

Sylvan Lake Municipal Library

Learn | Play | Read | Create | Grow | Experience



September - December 2025

Programs and Activities



Don't Miss a Moment

Hours of Operation

Sunday:	1:00 p.m. - 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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Holidays and Closures

September 1	Closed for Labour Day
October 13	Closed for Thanksgiving
November 11	Closed for Remembrance Day
December 24	Closed at 2:00 p.m.
December 25	Closed for Christmas Day
December 26	Closed for Boxing Day
December 31	Closed at 2:00 p.m.

Program Breaks

August 24 - September 7

October 19 - November 2

December 21 - January 6

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 to receive "announcements".

Our weekly preschool and afterschool programs kick off this September.

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 September 10

Stories, rhymes, songs, and sensory play for babies and their caregivers.

Toddler D&D Story Time | Ages 2-5

Tuesdays | 10:15-11:15 a.m.
Drop In, Starts September 9
No program November 11

An imaginative story time led by an experienced storyteller who will take the group on new adventures each week.

Preschool Story Time | Ages 2-5

Wednesdays or Thursdays | 10:15-11:00 a.m.
Drop In, Starts September 10
No program October 1 or 2

Foster a love of literacy and socialize with other families while engaging in stories, songs, crafts, and sensory activities.

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

Every Other Saturday | 10:15-11:15 a.m.
Drop In, Starts September 13

No program October 11

Sensory activities and messy play stations. Older and younger siblings welcome. Infant and preschool activities will alternate weekly. View calendar for age-specific dates.

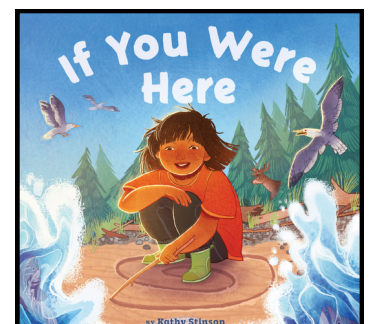
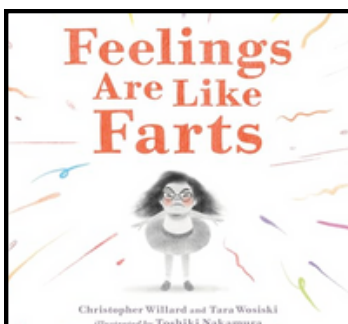
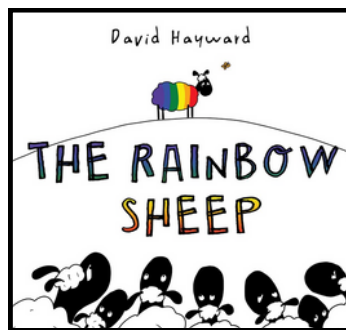
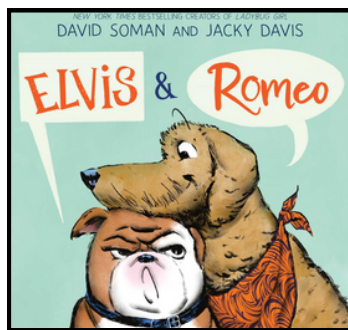
Halloween Story Time | All Ages

Friday, October 31 | 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Drop In

Wear your Halloween costumes for a spooky story time and a craft at the Library.



New Books



School Age Programs

Board Game Café | Ages 8+

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

Drop In | Starts September 9

Make new friends and enjoy the board game of the week while we learn and play together.

Anime Club | Ages 8+

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

Drop In | Starts September 10

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 | Starts September 11

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

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!

September/October read: The Clackity by Lora Senf

Recommended for Ages 10-18

Loot Kit Pick-Up: September 11

November/December read: My Life in the Fish Tank by Barbara Dee

Recommended for Ages 9-13

Loot Kit Pick-Up: October 24



Makedo Masters | Ages 8+

Friday, September 19 | 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Registration Required

School's out! Show up and show off your genius as you complete a project based on objectives and find creative ways to overcome fun challenges that come your way.

Library Nerf War | Ages 9+

Friday, September 19 | 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Registration Required

Join us for an epic after-hours Nerf War in the Library. Nerf guns and darts provided, participants can also bring their own.

Snacks provided (after the battle).

Lego Masters | Ages 8+

Friday, October 10 | 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Registration Required

School's out! Show up and show off your Lego skills based on objectives and overcome fun challenges that come your way.

Painting Masters | Ages 8+

Friday, November 28 | 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Registration Required

School's out! In homage to "Nailed It", participants will recreate a famous painting while overcoming fun challenges that come their way.

