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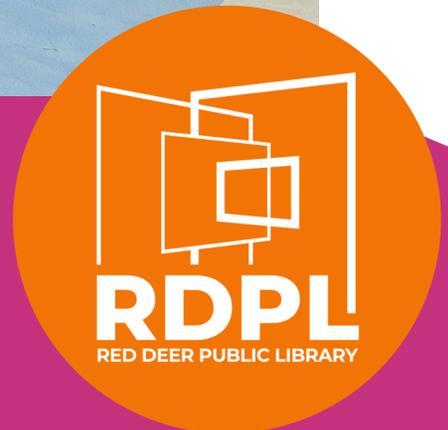
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Your guide to all things RDPL





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FRIENDS OF THE RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer



BOOK SALE

RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY  
DOWNTOWN BRANCH - SNELL AUDITORIUM

## Three Day Public Sale

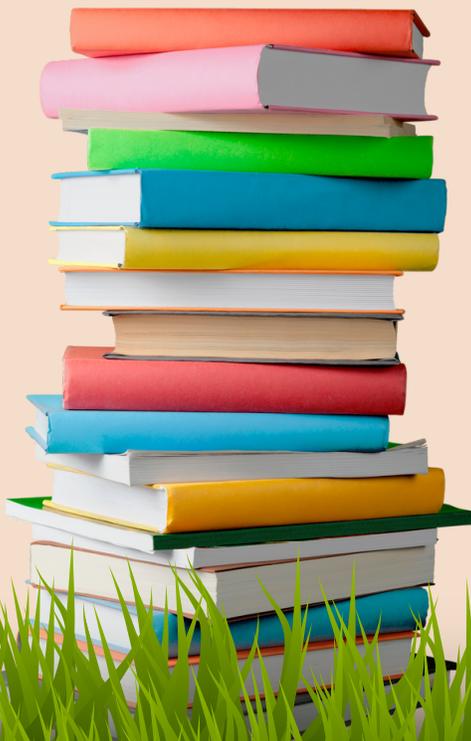
Thursday, July 28

10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, July 29 & Saturday, July 30

10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Buy gently used books, DVDs, CDs and more!



### Do you have books you don't need?

Donate them to the Friends to sell at  
book sales and in the Friends Book Shop!

Donations accepted at any branch during library  
hours. (Larger donations accepted ONLY at the  
Downtown Branch). Sale proceeds go to the library.



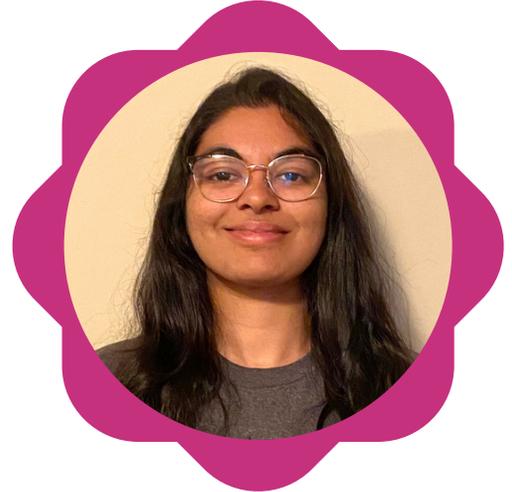
# Meet Your 2022 Kids' Summer Reading Club Coordinators!



Claire



Nash



Joyoti

Claire, you are returning for your second year as an SRC coordinator! What made you want to come back? How will this year look different than last year?

**CLAIRE** - I had so much fun last year bringing library programs to those in our community! I got to see firsthand the difference the library makes for so many families and the impact that we have on their lives. Plus, I got to be a kid again for the entire summer! What could be more fun than that?

This year, the biggest difference is that we can have events and storytimes in the library again! Last year we only did outdoor programming, so I'm very excited to have some indoor options for our families as well.

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*I saw firsthand the difference the library makes for so many families and the impact that we have on their lives. Plus, I got to be a kid again for the entire summer! - Claire*

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Nash and Joyoti, this is your first year joining us as Summer Reading Club Coordinators! What drew you to working at the library?

