

# BOOKMARK

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FALL 2015

Jessica Fellowes, chronicler of  
*Downton Abbey* to commence  
The Witte Lectures 2016





# One Thousand Ways Your Library Rocks

Last spring we included news about the “1000 Books Before Kindergarten” program. The Newport Beach Public Library launched the program and had 209 active participants this summer. I mention this because *The New York Times* recently published an article, “Bedtime Stories for Young Brains” (August 17, 2015 by Dr. Perri Klass, M.D.) that discusses the science behind reading to little ones and the significant impact it has on their language skills and later success in school. Offering innovative programs like *1000 Books* is one of many ways the library is responsive to educational needs, adaptive to change and proactive in customer service.

However nostalgic you may be about libraries, this library is not relying upon nostalgia to stay relevant. It is relevant and vitally important to a thousand people a day who frequent it because of what it provides. This library is about service. Your questions will be answered. You will have a nice human help you find what you are seeking. You will discover programs and services you weren’t looking for, but will be thrilled to discover. *Where else does this happen?*

For me, being here in the library every day is energizing because programs like *1000 Books* offer something so good and so positive, for free. The library offers change for good in a thousand ways. Perhaps one of the best offerings is browsing the myriad books written and films produced. Who doesn’t love a great book store? The library is like a giant, free book store.

The library is the ultimate expression of democracy; there are no barriers to information and no barriers between a desire to learn and the tools to do so. Imagine having no computer or Internet access in today’s world. How many times a day do you Google something or order a product or look up a symptom?

The library gives us immeasurable value throughout our entire lives. Babies are benefiting from *1000 Books*, teens are preparing for college, the entrepreneur is using the library as a satellite office, a 30-something is getting a new job because she learned a new software program in the Media Lab and seniors on fixed incomes are enjoying the *Wall Street Journal* in the company of others. I can cite a thousand more examples but I would be preaching to the choir. What I will say is, support it. If you cherish it, support it. Join the Library Foundation or renew your membership. The return on your investment is real, tangible benefits for you, your family and your community.

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## Our Community Reads!

The Newport Beach Public Library knows how to nurture a love for reading and engage the community in lifelong learning, and the Summer Reading Program (SRP) this year did just that! More than 2,150 kids registered for the Children's SRP and 978 book reviews were submitted. The teen program had 224 registrants and several teens volunteered all summer. About 60 adults participated. A whopping 2,535 kids and adults attended 31 programs with performers and crafts offered free by the library. Check out some of the book reviews and the adult winners on page six.

## New Website Goes Live!

We are thrilled to announce that our new and improved **nbplfoundation.org** is live and we invite you to take a tour. Our goal was to make it easier to navigate and improve functionality. Be sure to take a look at our cool new membership premiums from *Out of Print*. Our mission to support the library and provide programs is only possible because of our members. As always, we welcome your feedback about the website.



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Thanks to funding from the Library Foundation, the library now offers free remote access to lynda.com with a library card! What is it? In today's world, it's a game changer! Lynda.com offers smartly-produced tutorials for software and social media. Here's what users are saying:

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# Announcing the 2016 season!

## Jessica Fellowes

*A Year in the Life of Downton Abbey*

Friday, January 22 — ONE NIGHT ONLY

Jessica Fellowes is an author and journalist, best known as the writer of the official companion books to *Downton Abbey*. Niece of Julian Fellowes, creator of *Downton Abbey*, Jessica will share her insights into the history of the period and the production of the enormously popular series, from the painstakingly historic accuracy of costumes and customs to the breathtaking location at Highclere Castle.

## Roz Chast

*Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?*

Friday & Saturday, January 29-30

A humorous and poignant book that chronicles her relationship with her aging parents as they shift from independence to dependence, *Can't We Talk about Something More Pleasant?* is Chast's latest illustrated memoir.

## Maziar Bahari

*Rosewater: An Iranian Odyssey*

Friday & Saturday, February 19-20

Iranian-Canadian journalist and documentary filmmaker Maziar Bahari was arrested in Tehran while reporting on the 2009 presidential election protests and held in solitary confinement for most of his 118 days in captivity. His riveting memoir, *Rosewater: A Family's Story of Love, Captivity, and Survival*, was adapted for film by *The Daily Show's* former host Jon Stewart.