Family Art Attack | Ages 6+

One Saturday a Month | 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Registration Required

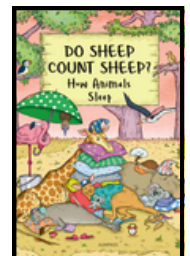
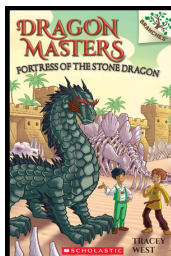
Explore different art styles and mediums at the Library. Parents are invited to attend with their children. All materials provided.

September 20: Tie Dye - bring a piece of white clothing to dye.

October 18: Halloween Rocks

November 22: Sharpie Watercolour

December 20: Gingerbread Houses



Teen Programs

Cosplay Club | Ages 13+

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

Drop In | Starts September 8

Celebrate a love of cosplay while making your own creations with friends old and new. Some materials provided, or participants can bring their own and build amongst friends.

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

September 2: Join us for a board game night.

October *14*: Join us for a karaoke night.

Future projects to be selected by participants.

Ghost Hunters | Ages 12+

Second and Fourth Friday of the Month

3:30-4:30 p.m. | Drop In

Dive into paranormal history and search for local ghosts and hauntings with friends old and new.

Teen Bring Your Own Book Club Ages 13+

Third Thursday of the Month | 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Drop In | Timber Coffee Co. | 4425 50 St.

Read ANY book, then join us at Timber Coffee Co. for a discussion. Celebrate a love of reading and books with fellow teens.

More Than a Book Club | Ages 13+

Wednesdays | 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Drop In | H.J. Cody School Library

Starts September 24

Join Mrs. Judge and Ms. Kristin from the Library for a time of snacks, art projects (no skill required) and conversation about your favourite book – or any other fun topic. No meetings on school breaks.

Frankenstuffies | Ages 13+

Thursday, October 23 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Drop In | Refreshments Provided

Create your own Frankenstuffies at the Library while watching the original Frankenstein (1931, Rated PG).

Bring your own stuffie (or two), and be prepared to dismember and reattach limbs to create a new monstrosity.

Teen Paint With Melissa | Ages 13+

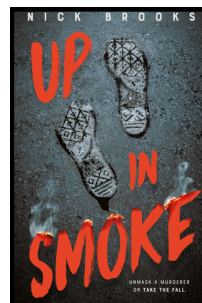
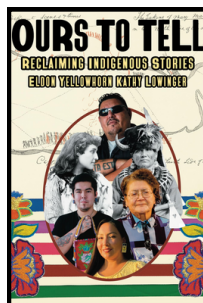
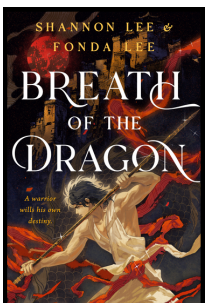
Monday, November 24 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Registration Required

Paint along with local artist Melissa Hall while recreating your favourite Taylor Swift album on canvas with music and bestie bracelets.



New Books



Adult Programs

Pub Trivia Night

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

Diamond Valley Den | Reserve Your Table

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.

First & Third Friday of the Month | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Registration Required

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

September: Tie Dye - bring a piece of white clothing to dye

October: Halloween Rocks

November: Sharpie Watercolour

December: Quilling Christmas Cards

The third Friday of the month will feature a "crafternoon" with an assortment of craft and art supplies. Bring something you've been working on, or create something new!

Tech Connect

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

Drop In

Need help with your smartphone, laptop, tablet, or e-reader? Have questions about cyber safety? Drop by the Library for one-on-one assistance from staff. First-come, first-serve; staff are not able to assist with topics beyond our knowledge or outside the scope of technology coaching.

Knit-Wits

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

Drop In | No program November 21

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**

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.

September 29: The Life of Chuck

October 27: One to One: John and Yoko

Concrete Mushrooms | Ages 16+

Thursday, September 11 | 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Registration Required

Learn how to create and paint your own unique concrete mushrooms at the Library. Mushrooms can go home with participants or be added to our garden to be enjoyed by all.

Book Bedazzling | Ages 16+

Thursday, September 18 | 6:00-7:45 p.m.

Registration Required

Bring your own book and come for an evening of tea and crafting. All crafting supplies provided.

This free program is courtesy of the Sylvan Lake Municipal Library Fundraising Committee.

Harvesting Memories: Gardening Recap | Ages 18+

Tuesday, September 23 | 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Registration Required

Come and share your highs and lows of your garden this year - even if your garden was just containers on your balcony. Chat with other passionate gardeners!