**NASH** - I have a lot of good memories coming to the library with my Aunt when I was younger. Browsing the endless collection of books to find what I would be reading for the next few days was always a highlight of my week. Everybody who worked here was always very nice and passionate about what they were doing, so of course that meant working here must be pretty cool too (turns out younger me was right!)

**JOYOTI** - RDPL has always been a fun place! I came to the library with my family a lot while growing up and I also volunteered at RDPL when I was younger, so I knew it had a great environment and awesome programs. I had always thought working at the library would be an enjoyable job, and when I saw that there were summer positions available, I jumped at the opportunity.



## Meet the 2022 Summer Reading Club Coordinators

Did you participate in any Summer Reading programs when you were a kid? Tell us about your experience!

**CLAIRE** - When I was a kid I participated in the Summer Reading Club right here at RDPL for a couple summers! I remember how fun it was to complete the reading challenges and then come to the library to pick my prizes. I also have a very distinct memory of the librarian who registered me in the program one year complimenting me on how perfectly I remembered my phone number.

**NASH** - I can remember doing the Summer Reading Club with my sister when we were both little. We liked to compete against each other to see who could finish the most of their reading challenges. I think she usually won, which is something that's remained consistent as we've gotten older.

**JOYOTI** - My family participated in the Summer Reading Club almost every year when I was a kid and I remember excitedly getting the activity sheets and earning prizes by doing what a bookworm does best – reading all summer!

*My family participated in the Summer Reading Club almost every year when I was a kid and I remember excitedly getting the activity sheets and earning prizes by doing what a bookworm does best – reading all summer! - Joyoti*

Tell us about your life outside of the library! What are you studying in school? What do you like to do in your spare time?

**CLAIRE** - I'm heading into my third year of a combined Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Arts Degree with the University of Lethbridge. My majors are Elementary Education and History, two of my biggest passions! In my spare time I love to camp, hike, do aerial hoop, and spend time with my family. This will be no surprise, but I also love to read and even have a Bookstagram account where I review books I've read! (You can follow me at @claire.rates.books!)

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# "It's going to be an exciting summer!"



**NASH** - I just finished up the second year of my Computer Science degree at the University of Lethbridge and will be starting the third year in the fall. In my spare time I enjoy swimming, watching movies, and hanging out with my friends and family.

**JOYOTI** - I will soon be starting the second year of my Engineering degree at the University of Alberta. In my spare time I love taking nature walks with close friends, playing games with my family, playing music on the piano, and, of course, reading.

## What are you most excited about for this year's Summer Reading program?

**CLAIRE** - We have so many fun themes that have never been done before! We have a lot of exciting new ideas for crafts, storytimes, and more so I think our program will be very engaging and a new, exciting experience for those who may have participated with us in

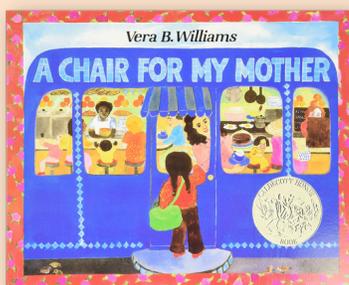
summers past. We also have some fun, special events planned which are going to be super awesome!

**NASH** - I'm really excited about the large variety of programs that we're offering this year. We have fun activities planned for all ages, whether it be storytimes, crafts, games, or tons of others! I'm also very excited about some of the special events that we have planned this summer. We've got some pretty cool guests lined up to come present for us this year!

**JOYOTI** - This year, we have some awesome themes planned for each week like gardening, STEM, superheroes, and more! I am really excited for all the cool, special events we are hosting throughout the summer that will be super fun for families to attend. We're also offering some programming in French this year, so don't miss out!

## Our Favorite Children's Books and why we love them!

### CLAIRE'S FAVOURITE



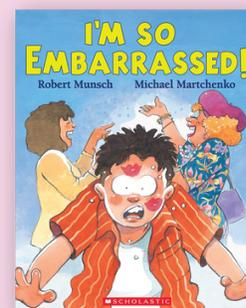
The pictures are beautiful, but it was the story of the girl and her Mom which spoke to me. Their relationship reminded me of the one I have with my mom, and that's why this book will always hold a special place in my heart.

