

A stack of several books is shown, with a woven basket on top. The books are decorated with small white daisies. The background is a dark, textured surface.

What's on in your Library

Spring and Summer 2020

Adults



Stockton-on-Tees
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Big plans for great experiences

Introduction

Welcome to Stockton Libraries Spring and Summer 2020 edition of 'What's on in your Library'. This guide details a wide range of events and activities across the Borough for everyone to enjoy.

For further information on any of the events and activities please contact your local library or visit www.stockton.gov.uk/libraries.

Important Information

All events and activities are free of charge unless otherwise stated but a donation box will be available if anyone wishes to contribute.

For more information or to book your **free** place at any of the events contact your local Library. **Payment Procedure: Cash** payments and bookings can be taken at any library. **Card** payments and bookings contact the Visitor Information Centre, 134B High Street, Stockton on 01642 528130. Payments are non-refundable. All payments must be made at point of booking.

All our events are inclusive, please inform the hosting library if you have any specific requirements and they will do their very best to accommodate you.

For details regarding ease of access to any of our events please contact the host library.

Download our free Stockton Library app to find out about library opening hours and locations www.yourlibraryapp.co.uk/stockton.

To join our events mailing list and be the first to find out about what's happening in our libraries; please give your contact details to your local library or email stocktonborough.libraries@stockton.gov.uk

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Please note: All event details are correct at the time of printing but please visit the events website for full details:
www.stockton.gov.uk/events

Events & Activities

Meridith Towne Presents Intrepid Women: Inspiring Journeys

Date: Wednesday 25 March

Time: 6-7.30pm

Location: Stockton Central Library

Cost: £8

Pack your bags, don your walking boots, tighten your corset and get ready for the adventure of a lifetime! Join the Victorian women who climbed the alps, trekked the Himalayas and explored the vast plains of Africa. Follow these incredible women on their journeys and discover the necessity of a decent frock when travelling. **Booking essential.** Bar available on the night.



All Things Chocolate With Author Penny Thorpe

Date: Thursday 23 April

Time: 6-7.30pm

Location: Norton Library

Cost: £5

Join us on World Book Night for a chocolatey evening with author Penny Thorpe, an expert on the history of chocolate and author of a bestselling series of historical novels set in a real Yorkshire chocolate factory. Penny was the company archivist for Nestlé for over 10 years and still regularly appears on television and radio to talk about the history of sweets. She has amassed a wealth of stories about the manufacture of chocolate, and the people involved in the industry. Come and hear about how she moved from chocolate historian to published author, and learn some chocolate secrets on the way. **Booking essential.** Refreshments provided.



Chess for All

Date: Every Friday

Time: 3-5pm

Location: Billingham Library

Date: Every Saturday

Time: 1-3pm

Location: Stockton Central Library

Date: Every Saturday

Time: 10-12noon

Location: Thornaby Central Library

Date: Every Sunday

Time: 1-3pm

Location: Ingleby Barwick Library

Learn to play or perfect your moves. Whether you're a beginner or grandmaster come along and play. Supported by CSC: www.chessinschools.co.uk. Drop-in.



Book festival highlights for 2020 include Murder Mystery evening and panel events covering crime, fantasy and the environment. Visit www.crossingthetees.org from April for more details.

Regular Events

Billingham Library

Sporting Chance Mens Group

Date: First Thursday of the month

Time: 10-11am

For men over 50 to chat and socialise, listen to speakers and join in with events and activities. Drop-in.

Knit & Knatter

Date: Every Thursday

Time: 9.30-11.30am

Bring along your own project and join our Knit & Knatter group. All welcome.

Craft Group

Date: Every Friday

Time: 10am-12noon

Everyone welcome to drop in to join our new craft group. Bring your own project and meet fellow crafters.



Ingleby Barwick Library

The library is due to close at Easter in preparation for their re-location into the new leisure facility in the Summer. They will continue to keep their customers informed of progress regarding their regular activities. If you have any questions regarding the new facility please email IBLibrary@stockton.gov.uk

Adult Social Afternoon

Date: First Monday of each month

Time: 1-2pm

Come along and chat about books you have enjoyed. Refreshments included.