## Sherman Alexie

*Without Reservations: An Urban Indian's Comic, Poetic & Highly Irreverent Look at the World*

Friday & Saturday, March 11-12

Winner of the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction, the PEN/Malamud Award for Short Fiction, a PEN/Hemingway Citation for Best First Fiction, and the National Book Award for Young People's Literature, Alexie is a poet, short story writer, novelist and performer. He was recently awarded a 2014 Literature Award by The American Academy of Arts and Letters.

## David Ignatius

*ISIS and the World on Fire*

Friday & Saturday, April 15-16

Bestselling author and *Washington Post* columnist David Ignatius has been making sense of the world for more than 40 years. During his career, he has covered nearly every Washington beat, from the Pentagon to the CIA to Capitol Hill, as well as global politics, the Middle East and economics. He turned his experiences with the CIA into nine thrilling bestsellers, because, as Bob Woodward said, "few understand espionage culture as well as Ignatius."

Visit our website to read more about each speaker: [nbpplfoundation.org](http://nbpplfoundation.org)

**Tickets go on sale October 19.**

### FRIDAYS

**\$50 / \$45\*** per person, per lecture

6:00pm Wine and music reception  
7:00pm Lecture, Q&A  
8:15pm Book signing, dessert & coffee

### SATURDAYS

**\$35 / \$30\*** per person, per lecture

2:00pm Lecture, Q&A  
3:15pm Book signing, dessert & coffee

\* *Library Foundation members at Book Worm level (\$50) or higher receive a \$5 discount on each ticket.*



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## Maz Jobrani

Tuesday, October 20 @ 7:00pm

### *I'm Not A Terrorist But I've Played One On TV: Memoirs Of A Middle Eastern Funny Man*

Founding member of The Axis of Evil Comedy Tour, Maz Jobrani performs stand-up comedy around the world. He was a series regular on ABC's *Better Off Ted*, and he has appeared on *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. Jobrani is currently a regular panelist on NPR's "Wait Wait, Don't Tell Me." He has also given two TED talks. Maz has performed his stand-up on *The Tonight Show*, *Comedy Central* and *Showtime*, and is starring in the upcoming indie comedy feature, *Jimmy Vestvood: Amerikan Hero*, which he co-wrote and produced. **This is a ticketed event.**

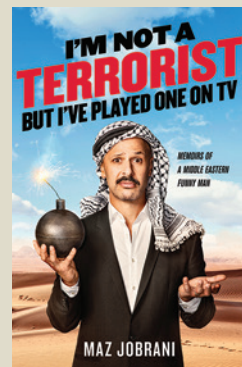


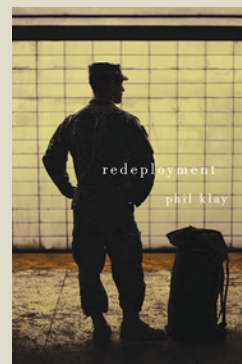
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## Phil Klay

Thursday, November 5 @ 7:00pm

### *From the Front Lines of War: Exploring Themes of Violence, Survival, Grief and Fear*

United States Marine Corps veteran Phil Klay wowed critics and readers alike with his debut short story collection *Redeployment*, which won the 2014 National Book Award for Fiction. Klay, who served in Iraq, "captures, on an intimate scale, what happens when young American soldiers collide with a fractured and deeply foreign country few of them understand." (excerpted from the *New York Times Book Review*, March 8, 2015) **This is a ticketed event.**



## Daniel James Brown

Thursday, February 11 @ 7:00pm

### *The Boys in the Boat*

Daniel James Brown is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics*. The book celebrates the 1936 U.S. men's Olympic eight-oar rowing team—nine working class boys who stormed the rowing world, transformed the sport and galvanized the attention of millions of Americans. **This is a ticketed event.**