### NASH'S FAVOURITE



Monkeys have always been my favorite animal, so I would read any Curious George book I could get my hands on! I liked seeing how he would solve his endless stream of problems in whatever crazy ways he could.

### JOYOTI'S FAVOURITE



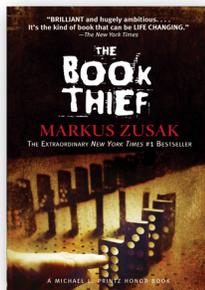
This is a hilarious book about how mothers embarrass their kids in public. I love how the kids embarrass their mothers back by saying they snore like grizzly bears because this reminds me of how my own dad snores!

## Now that we're adults... *Best adult books we've read, so far!*

What is your favourite book as an adult?  
What is your go-to genre?

CLAIRE

### THE BOOK THIEF *by Markus Zusak*



I absolutely BAWLED when I read it for the first time which is quite the accomplishment, because only five books have ever made me cry (and *The Book Thief* was only the second book to achieve this honour). It is such a beautiful story and so worth the read – if you were to ask me for a book recommendation this is the book I'd tell you about! This will be no surprise based on my favourite book or my major in school, but my favourite genre is historical fiction! I especially love historical fiction centered around strong women or World War Two. Bonus points if the book has both!



### NASH DARTH PLAGUEIS *by James Luceno*



The two genres I enjoy the most would probably be fantasy and sci-fi. The first big fantasy book I read was *The Hobbit*, and since then it's always been one of my favorites. As a lifelong Star Wars fan, I'll enjoy pretty much anything from the huge catalog of books in the series. I don't think I've ever read one I haven't liked, but if I had to choose one, I'd probably say *Darth Plagueis* by James Luceno.

### JOYOTI HUNTER *by Mercedes Lackey*



I love reading many different types of books. I usually enjoy fantasy books like *Hunter* by Mercedes Lackey and *The Witcher* series that I am currently reading. I also like to occasionally read comics and manga, as well as anything related to mythology. I also really enjoy somewhat philosophical reads that allow for more thoughtfulness like *L'Étranger* by Albert Camus and *No Longer Human* by Osamu Dazai.

*Summer has arrived and Claire, Joyoti, and Nash have so many fun activities planned for your family! See the schedule on the following pages and join them at one (or all!) of the awesome events over the summer!*



# Grow a **READER**

RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY'S  
2022 KIDS' SUMMER READING CLUB