Afternoon Knitting Group

Date: Every Monday (except last Monday of each month and Bank Holidays)

Time: 2-4pm

Join us to knit toys and babywear for charity, meet friends and socialise over a cup of tea and biscuits. Everyone welcome.

Evening Knitting Group

Date: Every Tuesday

Time: 5.30-7.30pm

Are you interested in meeting up to knit toys and babywear for charity, making new friends and socialising over a cup of tea and biscuits? Come along and join this group. Everyone welcome.

Card Making

Date: First Wednesday of each month

Time: 1.15-3.15pm

Cards are made by the group and sold to raise money for the Teesside Dementia Link Services. Refreshments provided.

Norton Library

Adult Coffee and Colouring

Date: First and Third Tuesday of every month

Time: 3-4pm

Join us for an adult coffee and colouring group. Colour in a friendly social environment with refreshments provided.

Wednesday Group

Date: Second Wednesday of the month

Time: 3-4.30pm

Interesting talks on a variety of subjects. Everyone welcome! Refreshments included.

Scrabble Club

Date: Every Wednesday (except the second Wednesday of each month)

Time: 1-5pm

A relaxed and informal group who meet to play Scrabble over tea and biscuits.



Roseworth Library

Reading Group

Date: First Thursday of every month

Time: 2-3pm

Come and join our informal reading group. Tell us what you've been reading this month. Refreshments provided.

Friday Friends Social Group

Date: Every Friday

Time: 2-3.30pm

Share your hobbies, crafts, cards & more! Refreshments provided.

Stockton Central Library

Books and Banter

Date: Every first and third Wednesday

Time: 10.30am-12noon

Free informative and illustrated talks, topical discussions and guest speakers. Refreshments are served. All welcome. Contact the Library for more details and for future events.



Cloudy Rain Later (Part 2)

Date: 4 March

Peter Barron MBE continues to look back on his life in newspapers.

Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team

Date: 18 March

Ken Dunbar's talk will cover the voluntary search and rescue service that the team provide; the history, equipment, training and also details of a number of their callouts.

Thornaby Central Library

Happy Days

Date: Every Monday

Time: 2-3.30pm

Tired of spending time alone? Come along to our great friendly sessions for fun activities such as table top games, chair-based exercise, bowling and great reminiscence chats. Refreshments with tea and cake!



Feedback from a member of the group: *"These sessions have given me more confidence coming in on my own, normally I wouldn't sit in a café on my own. Made a huge difference to my life, meeting new friends, with different backgrounds. It's made me think about joining other things that I wouldn't have done before. I find the sessions bring me comfort and they are friendly"*

Booking is encouraged as we may be on an away day! Contact Vicky Fawcett on 01642 524816 or email vicky.fawcett@stockton.gov.uk

Rainbow Corner Knitting Group

Date: Every Thursday

Time: 5-6.30pm

Have a cuppa and a natter at this friendly knitting group for all ages.

Knitting Group

Date: First Friday of every Month

Time: 10-11.30am

Have a coffee and a chat whilst making knitted items for a worthwhile charity.

The Ladies 2 O'Clock Club

Date: Every Friday

Time: 2-4pm

Location: Thornaby Central Library

Join this friendly group for a cuppa and great conversation. All welcome.

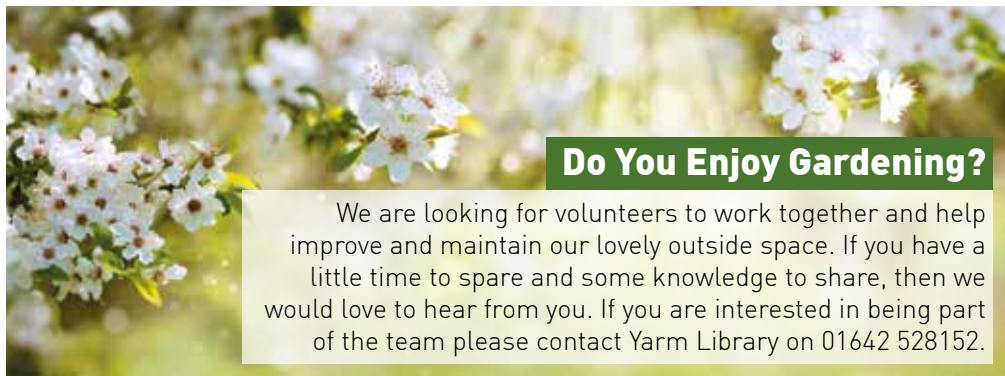
Yarm Library

Social Scrabble and Chess

Date: Every Friday

Time: 2-4.30pm

Drop-in and enjoy a relaxing game with like-minded people.



