235	222	242
Electronic Book Circulation	3,300	2,439	10.86%	354	258	238	269	217	284	408	411	0	0	0	0	0	279	278	243	261	288	279
Electronic Video Circulation	404	431	60%	59	59	41	40	49	51	59	73	0	0	0	0	0	15	6	36	54	11	30
Electronic Magazine Circulation				38	18	15	36	41	69	30	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Circulation	46,653	41,550	33.59%	4,847	4,590	4,872	5,901	5,427	5,455	5,221	5,237	0	0	0	0	0	3,757	2,504	3,479	4,854	2,973	3,547
Number of Borrowers at End of Period	5,292		4.06%	5,330	5,355	5,401	5,425	5,449	5,470	5,488	5,507	0	0	0	0	0	5,172	5,181	5,185	5,179	5,183	5,189
PPL Door Count				3,501	3,625	3,852	3,652	4,898	3,596	3,179	3,940											
PH @ Carnegie Door Count				0	0	0	0	0	0	49	133											
Library Visits	9,534	30,425	378.68%	3,501	3,625	3,852	3,652	4,898	3,596	3,228	4,073	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Reference Questions	2,502	2,658	59.35%	304	288	307	315	375	342	381	346	0	0	0	0	0	186	158	216	208	212	176
Total Number of Programs	262	258	47.71%	50	6	24	34	36	29	34	45	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	43	16	13	17
Total Number Attending Programs	4,806	5,646	76.22%	745	193	240	1,367	1,834	353	388	526	0	0	0	0	0	395	0	86	1,423	145	260
Annual Meeting Room Use	6	92	2200.00%	0	3	6	10	19	15	22	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Computer Usage	3,577	7,525	215.56%	947	1,050	925	950	923	802	834	1,094	0	0	0	0	0	305	185	201	261	192	235
Wireless Computer Usage	2,765	4,024	118.30%	341	434	420	577	570	558	558	616	0	0	0	0	0	279	155	180	217	180	186
Pages Viewed Online Catalog	14,941	4,676	-53.06%	1,022	1,008	986	376	288	309	337	350	0	0	0	0	0	1,669	1,188	1,432	1,292	1,477	956
Unique Visitors to Online Catalog	1,831	749	-38.64%	106	89	92	93	89	86	93	101	0	0	0	0	0	194	174	171	166	180	132
Wowbrary users	2,127		4.89%	2,118	2,113	2,108	2,097	2,087	2,082	2,242	2,231	0	0	0	0	0	2,195	2,191	2,208	2,192	2,187	2,191
Wowbrary pages viewed	8,645	2,074	-64.01%	318	229	315	211	259	219	293	230	0	0	0	0	0	642	500	816	616	681	828
Wowbrary Click-Thru to Catalog	1,540	479	-53.34%	58	49	50	102	29	44	70	77	0	0	0	0	0	164	61	92	142	151	246

Yearbook Digitization Project – The data base is here and will be installed on March 15 when Mark Kacmaryski, our IT Consultant is on the premises.

New Approved Mission Statement: Enabling our community to thrive by offering lifelong opportunities to connect, learn, and create.

The City of Perry Safety Committee has reorganized and will be creating a Quarterly Safety Award Program to recognize City of Perry Employees for anyone exemplifying safety or going above and beyond to ensure safe practices are used.

The painting of the street level of the library is about done. The lighter gray wall color reflects light and makes the inside of the library appear bigger.

The Solar Project is still slowly moving ahead. They are done with the solar array in the library south parking lot.

Director Murphy along with Abigail Chihak from Dallas County Health Department and Aubrey Alvarez of Eat Greater Des Moines present a breakout session at the Community Food Systems, CFS Conference in West Des Moines on February 25, 2022. Our presentation was well received. A grant administrator from the Principal Foundation was in the audience and followed up afterwards about replicating our Food Rescue Program in other libraries.

March Events at PPL and HH@CLM

Chess Instruction/Open Play – March 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 We will continue to offer space for Chess players to meet, as well as free instruction, on Wednesdays, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., in the library Community Room, on Saturdays, from 1:00-2:30 p.m., in the library Board Room, or by appointment with Instructor David Oliveira.

Read Across America StoryWalk™ Storytime in the Park – March 5 The month of March is National Reading Month, and March 2 is celebrated as National *Read Across America Day*. Established in 1998 by the National Education Association, this is a day that celebrates the joy and privilege of reading! Perry Public Library is partnering with ISU Extension and Outreach to participate in the *Read Across America* initiative with a special event on Saturday, March 5. Everyone is invited to come to a *Read Across America Storywalk™ Storytime in the Park*, at 10:15 a.m., Saturday, March 5, at the McCreary Recreation Center/Wiese Park. The featured story is *Sylvia's Spinach/Las espinacas de Sylvia*, presented in both English and Spanish, and planned activities include the Storywalk™, spinach planting, and tasting!