July 2022

## Program & Event Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 Week 1 Theme: <b>Grow a Garden</b>	4 <b>Family Fun Storytime</b> 11 - 11:30 a.m.  <b>Capstone</b> 2 - 3 p.m.	5 <b>StoryWalk®</b> All day <b>Storytime</b> 3-6 yrs 10:30 - 11 a.m. <b>Activity</b> 7-11 yrs 1 - 2 p.m.	6 <b>Family Fun Storytime</b> 10:30 - 11 a.m.  <b>Downtown Splash Park</b> 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	7 <b>StoryWalk®</b> All day <b>Storytime</b> English 3-6 yrs 10:30 - 11 a.m. French All ages 1 - 1:30 p.m.	8 <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b> <i>Bower Mall Branch open</i> 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	9  <b>Sign out a backpack!</b> Nature Fun! Indigenous! Reading Pals! Inclusivity! Reading Fun!
10 Week 2 Theme: <b>Explore STEM</b>	11 <b>Family Fun Storytime</b> 11 - 11:30 a.m.  <b>Capstone</b> 2 - 3 p.m.	12 <b>StoryWalk®</b> All day <b>Storytime</b> 3-6 yrs 10:30 - 11 a.m. <b>Activity</b> 7-11 yrs 1 - 2 p.m.	13 <b>Family Fun Storytime</b> 10:30 - 11 a.m.  <b>Downtown Splash Park</b> 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	14 <b>StoryWalk®</b> All day <b>Storytime</b> English 3-6 yrs 10:30 - 11 a.m. French All ages 1 - 1:30 p.m.	15 <b>Book Prize 1 Pick up Start</b>  <b>Bower Ponds</b> 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. <b>Experiment with Zed Science*</b> 2 - 3 p.m.	16  <b>Find them here</b> 
17 Week 3 Theme: <b>All the Feelings</b>	18 <b>Family Fun Storytime</b> 11 - 11:30 a.m.  <b>Capstone</b> 2 - 3 p.m.	19 <b>StoryWalk®</b> All day <b>Storytime</b> 3-6 yrs 10:30 - 11 a.m. <b>Activity</b> 7-11 yrs 1 - 2 p.m.	20  <b>Westerner Days Parade!</b> 9:30 a.m.  <b>Downtown Splash Park</b> 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	21 <b>StoryWalk®</b> All day <b>Storytime</b> English 3-6 yrs 10:30 - 11 a.m. French All ages 1 - 1:30 p.m.	22 <b>Bower Ponds</b> 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	23
24 Week 4 Theme: <b>Blast into Space</b>	25 <b>Family Fun Storytime</b> 11 - 11:30 a.m.  <b>Capstone</b> 2 - 3 p.m.	26 <b>StoryWalk®</b> All day <b>Storytime</b> 3-6 yrs 10:30 - 11 a.m. <b>Activity</b> 7-11 yrs 1 - 2 p.m.	27 <b>Family Fun Storytime</b> 10:30 - 11 a.m.  <b>Downtown Splash Park</b> 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	28 <b>StoryWalk®</b> All day <b>Storytime</b> English 3-6 yrs 10:30 - 11 a.m. French All ages 1 - 1:30 p.m.	29 <b>Bower Ponds</b> 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	30 <b>A Day at Hogwarts</b> Sat. July 30 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Downtown Branch See pg. 11

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**LEGEND:**

- General Information
- Downtown Branch
- Dawe Branch
- Timberlands Branch
- Bower Mall Pop-up Branch
- Book Bike



# Grow a READER

RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY'S

2022 KIDS' SUMMER READING CLUB

August 2022



## Program & Event Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Week 5 Theme: <b>Crawl with Bugs!</b>	<b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b> <b>Bower Mall Branch open</b> 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. <b>Family Fun Storytime</b> 11 - 11:30 a.m.	<b>StoryWalk®</b> All day <b>Storytime</b> 3-6 yrs 10:30 - 11 a.m. <b>Activity</b> 7-11 yrs 1 - 2 p.m.	<b>Family Fun Storytime</b> 10:30 - 11 a.m. <b>Downtown Splash Park</b> 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	<b>StoryWalk®</b> All day <b>Storytime</b> English 3-6 yrs 10:30 - 11 a.m. French All ages 1 - 1:30 p.m.	<b>Bower Ponds</b> 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. <b>Creeping, Crawling, Flying</b> w/ Kerry Wood Nature Centre 2 - 3:30 p.m.	<b>Sign out STEM Kits!</b> Star Gazing! Pond Life! 
Week 6 Theme: <b>Be a Superhero!</b>	<b>Family Fun Storytime</b> 11 - 11:30 a.m. <b>Capstone</b> 2 - 3 p.m.	<b>StoryWalk®</b> All day <b>Storytime</b> 3-6 yrs 10:30 - 11 a.m. <b>Activity</b> 7-11 yrs 1 - 2 p.m.	<b>Family Fun Storytime</b> 10:30 - 11 a.m. <b>Downtown Splash Park</b> 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	<b>StoryWalk®</b> All day <b>Storytime</b> English 3-6 yrs 10:30 - 11 a.m. French All ages 1 - 1:30 p.m.	<b>Bower Ponds</b> 10:30 - 11:30am <b>Last day of SRC programs</b>	<b>Summer Reading Club WRAP UP PARTY!</b> 12 - 3 p.m.
14	<b>Prize 2 pick up starts!</b>	More details about these events, including registration requirements, can be found on the next few pages.				

## Special events!

Experiment with



Friday, July 15  
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
Dawe Branch

Wrap-up STEM week with an afternoon of crazy, mind-blowing experiments with Mr. Zackowski of Zed Science! This event may have some outdoor components, so please dress for the weather.