Do You Enjoy Gardening?

We are looking for volunteers to work together and help improve and maintain our lovely outside space. If you have a little time to spare and some knowledge to share, then we would love to hear from you. If you are interested in being part of the team please contact Yarm Library on 01642 528152.

Reference and Information Services

Free access to over 15 million academic articles for small businesses, researchers and students including in-depth information on topics including art and architecture, business, history and the sciences.

For more information, please contact Stockton Reference Library 01642 528079 or email reference.library@stockton.gov.uk

Local and Community History Month

Across the country, every May, Local and Community History Month is celebrated, and Stockton Libraries will be hosting a number of walks, talks and other events. Whilst details of some are still to be finalised; the following is a taste of what's to come.

Booking Details: For more information or to book your place at any of the **free events** contact Stockton Reference Library 01642 528079 or email reference.library@stockton.gov.uk. **Payment Procedure: Cash** payments and bookings can be taken at any library. **Card** payments and bookings contact the Visitor Information Centre, 134B High Street, Stockton on 01642 528130. Payments are non-refundable. All payments must be made at point of booking.

History Of Norton Exhibition

Date: Friday 1 - Tuesday 19 May

Location: Norton Library

Celebrating Local History Month, Norton Library is showing an exhibition of Norton's history by the Norton Heritage Group.

Memories Of Stockton

Date: Wednesday 6 May

Time: 2-3.30pm

Location: Stockton Reference Library

Inspired by photographs from the Picture Stockton archives, come along and share your own memories of Stockton in years gone by. Refreshments provided.

Booking essential.



The Workhouse Of Stockton By Martin Peagam

Date: Monday 11 May

Time: 2-3.30pm

Location: Jim Cooke Conference Suite, Stockton Central Library

Cost: £2

The 'time traveller' tells the story of the workhouse of Stockton. The buildings, the people who managed them, those who worked there and its residents. We'll consider whether they were as bad as described by Charles Dickens. Refreshments provided.

Booking essential.

Thornaby Lives By Derek Smith

Date: Tuesday 12 May

Time: 2-3.30pm

Location: Jim Cooke Conference Suite, Stockton Central Library

Following the recent publication of his book *'Thornaby Lives'*, local author Derek Smith, award-winning documentary filmmaker, explains how it was achieved and the part his roots played in the making of his book. Contains photographs of Thornaby people and their stories. Refreshments provided.

Booking essential.



The World War One Wireless Y-Station At Stockton By Alan Bettaney

Date: Wednesday 13 May

Time: 10-11.30am

Location: Jim Cooke Conference Suite, Stockton Central Library

Cost: £2

Come along and hear the fascinating story of how an unassuming building in Stockton-on-Tees played a major - and top secret - role in the First World War. Y-Station was an intelligence collection site established during the First World War and the FIRST was in Stockton! **Booking essential.**



Medieval Stockton-on-Tees by Robin Daniels

Date: Friday 15 May

Time: 1.30pm

Location: Meet at Stockton Town Hall

Cost: £2

A stroll around the town with County Archaeologist, Robin Daniels to discover the medieval origins of Stockton. The walk is suitable for all ages and undertaken at a gentle pace. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear. **Booking essential.**



The Final Resting Place with 'Time Traveller' Martin Peagam

Date: Saturday 16 May

Time: 10am start

Location: Oxbridge Lane entrance

Cost: £2

Guided walk around Oxbridge Cemetery meeting at the Oxbridge Lane entrance. Martin will reveal the story of the graveyard and explore the lives of some of those who reside there. The walk suitable for all ages and undertaken at a gentle pace. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear. **Booking essential.**