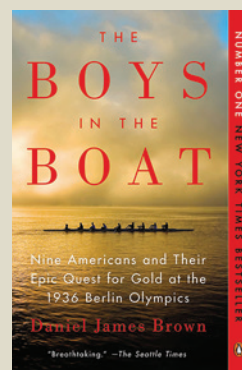


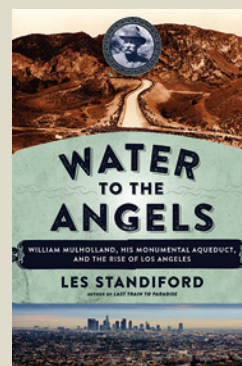
photo: Garry Kravitz

## Les Standiford

Thursday, March 31 @ 7:00pm

### *Water to the Angels: William Mulholland, His Monumental Aqueduct and the Rise of Los Angeles*

The author of *Last Train to Paradise* tells the story of the largest public water project ever created—William Mulholland's Los Angeles aqueduct—a story of Gilded Age ambition, hubris, greed and one determined man whose vision shaped the future and continues to impact us today. **This program is free of charge.**



#### Details:

Seating limited to 200

Cost: \$25 / \$20\* per person

#### Schedule:

Doors open at 6:30pm

Program: 7:00-8:30pm

Book sales & signing: 8:30-9:00pm

#### Purchase / Reserve / Info:

[nbpfoundation.org](http://nbpfoundation.org)

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\* Discount for Library Foundation members at Book Worm level (\$50) or higher

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NEW THIS SEASON!

# Kids & Gardens: Gardening Workshops



## Backyard Composting

Sunday, September 27 • 2:00–3:30pm  
Erin Aguiar, Horticulture Manager at Sherman Gardens

Kids will learn about composting and how leftovers can be used to help their garden grow. The workshop will include doing a composting activity and planting some fall vegetables in small pots that they can take home.



## Good Bugs, Bad Bugs



Sunday, October 4 • 2:00–3:30pm  
Mary Zombek, Master Gardener (University of California Cooperative Extension, Orange County)

Kids will learn what an important role bugs play in the garden, from decomposing to pollination. The program will include making bees and butterflies from pencils, and a walk in the adjacent Civic Center Park to identify bugs.

## Art Inspired by Nature

Sunday, October 25 • 2:00–3:30pm  
Sama Wareh – Artist, naturalist and author of *How to Draw 60 Native Plants and Animals: A Field Guide*

This workshop will help children tap into their creative spirits and draw different native plants and animals, using a variety of art materials. Book sales and signing will follow the presentation.



### *Gardening workshop details:*

- Cost is \$10 per child per session or \$25 per child for the series
- Limited to 30 students per class
- For children ages 5-12 years. One parent must accompany each child
- Register: [nbplfoundation.org](http://nbplfoundation.org)
- Info: [events@nbplfoundation.org](mailto:events@nbplfoundation.org) or 949.548.2411



### BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Wednesday, November 18

## Artisan Pizza Making Class

with Head Baker Scott Kendall at Le Pain Quotidien

Kids will get to make and bake their own pizza and cookies in the magnificent Le Pain Quotidien bakery in Fashion Island. While pizza and cookies are being enjoyed, Scott will talk to parents and kids about baking. Kids will get to keep their aprons and hats, and take some sauce home too!

### *Pizza making details:*

- Cost per child: \$40
- Limited to 10 students per class
- Advanced registration required: [nbplfoundation.org](http://nbplfoundation.org)
- Two sessions: 4:00pm & 5:30pm (one full hour in the bakery)
- For children ages 9-12 years (no exceptions). One parent must accompany each child
- Info: [events@nbplfoundation.org](mailto:events@nbplfoundation.org) or 949.548.2411



We are grateful to Terry and Sharon Bridges for their generous support of the Making Memories for Children series.

# What Did You Read This Summer?



We applaud our community of readers who "Read to the Rhythm" (this year's theme) and participated in the annual Summer Reading Program. Prizes were won, journeys were taken and minds were expanded. The adult winners from each branch are listed below, as is a selection of book reviews submitted by teens and children.