Register at [rdpl.org/events](http://rdpl.org/events)



### CREEPING, CRAWLING, FLYING!

with Kerry Wood Nature Centre

Friday, August 5  
2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Dawe Branch

If you're curious about bugs this is the event for you! Learn about the cool world of insects, spiders, and worms with our special guest from the Kerry Wood Nature Centre! We're going outside to bug hunt, so dress for the weather!



Register at [rdpl.org/events](http://rdpl.org/events)



### Summer Reading Club WRAP-UP PARTY!

Saturday, August 13  
12 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
Dawe Branch

This Superhero Party is going to be out of this world!

Drop-in (registration not required)

Superhero dress-up contest!

Superhero activities!

Free BBQ! (while supplies last).

Join us and fly out of summer with a





# Grow a **READER**

## RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 2022 KIDS' SUMMER READING CLUB

**A SUMMER FULL OF FUN PROGRAMS FOR KIDS!**  
Register online at [rdpl.org/events](http://rdpl.org/events)

### Family Fun Storytime

Ensure your child continues to develop their literacy skills over the summer! Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and crafts, geared toward ages 3-6.

*Registration required, except at the Bower Mall location.*

#### Bower Mall Pop-up Branch

**Mondays**

11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



#### Dawe Branch

**Tuesdays**

10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

#### Downtown Branch

**Wednesdays**

10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

#### Timberlands Branch

**Thursdays**

10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Get ready for summery stories, songs, rhymes, and crafts geared for ages 3-6.



### SRC Activity Time for ages 7-11

#### Dawe Branch

**Tuesdays**

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Is your child excited to discover new things, do hands-on activities, and explore? SRC Activity Time awaits! Cool crafts that relate to each week's theme and activity sheets to continue the fun at home make this summer program spectacular!



### SRC FRENCH Storytime for all ages

#### Timberlands Branch

**Thursdays**

1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Enjoy all the fun of our amazing storytimes, but en français!



# BOOK BIKE FUN at City parks all summer!

We are so excited to be back in the parks this year with our Book Bike! Beginning the week of July 4, you can find us in these City parks with stories, games, activities, crafts, and prizes!

*Note: In case of inclement weather, Book Bike programs will be moved indoors to the Downtown Branch on Mondays and Wednesdays and to the Bower Mall Pop-Up Branch on Fridays. Follow us on social media for updates!*

**MONDAY**  
Capstone

**WEDNESDAY**  
Downtown Splash Park

**FRIDAY**  
Bower Ponds



# Grow a READER

RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY'S  
2022 KIDS' SUMMER READING CLUB



# KIDS' PROGRAMS

Register online at [rdpl.org/events](http://rdpl.org/events)

## A SUMMER FULL OF FUN PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AGES 3-11!

### Book BINGO!

Sheets available from  
June 1 to August 31

WIN cool  
prizes!

Read and play your way through the summer with our kids' Book Bingo Reading Challenge! Grab a copy of the Book Bingo from one of the branches, the Book Bike, or on our website. There are two chances for prizes over the summer, all you have to do is complete four rows on your sheet. Plus, there will be a special bonus prize if you complete a blackout!

## BOOKS IN THE PARK



### StoryWalk®

Join us Tuesdays at the Dawe Branch and Thursdays at the Timberlands Branch to read our story of the week as you take a stroll.

The StoryWalk® will be out from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at each location (weather permitting).

We'll also occasionally have a fun activity which you can complete after reading the book of the week!

*Registration not required.*

### Book titles:

Week 1: Plant the Tiny Seed / Planting a Rainbow

Week 2: Diggersaurus Explore / Mission Demolition

Week 3: The Pigeon Needs a Bath / Big Bear Hug

Week 4: Plant the Tiny Seed / Planting a Rainbow

Week 5: Scaredy Squirrel / I Hear You, Forest

Week 6: All Are Welcome / I Will Be Fierce

### Pokémon League

Do you want to be the very best, like no one ever was? Join other trainers for a fun afternoon of everything Pokémon!