Meet Me At The Maison by Martin Peagam

Date: Monday 18 May

Time: 10-11.30am

Location: Jim Cooke Conference Suite, Stockton Central Library

Cost: £2

The 'time traveller' tells the story of the Maison dance hall. A story that involves a fire, a donkey, a dance band and lots of romance! Refreshments provided. **Booking essential.**



Magical Mystery History Tour With 'Time Traveller' Martin Peagam

Date: Wednesday 20 May

Time: 10am-3pm

Location: Meet at Stockton Reference Library

Cost: Free but donations welcome.

Come with us on a trip into the past aboard a vintage bus and discover the events and people that are part of our heritage.

Booking essential.



The Industrial Photographer 1969-1989 By Ted Parker

Date: Thursday 21 May

Time: 10-11.30am

Location: Jim Cooke Conference Suite, Stockton Central Library

An insight into what life was like for a scientific industrial photographer at a very unique strategic research laboratory at British Steel. Refreshments provided. **Booking essential.**



Norton Board School Reunion

Date: Friday 22 May

Time: 3-7pm

Location: Norton Library

A chance to meet up with old school friends over a cuppa and reminisce with an exhibition of pictures and information.

Norton Historic Walk

Date: Saturday 23 May

Time: 10am start

Location: Norton Library

Join the Norton Heritage Group for a historic walk around Norton. Meet at the library. **Booking essential.** To book your place contact Norton Library on 01642 528019 or email norton.library@stockton.gov.uk

I Sing Of My Comrades': Stockton's Brigaders By Tony Fox

Date: Tuesday 26 May

Time: 2-3.30pm

Location: Jim Cooke Conference Suite, Stockton Central Library

Cost: £2

Tony Fox tells the story of the International Brigade of volunteers from Stockton who fought against fascism in the Spanish Civil War. Refreshments provided. **Booking essential.**



The Battle for Yarm Bridge in the English Civil War by Phil Philo

Date: Thursday 28 May

Time: TBC

Location: Meeting place to be confirmed

Cost: £2

Guided walk around Yarm and Egglecliffe with War Historian Phil Philo. Learn how the control of Yarm Bridge became an important issue for Royalist and Parliamentarians during the English Civil War, and what happened when the two forces clashed. The walk is suitable for all ages and undertaken at a gentle pace. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear. **Booking essential.**



More to come.....

Contact Stockton Reference Library on **01642 528079** or email reference.library@stockton.gov.uk for more details.

Any Excuse For A Party

The Birth of the Railways in Stockton. A guided walk around Stockton the 'time traveller' will reveal how the origins of the Stockton & Darlington Railway can be seen as a series of banquets, celebrations and parties.



A Very Short Reading Group Brilliant, Sharp, Inspiring

Date: Last Tuesday of the Month

Time: 6.30-7.30pm

Location: Stockton Reference Library

Non-fiction discussion and debate.

For more information, please contact Stockton Reference Library 01642 528079 or email reference.library@stockton.gov.uk



Discover Your Local and Family History

We have Family History Groups who meet at Stockton Reference Library, Ingleby Barwick Library and Billingham Library. The groups are open to experts and complete beginners. Members of the group will be given assistance to explore their roots through online resources, including Ancestry.

Family History Web Sessions

Book a one to one web session with the Stockton Reference Library staff on 01642 528079. Basic computer knowledge needed.

Family History Group

Meet fellow family history researchers at our informal group. Share information and experiences with others. Refreshments provided.