Central Library - Diane Baker  
Mariners Branch - J.T. Oussama  
Corona del Mar Branch - Linda Kline  
Balboa Branch - Paula Curran

We thought *Bookmark* readers would enjoy Diane Baker's (one of our Literary Lion members) reading list. "I read, or listened to, many books this summer while recuperating from an injury. I'm really grateful that the Newport Beach Library is part of the Southern California Digital Library."

**Zealot** by Reza Aslan

**Freakonomics** by Steven D. Levitt

**Duty** by Robert Gates

**Under the Banner of Heaven**  
by Jon Krakauer

**Act of War** by Jack Cheevers

**A Short History of Nearly Everything**  
by Bill Bryson

**The Residence** by Kate Andersen Brower

**An Appetite for Wonder**  
by Richard Dawkins

**The Man Without a Face**  
by Masha Gessen

**The Most Dangerous Animal of All**  
by Gary L. Stewart

**Five Days at Memorial** by Sheri Fink

**The Witness Wore Red**  
by Rebecca Musser

**No Easy Day** by Mark Owen

**One Summer** by Bill Bryson

**Bonhoeffer** by Eric Metaxas

**The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks** by  
Rebecca Skloot

**The World is Flat** by Thomas Friedman

**My Story** by Elizabeth Smart

**Without You, There Is No Us**  
by Suki Kim

**French Ghosts, Russian Nights &  
American Outlaws** by Susan Spano

## From Teen Readers:

**Hoot** by Carl Hiaasen

"Hoot is about a boy named Roy who works with new friends to save burrowing owls from being killed during the construction of a pancake house."  
~ Devon Burton, Grade 9

**The Wide Window** by Lemony Snicket

"This is a great book! The Baudelaire orphans have to find ways to survive in the their aunt's house that is suspended over a lake full of leeches."  
~ Sarah Kwok, Grade 10

**The Voyage of the Dawn Treader**  
by C.S. Lewis

"Lucy and Edmund are called back to Narnia to go on a voyage to find lost Lords and in the end battle a sea serpent. Great book!" ~ Audrey Seres, Grade 9

## From Younger Readers:

**Good Night, Knight**

"The horse and the knight looked for golden cookies." ~ Ellie, age 4

**Gone Fishin**

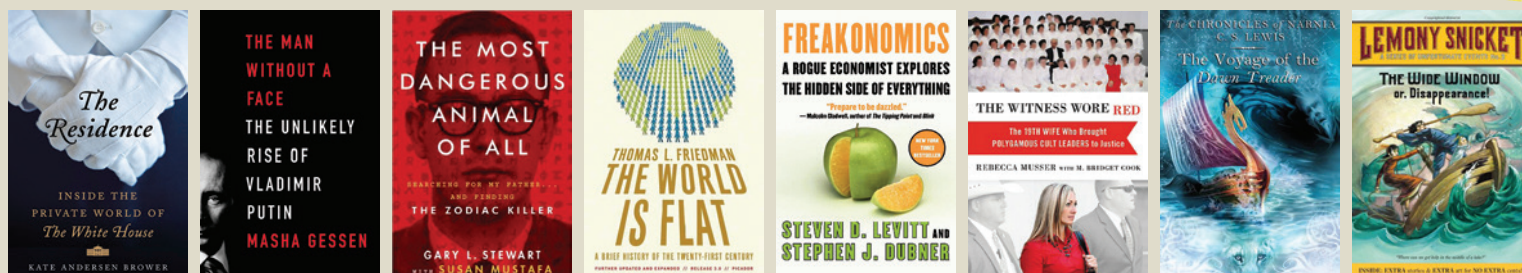
"Because I like fish."  
~ Trevor, age 5