#### NEW! IN-PERSON

Dawe Branch

Wednesdays, July 13, 27, Aug 10, 24  
3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Register online at [rdpl.org/events](http://rdpl.org/events).

Registration  
required!

### Play



at the Library!

Downtown Branch  
Thursday, August 25  
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
All ages

Drop-in  
(registration  
not required)

Play with *RDPL Librarian* on the Pokémon GO app! Beginners and pros are invited to catch and trade Pokémon with us!

*Registration not required.*

### Meet me at the Park!

Wednesdays  
July 6, 13, 20, 27  
August 3, 10, 17, 24  
1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Drop-in  
(registration  
not required)

Come and visit us from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays each week when we join the City of Red Deer's Meet Me at the Park neighbourhood park program this summer! We'll have stories, rhymes and activities, plus a new StoryWalk® each time. We will be at a different location each week, so check [rdpl.org/events](http://rdpl.org/events) to see where we'll be!

# MORE SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS!

Register online at [rdpl.org/events](https://rdpl.org/events)



## Reading with Royalty

Downtown Branch  
Friday, August 12  
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Registration required!

Celebrate PRIDE with Central Alberta Pride Society and Red Deer Public Library! Join us for Reading with Royalty, featuring local drag queen and former Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose Empress **Ruby Elizabeth Harte**. Dress up your little royals and enjoy an afternoon with stories, crafts and activities that bring us together in love and friendship and celebrate the freedom to be who we are to celebrate Central Alberta Pride Week. Stories and activities will be geared to ages 4 to 8 years, but all ages are welcome!

## A Day at Hogwarts

Downtown Branch  
Saturday, July 30  
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Registration required!

Join us for all things magical, with Harry Potter themed crafts, activities and challenges. Costumes are encouraged! Open to fans of all ages! *Children 8 and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.*



## Among Us

Online Gaming  
Program  
for ages 10+

zoom

## Among Us: Online Gaming Program

Online via Zoom  
Wednesdays, July 6, 20, August 3, 17, 31  
3:30p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Registration required!

Come join us in playing Among Us, a game of deduction and cooperation. Can you suss out the alien imposters before they eliminate your crewmates and destroy your spaceship? Download the game "Among Us" before joining the event, available for crossplay on PC, consoles, and mobile devices.

*Register at [rdpl.org/events](https://rdpl.org/events) and the Zoom link emailed to you 30 mins before the program.*





# Canada's ABCs

## For Children Who are New to Canada

Downtown Branch - Snell Auditorium

Tuesdays

July 5 - August 9

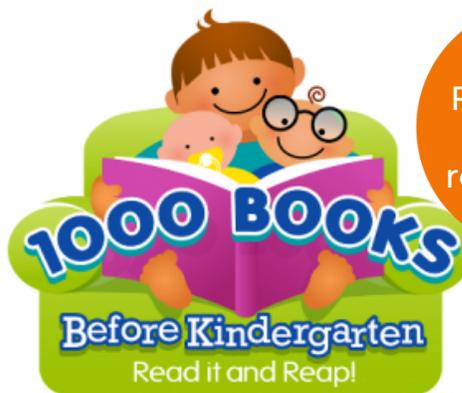
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

For children aged 7 to 11

**Drop-in**  
(Registration not required)

Welcome to a new summer program for children who are new to Canada! Come and have a fun time with stories and English literacy activities.

All children 8 and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.



Receive a **FREE** book just for registering!

...and more rewards along the way!

This free, self-paced reading reward program encourages families to spend quality time together and promote pre-literacy and learning by reading 1000 books before your child starts Kindergarten!

For kids ages zero to entering Kindergarten!

Register at [rdpl.org/1000-books](http://rdpl.org/1000-books)

Red Deer Public Library

# Reading



**Reading Pals programs focus on making reading fun with games and activities for emerging readers.**

Details at [rdpl.org/reading-pals](http://rdpl.org/reading-pals)

Contact [readingpals@rdpl.org](mailto:readingpals@rdpl.org) for more information

## Reading Pals: Middle School Hangout

Downtown Branch - Snell Auditorium

Fridays, July 8, 15, 22, August 5, 12

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Looking for something to do on Fridays this summer? Come hang out at the library for some fun and literacy skill building. Only open to students entering Grades 6-8 in the fall.