Billingham Library

Date: First Tuesday of each month

Time: 5.30-6.30pm

Ingleby Barwick Library

Group 1

Date: Last Monday of each month

Time: 1.30-3pm

Group 2

Date: Last Monday of each month

Time: 6-7.30pm

Group 3

Date: Last Wednesday of each month

Time: 1.30-3pm

Stockton Reference Library

Date: Tuesday

• 10 March • 14 April • 12 May • 9 June

• 14 July • 8 September

Time: 2-4pm

Scottish Family History Group

Date: Tuesday

• 24 March • 28 April • 26 May • 23 June

• 28 July • 22 September

Time: 2-4pm

Location: Stockton Reference Library

Local History Group (for older people and people living with dementia)

Date: Wednesday (every three weeks starting)

• 11 March • 1 April • 22 April • 13 May • 3 June • 24 June • 15 July • 5 August

• 26 August • 16 September

Time: 10.30am-12noon

Location: Stockton Reference Library

If you're interested in local history and are living with dementia or simply need more time and support, then this may be the group for you. Carers welcome. To book a place or for further information please contact: Karen Morris Tel: 01642 526518 or email karen.morris@stockton.gov.uk

Health and Wellbeing

Home and Mobile Library Services

We offer a Home Library service to people who are unable to access our main library services due to illness, disability or frailty. Our Mobile Library visits outlying areas, schools and businesses on a three weekly timetable and our Home Library service delivers free to your home on a three weekly visit.

For more information please contact **01642 528045** or email mobilelibrary.services@stockton.gov.uk

Reminiscence Collection

Reminiscence involves the discussion of past activities, events and experiences. Stockton Library Service has a large collection of objects, games, photographs, music and books which can be used as an informal, light-hearted and fun way of unlocking memories and encouraging people to talk.

For more information please contact **01642 528045** or email mobilelibrary.services@stockton.gov.uk

Widow's Coffee Morning

Date: Second Monday of the month

Time: 10.30am-12.30pm

Location: Thornaby Central Library

Join us on the second Monday of each month for a coffee morning hosted by the National Association of the Widowed.

Pain Management Support Group

Date: Second Monday of the Month

Time: 1-3pm

Location: Thornaby Central Library

A support group for those who suffer with chronic illness and pain.

Audio Reading Group

Date: Last Tuesday of the month

Time: 1.30-3pm

Location: Norton Library

A reading group for people with visual impairment. We meet to discuss our group read, select books and discuss our favourite reads. Refreshments provided.

Smoking Cessation (drop-in)

Date: Every Wednesday

Time: 10-11.30am

Location: Thornaby Spring Riverbank Library

Local stop smoking services staffed by expert advisers provide a range of proven methods to help you quit. They will give you accurate information and advice and give you professional support during the first few months of stopping smoking.

Tech Doctor: RNIB Connect Tech Advice Sessions

RNIB

See differently

Date: Every second and fourth Thursday of the month

Time: 11am-1pm

Location: Stockton Reference Library

If you need any support or help with your mobile phone, iPhone or Android device, laptop or even tablet please bring it along to the RNIB Connect Tech Support. Booking essential.

To book your place contact Stockton Reference Library on **01642 528079** or email reference.library@stockton.gov.uk

No Boundaries Dementia Café

Date: Second Friday of the month

Time: 2-3.30pm

Location: Thornaby Central Library

For people living with dementia and their carers, a relaxed and welcoming drop-in to share experiences and meet new people. Come and join us for information, advice and support. Refreshments provided.

Digital Services and Support

Available in the library:

- Free access to computers and Wi-Fi
- eBook and eAudio selection

Reference Resources:

- Ancestry
- Findmypast
- British Newspaper Archive

Gadget Sessions

Get help on a one-to-one basis with your tablet, smartphone or e-reader. Learn how to text, use your email and see lots of exciting features on your device. Contact your local library to book your free session.

Need help using a computer?

Need help to navigate round a computer? Learn internet searching, shopping online, using your emails, basic Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel. Book a free session with our Learning Support Assistant by contacting your local library.



Let's Get Innovative

Stockton Library Service is proud of their digital facilities for the Borough. In Stockton Central Library's **Innovation Station** there are 3D printers, a 3D scanner, a laser cutter and a range of equipment for people of all ages to develop their digital skills.

See over for events and activities taking place in the Innovation Station. More are being planned, so keep your eyes open for further details on the library social media pages or in your local library.

For more information or to book your place contact 01642 528023 or your local library.

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In Thornaby Central Library the **Imagination Station** offers sensory and immersive story-telling experiences, exhibitions and reminiscence with programmes tailored to benefit people living with dementia, autism and learning disabilities. Curious? Check out the range of activities available to you.