**Lunch Lady and the  
League of Librarians**

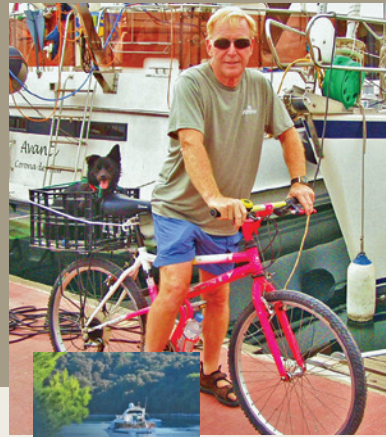
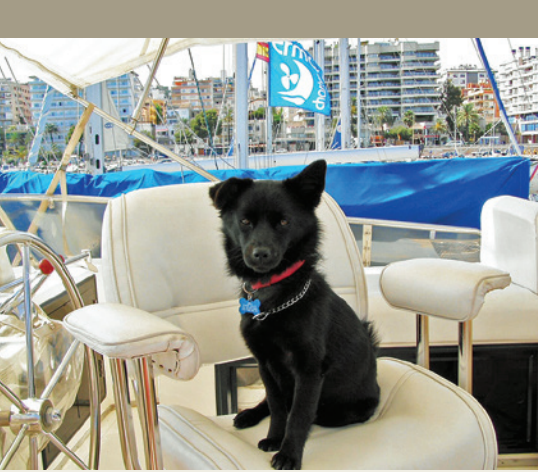
"Lunch Lady is about a lunch lady that saves the world from evil villains. In this book, she is saving the world from the league of librarians. These evil librarians are trying to destroy all the video games in the world. Luckily Lunch Lady saves the day and takes them to jail." ~ Kai Figueroa, age 10

**P. Zonka**

"I loved the beautiful egg that P. Zonka laid. Just like P. Zonka, I like looking at all the colorful things around me." ~ Amie B., age 6 ¼







# Karen Clark

Karen Clark – globetrotter, boater, adventurer, lawyer, wife, mother, grandmother and author – is a truly dedicated library supporter. She has served on the Board of Library Trustees and currently serves on the Library Foundation Board. A native Californian, Karen graduated with a BA in history from Stanford, where she met her husband, Bruce, who was studying for his Ph.D. in geology, after having graduated from Yale. Karen later earned a Masters in Modern European History from University of Washington, with plans to become a community college teacher.

Bruce accepted an academic position at University of Michigan, much to Karen's dismay as a Californian, not to mention the nearly impossible career in teaching history at the community college level in a small, highly educated academic community. She enrolled at Michigan Law School and was able to convince Bruce to return to California where law firms were hiring, even though that meant giving up his tenured academic position.

Karen joined Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, an international firm even in the 70s, in the corporation/real estate/financing field, where she retired as a partner in 2003.

That same year the Clarks bought Avanti, a 39' trawler in Mallorca, Spain, and spent a good portion of the next eight years cruising from port to port throughout the Mediterranean – from Spain to North Cyprus – with their small black dog, Roka. Karen's book about their adventure,

*Mediterranean Summers: How a Man, a Woman, and a Dog Spent Eight Years Exploring the Ancient Sea in the Small Boat*, was published in February.

## 1. All-time favorite book?

I think that the book I loved most at the time I read it is Wallace Stegner's *Angle of Repose*, a book I first read in my 20s.

## 2. What's on your nightstand?

We built a Little Free Library in our front yard and books are always going in and out. I find so many that others put there to be interesting, so I pull them out to read and usually have a dozen or so waiting in the wings. I'm in three book groups and now I am reading *The Spider's House* by Paul Bowles, a historical novel written in 1955 about the early 50s nationalist uprising in Morocco against French rule, to prepare for our trip to Morocco in September. Also by my bed is Billy Collins' book of fun, charming poems, *Aimless Love*. He can always cheer me up.

## 3. Favorite place to read?

In one of our two overstuffed black leather chairs in the living room in front of the fireplace. The chairs are wonderful for reading, sleeping and ocean-gazing.

## 4. Print or e-book?

Print. I read e-books now and then and enjoy them, but still gravitate to print.

## 5. Where do you get your news?

*Los Angeles Times*, *Daily Pilot*, *New York Times*, Internet

## 6. Your heroes?

I'm a cynic about calling people heroes. There are many people I greatly admire though, including those living such as Malala Yousafzai and Jimmy Carter. My favorite historical figure would have to be Catherine the Great.