Activity Schedule:

**Registration required!**

July 8 - Lego

July 15 - Recyclable Build Challenge

July 22 - Board Games & Video Games

August 5 - Bad Art

August 12 - STEM Challenges

Register online at [rdpl.org/events](http://rdpl.org/events)

## Reading Pals: Fun and Games

Downtown Branch

Saturdays, July 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Drop-in for literacy based games at the Downtown Branch geared towards kids ages 6-10 and their families. We're pleased to offer two Saturdays hosted in French! Check our website for themes and details.

**Drop-in**  
(Registration not required)

## Reading Pals: Book Bundles

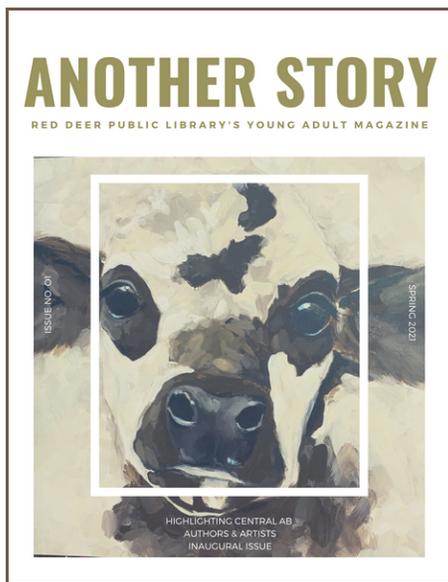
Are you looking for books to support both your child's interests and reading level? Reading Pals Book Bundles will provide books geared towards fun reading, solo reading and buddy reading.

Sign up at [rdpl.org/reading-pals](http://rdpl.org/reading-pals)

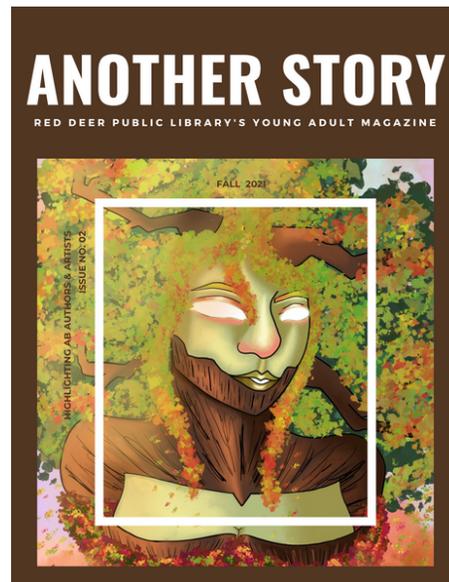
# ANOTHER STORY

RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY'S LITERARY MAGAZINE

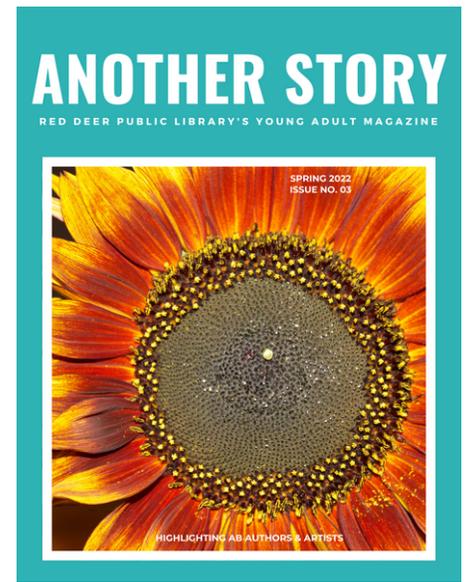
NOW OPEN TO CREATORS OF ALL AGES!



Spring 2021



Fall 2021



Spring 2022

**Red Deer Public Library is seeking submissions for the Fall 2022 issue of Another Story.**

Our literary magazine is now open to creators of all ages! Another Story is published twice a year in the Spring and Fall, and includes all types of creative work, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, photography, art, and more.