Life of a Show Girl | Ages 18+

Friday, October 3 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Registration Required | Refreshments Provided
Dress Code: Orange and Glitter**

Step into the spotlight for a glamorous evening celebrating Taylor Swift's newest era, Life of a Show Girl. Sip on signature cocktails (\$5.00 each), soak in the sounds of the new album, and craft your own sparkling friendship bracelet - because every show girl needs her crew. Music, magic, and making memories!

Cozy Cocktails | 18+

Thursday, October 9 | 6:00-7:45 p.m.

Registration Required | Cost: \$20.00

Want to make your own cocktails, but aren't sure where to start? Join local dabbler and cocktail enthusiast Maddie as she teaches you to make 3 kinds of whiskey cocktails.

Refreshments and non-alcoholic drinks provided.

Ace the Interview | 16+

Thursday, October 23 | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Drop In

Learn tips and tricks for what interviewers are looking for and refine your skills and answers for your next interview.

Adult Programs

Canvas Ghosts | Ages 16+

Thursday, October 16 | 6:00-7:45 p.m.
Registration Required

Channel your inner artist and create beautiful spackle art just in time for spooky season! All supplies provided.

This free program is courtesy of the Sylvan Lake Municipal Library Fundraising Committee.

Gardening: Succulents | Ages 16+

Tuesday, October 21 | 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Registration Required | Cost: \$30.00

Discover the beauty and simplicity of succulent gardening with Leona Staples from the Jungle Farm. In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn the basics of caring for these hardy, low-maintenance plants, including proper planting techniques, watering tips, sunlight needs, and creative container ideas. Create your own mini succulent garden to take home.

Holiday Front Mat Decorating | Ages 16+

Thursday, November 20 | 6:00-7:45 p.m.
Registration Required

Get into the holiday groove by creating a festive mat for your front door while enjoying holiday refreshments!

Supplies and refreshments provided.

This free program is courtesy of the Sylvan Lake Municipal Library Fundraising Committee.

Bad Art Night | Ages 16+

Tuesday, November 25 | 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Drop In | Supplies Provided, or Bring Your Own

Join us for an evening of fun as you create without pressure. Create whatever comes to mind, but all art made must be suitable for public viewing. Participants will vote on the finished pieces of the night to decide which one is so bad, it's good.

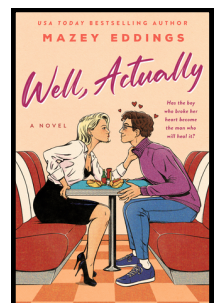
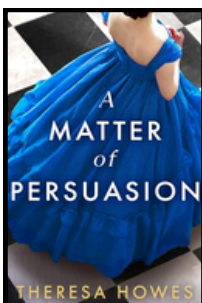
Jam Making | All Ages

Thursday, December 11 | 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Registration Required | Cost: \$20.00

Leona from the Jungle Farm for a sweet and simple jam-making adventure perfect for all ages! Learn the basics of making homemade fruit preserves using fresh ingredients. Whether you're a curious kid, a crafty teen, or a nostalgic adult, you'll enjoy this hands-on activity and take home a jar of your own delicious creation. No prior experience needed, just bring your enthusiasm and a taste for fun!



New Books



Special Events & Community Connections

Mind Matters: Tech Scams at the Senior's Centre

Wednesday, September 3 | 1:00-3:00 p.m. Drop In

Stay after lunch at the Senior's Centre for some basic tech tips focusing on internet and phone safety, followed by a Q&A.

Welcome to Hogwarts | Ages 6-100+

Friday, September 5 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Registration Required

Kick off the Hogwarts Reading Club in style with food, drinks, activities, and an evening of magical nostalgia.

Homeschool Hub | Ages 6+

Every Second Thursday | 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Registration Required | Starts September 25

Join local homeschooling families for a fun and friendly gathering! Enjoy themed stories, hands-on crafts to take home, social time with new friends, and the chance to sign out some great reads.

Halloween Costume Exchange

Costume Collection: September 21 - October 3

Saturday, October 4 and Sunday, October 5

2:00-5:00 p.m. | Drop In

Donate your old, good-condition Halloween costumes to the Library, then return for a costume swap.

Wisdom & Wonder: a Reading Friendship | Ages 6+

Wednesday, November 12 and December 10 1:00-2:30 p.m. | Registration Required

A special gathering for homeschooling families in the Sylvan Lake area! Enjoy one-on-one reading time followed by a fun group activity. Connect, learn, and share the joy of reading together.

Christmas Craft Workshop | All Ages

Saturday, December 6 | 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Drop In

An afternoon of Christmas crafting at stations throughout the library. Drop in while supplies last. Refreshments provided.