For more information or to book your place contact 01642 528117 or your local library.

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Introduction To 3D Printing

Date: Tuesday 10 March

Time: 5.30-7.30pm

Location: Innovation Station, Stockton Central Library

Cost: £3

Have you ever wondered how a 3D printer works? Come and try it for yourself and see a 3D printer in action. Have a go at building a simple object to print out. Suitable for 16+. **Booking essential.**

Introduction To Using The 3D Printers

Date: Monday 16 March

Time: 10am-12noon

Date: Monday 4 May

Time: 2-4pm

Date: Tuesday 7 July

Time: 10am-12noon

Location: Innovation Station, Stockton Central Library

Cost: £10

Join us on a two hour induction, teaching you how to safely operate our 3D printers. Once you have completed this session you will be allowed to book time to access the 3D printers for your own projects and creations.

Suitable for 16+ years. **Booking essential.** For more information or to book your place contact StocktonBorough.Libraries@stockton.gov.uk

Introduction To Using The Laser Cutter

Date: Monday 20 April

Time: 10am-12noon

Date: Monday 8 June

Time: 2pm-4pm

Date: Tuesday 4 August

Time: 10am-12noon

Location: Innovation Station, Stockton Central Library

Cost: £10

Join us on a two hour induction, teaching you how to safely operate our laser cutter. Once you have completed this session you will be allowed to book time to access the laser cutter for your own projects and creations.

Suitable for 16+ years. **Booking essential.** For more information or to book your place contact StocktonBorough.Libraries@stockton.gov.uk

Book Time On The Laser Cutter Or 3D Printers

Date: Tuesday 28 April • Tuesday 26 May • Tuesday 23 June • Tuesday 21 July
• Tuesday 18 August • Tuesday 29 September

Time: 9am-5pm

Location: Innovation Station, Stockton Central Library

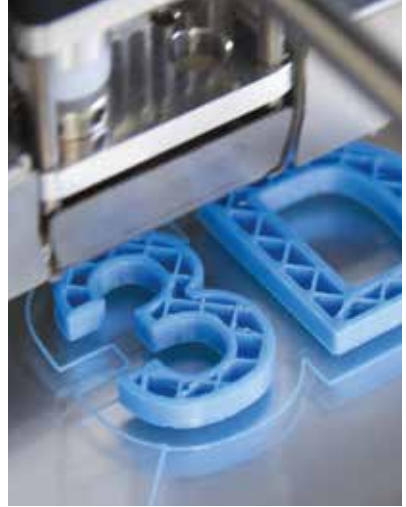
Cost: To cover materials used

Explore the possibility of prototyping and realizing your own designs and projects. Following the completion of the 3D printing or laser cutting induction sessions, participants will be able to book time on a machine and get making.

Hire of the machine is free, you only pay for the materials you use. Knowledgeable and experienced staff will be on hand to support you in the operation of the machines. Laptops will be provided.

Suitable for 16+ years. **Booking essential.** For more information or to book your place contact StocktonBorough.Libraries@stockton.gov.uk

Please note, for safety reasons only materials provided by the Library can be used in the laser cutter.



Laser Etched Photo

Date: Monday 11 May • Friday 21 August

Time: 1.30-4.30pm

Location: Innovation Station, Stockton Central Library

Cost: £5

Create a unique piece of art for your home or a gift for someone else. Bring along a selection of photos and we will advise you which will work the best to produce a small plaque. Basic computer skills required.

Suitable for age 16+. **Booking essential.**



Personalised Glass Engraving

Date: Wednesday 9 September

Time: 10am-12noon

Location: Innovation Station, Stockton Central Library

Cost: £5

Use our laser cutter to create a personalised glass with a design or phrase of your choice. Glasses provided. Suitable for 16+ years. **Booking essential.**

Library Contact Details

Billingham Library

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Fairfield Library

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Ingleby Barwick Library

Community Campus
Blair Avenue
Ingleby Barwick
TS17 5BL
☎ 01642 528528
✉ inglebybarwick.library@stockton.gov.uk

Norton Library

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Roseworth Library

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Redhill Road
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Thornaby Spring Riverbank Centre Library

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