Author/Book Talk with Beth Hoffman (*Bet the Farm*) – March 6 at 2 p.m., Sunday, in the Perry Public Library Community Room. Author Beth Hoffman left a successful career and life in San Francisco when she and her husband returned to Iowa in 2019 to run the family farm. In *Bet the Farm*, she highlights the struggles of beginning farmers. Come and hear her interesting story at this free event.

A Conversation With ... Program Series – March 10 at 6 p.m. at the Carnegie Library Museum. Everyone is invited to attend a free program series with Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum called *A Conversation With...*, at 6:00 p.m., on second Thursdays, with the first event on Thursday, March 10. The programs feature a different Perry resident each month, and the first event features Perry Mayor John Andorf. Please join us for our first *Conversation With...* John Andorf!

The Perry Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a Chamber Coffee for Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum, at 8:00 a.m., Friday, March 11, in the newly re-opened Carnegie Library building.

Saturday Storytimes – March 12, 19, 26, from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m., in the library Community Room. Saturday March 12 and 26 are bi-lingual events!

March 14, 2022, is National Pi Day. Celebrate with us at our *Wi-Fi and Pie* mobile device help forum. Staff members will be on hand to introduce hoopla and Bridges/Overdrive to interested patrons and assist individuals in downloading free ebooks, audiobooks, and more onto their mobile devices. And, of course, pie! No registration needed. Walk in and get the help you need to start reading, listening, and watching the free books, audiobooks, TV shows, movies, and more available to you with your library card! There are no dumb questions, and everyone is welcome

Spring Break 2022 is March 14 through 18 for Perry Community Schools, and Perry Public Library is offering a variety of take-home Activity Kits to keep kids busy and entertained during the break, as well as a special event on Saint Patrick's Day! *Yarn Monsters* and *Yarn-Wrapped Initials*, *Pool Noodle Aliens and Spiders*, *Lego Vehicles*, *Sticker and Paint Sheet* kits are all available for kids, free. Get them while they last! And, on Thursday, March 17, plan to come to the St. Patrick's Day Family Party, at 6:30 p.m., in the library Community Room. A treasure hunt, games, and goodies are all part of the fun.

Monthly Book Club: *The Spanish Daughter* by Lorena Hughes – March 15 at 1:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 15, in the library Community Room. The featured title is *The Spanish Daughter* by Lorena Hughes.

3rd Sunday Program: *Century & Heritage Farms* (HH@ CLM) – March 20 at 2 p.m. Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum will host a series of programs on the third Sunday of the month, beginning Sunday, March 20. The programs will cover a variety of topics of interest to our community. The inaugural 3rd Sunday Program will be *Century & Heritage Farms*, at 2:00 p.m., at the Carnegie Library Museum. Our guests are local Heritage and Century farmers, who will share their 150-year and 100-year farm histories. Next month: *Traditional and Modern Quilting*, with an opportunity to learn how to quilt! Join us monthly as we explore and share at these free programs.

Kites, flowers, bees, birds, and other *Spring Things* will be the focus of a new six-week Storytime unit for two age groups at Perry Public library, beginning March 22. The *Toddler Time* group (ages 18 months – 3 Years) will meet on Tuesdays, and the *Fun for Fours & Fives* group will meet on Wednesdays, from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m., in the library Community Room. Stories, songs, age-appropriate activities, crafts, and a snack will be included in the programs. Storytimes are free, but registration is required.

Craft Club: *Button Trees* – March 28 at 6:00 p.m., Monday, in the library Community Room. The featured craft will be *Button Trees*. All interested crafters are invited to participate, but registration is required, as well as a \$5 materials fee, by the Monday, March 21 deadline to guarantee your supplies.

Re-Awakening History by Telling Our Own Stories Program Series (HH@CLM) – March 29

The State Historical Society of Iowa, Inc., and Iowa Arts Council are funding a monthly program series offered by Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum, from March to August 2022, called *Re-Awakening History by Telling Our Own Stories*. A unique program will be offered each month, focusing on our Perry Community, showcasing stories about life in a small Midwestern town and its influences on family, education, work, faith, and loss. The first program is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29, at 6:00 p.m., at the Carnegie Library Museum.

Virtual Mystery Book Club Events – March 29, 30

The Perry Public Library Mystery Book Club will meet for the March 2022 events on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 29-30. All interested readers are invited to join Library Director Mary Murphy for a Zoom book discussion of selected title *The Summoning: A Novel* by J. P. Smith, at 7:00 p.m., March 29, and join the virtual Author Talk with J. P. Smith at 6:00 p.m. CT, on Wednesday, March 30. Both events are free, but registration is required. Books are available at the library for participants. Call the library for more information: 515-465-3569.

2022 All Iowa Reads Community-Wide Book Discussion Announced – April 19

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