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.

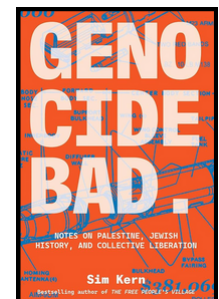
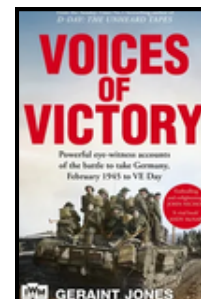
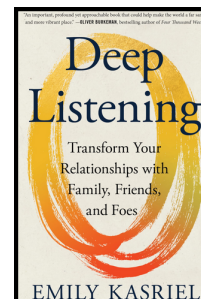
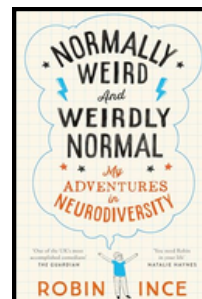
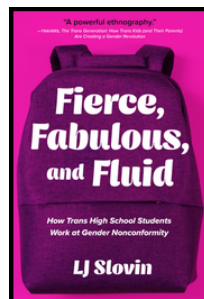
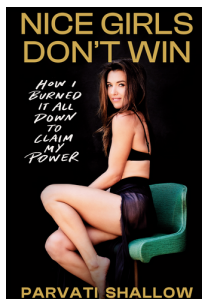
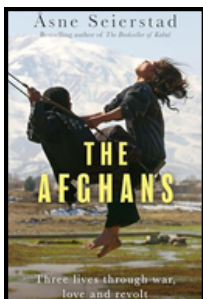
Career Leap Resume Review

Wednesdays: September 3, October 1, November 5, and December 3

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 877-577-5327.

New Books



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**

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

September 8: What Have You Done? by Shari Lapena

October: No Meeting - Happy Thanksgiving!

November 10: The Housemaid's Secret by Freida McFadden

December 8: Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult

New Romantics Book Club

**Second Wednesday of the Month
6:30-8:00 p.m. | Drop In | Lakeshore Café
#130 - 5003 Lakeshore Drive**

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

September 10: It Happened One Summer by Tessa Bailey

October 8: Butcher and Blackbird by Brynne Weaver

November 12: Wilde in Love by Eloisa James

December 10: Merry Little Meet Cute by Sierra Simone

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.

Banned Book Club

**Last Wednesday of the Month | 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Drop In | Lakeshore Café
#130 - 5003 Lakeshore Drive**

Read the banned book(s) of the month, then join us at Lakeshore Café for a discussion.

September 24: Gender Queer by Maia Kobabe.

October 29: The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf, Prince and Knight by Daniel Haack, and And Tango Makes Three by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell.

November 26: Flamer by Mike Curato.

Fable Book Club

Online via the Fable App

Read at your own pace and join the conversation online with our book club.

September - November: Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver



Walking Book Club

**Fridays | 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Starts September 12**

Meet weekly to discuss books while out for a stroll. Meet outside the Library while it's warm, then watch our website for updated locations in the colder months.

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!

Reading Dragons

Ongoing At-Home Program

September 1 - May 31

Here there be dragons! Reading Dragons is a time-based reading challenge that encourages readers of all school ages to read and become dragon keepers! New dragons will be released each month for readers to hatch and grow. Keep track of your reading at home with a reading tracker.

Build your deck for your own accomplishments or play games with other Reading Dragons at pop-up programs throughout the year! Cards can be collected until the end of June.



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.

Snacks in the Stacks

Afterschool Snacks for Kids

We're looking for regular sponsors for our afterschool snacks for kids at the Library. We're also looking for volunteers interested in helping shop for and prepare food for participants. If interested, contact the Library for more information!

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.



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 Sponsors



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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



Candle Making Kit



Illuminated Smart World
Interactive Globe for Kids



Telescope



NexSource Passes



Bucket Golf



Envoy Connect



Kill A Watt Power Monitor



Radon Screening Kits



Bird Watching Kit



Golf Chipping Game



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

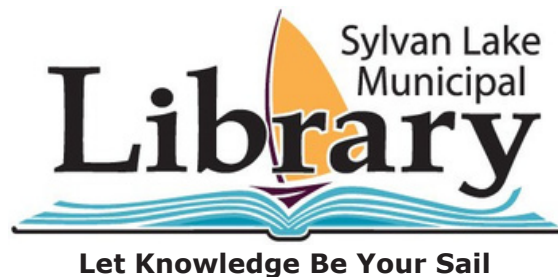
Children will have programs and services designed to ensure that they will enter school ready to learn, write, and listen.

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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