## 7. Favorite place in the world?

After spending a good portion of eight years on our boat in the Mediterranean, I'd likely pick almost any Mediterranean port. On second thought, some of those ports actually aren't all that great. So I'd narrow it down to either the endlessly fascinating Barcelona, or a group of picturesque small towns and inlets along the south coast of Turkey between Fethiye and Antalya.

## 8. Favorite place in Orange County?

My home in Corona del Mar.

## 9. Your thoughts on the most important offerings of libraries today?

Libraries, and especially our library, has so many cutting-edge innovations. Good old paper-bound books will always be most important, but our databases, media lab and computer facilities are terrific.

## 10. What do you see as the library of the future?

Even ten years ago, few could visualize the type of libraries that currently exist. I think the library of the future will be full of wonders that will surprise and amaze us, things we can't even imagine now.



# CALENDAR

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We acknowledge the passing of Lyman Porter who is survived by his lovely wife Meredith.

Lyman joined the Library Foundation's Board of Directors in 1995 where he devoted countless hours in service to the Newport Beach Public Library. Meredith continues the Porters' generous support of the Library Foundation's endowment fund. We will miss seeing Lyman at the lectures and events here at the library.



Virginia Kempler, center in red jacket, with her husband Dr. Ike Kempler at the CDM Branch.



Meredith and Lyman Porter

## Wisdom

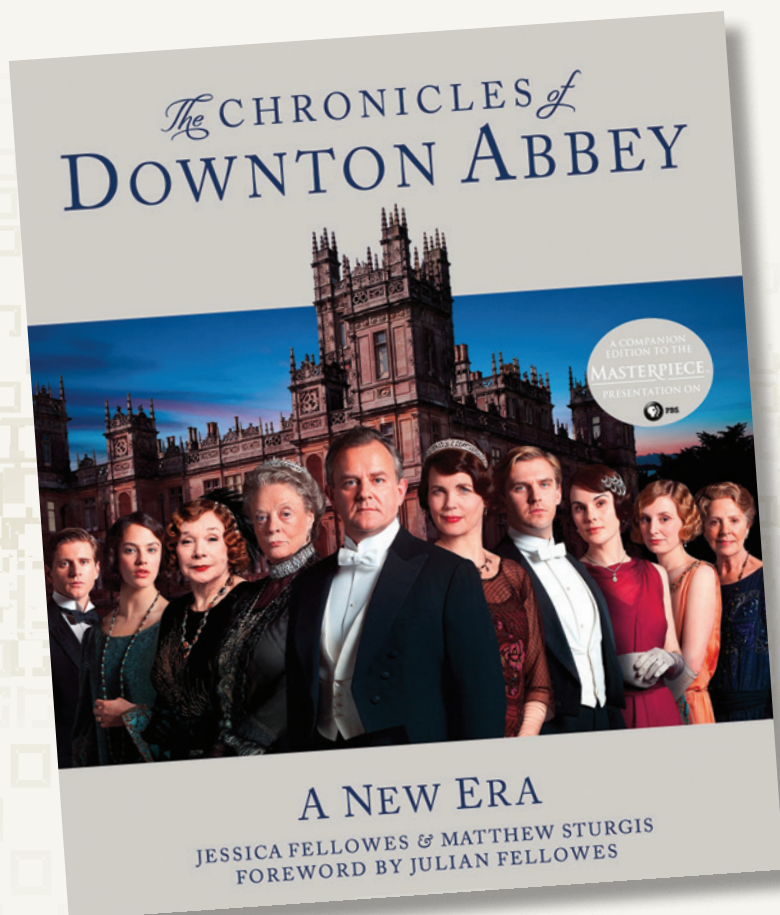
*"I was a library rat. Libraries are the mainstay of democracy. The first thing dictators do when taking over a country is close all the libraries because libraries are full of ideas and differences of opinions, all the things we want to say in a free and open society. So keep 'em, fund 'em, embrace and cherish 'em. Growing up, I loved the series of biographies of famous people, but which chronicled only their childhoods. It made me think anything was possible with my life. Beloved characters mostly involved animals with human characteristics.*

*I could never get enough. My psychiatrist says he's very close to an answer on that one."*

~ David Baldacci

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