*See [rdpl.org/anotherstory](http://rdpl.org/anotherstory) for more details or email [anotherstory@rdpl.org](mailto:anotherstory@rdpl.org) for more info.*

# May We Suggest...?

**We'll make a personalized reading list just for you!**

Receive a personalized reading list with hand-picked recommendations based on your preferences! Available for readers of all ages.

- 1 Go to [www.rdpl.org](http://www.rdpl.org)
- 2 Click on 'Services'
- 3 Click on May We Suggest...?
- 4 Fill out the form!

Staff will contact you when your list is ready.

Questions? Email [programs@rdpl.org](mailto:programs@rdpl.org) or phone 403-346-4576.

## Part of the Story

**Red Deer Public Library's Official Podcast**

Check out the latest episode!

*Pick or Pass:*

### Summer Reading @ RDPL

Join hosts Sage Black & Claire Brown to chat Summer Reading! Play along with the hosts for their new favourite game, "Pick or Pass," and find the entire list of summer reads discussed in Red Deer Public Library's catalogue.

Listen wherever you download your podcasts or stream at [anchor.fm/partofthestory](http://anchor.fm/partofthestory)



**403-342-9100**

Phone the Lit Line to hear information on different topics each month.

**July**

**Test your Canadian trivia!**

**August**

**Get astronomy tips on what to watch for in the night sky.**



[rdpl.org/teensrc](http://rdpl.org/teensrc)

## Get creative this summer with free project supply kits!

Registration required. Registration opens approximately two weeks before availability date. Register online at [rdpl.org/teensrc](http://rdpl.org/teensrc)



### Piano Hinge Journal

Create your own piano hinge journal to preserve your summer memories! Supplies and instructions provided.



### RPG Starter Kit

Start your RPG journey. Includes a set of dice, materials for a no-sew dice bag, pre-generated character sheets, and a book/resource list.

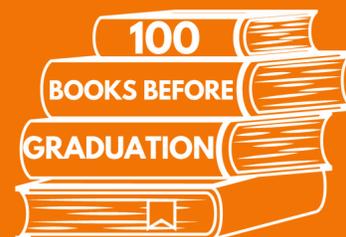


### Origami For Mindfulness

Practice mindfulness by folding origami. Supplies, and instructions provided.



Also check out:



A year-round reading reward program for grades 9+!

Details at [rdpl.org/100-books](http://rdpl.org/100-books)

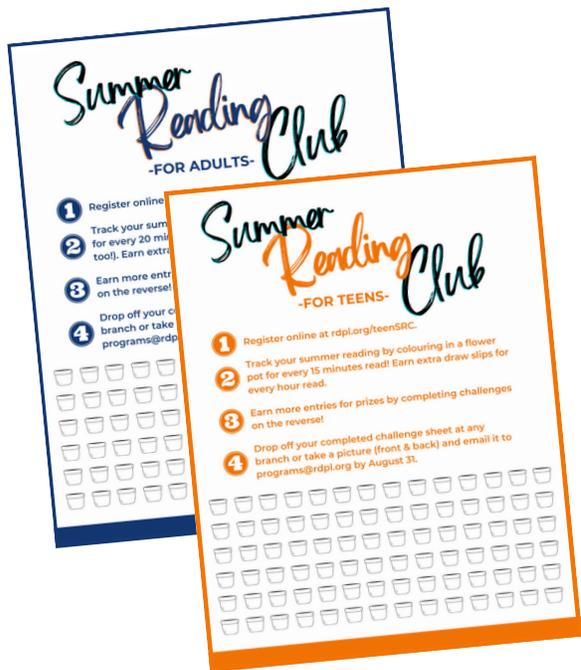
# Adult and Teen Summer Reading Club 2022

Read your way to earning great prizes this summer!

Whether reading at the lake, on your deck, on a break at work, or anytime, all your reading counts!

Pick up a challenge sheet from any branch, or print one yourself from our website: [rdpl.org/src](http://rdpl.org/src). Challenge questions on the back of the sheet earn you extra chances to win! Drop-off your completed sheets at any branch, or take a picture (front and back) and email it to [programs@rdpl.org](mailto:programs@rdpl.org) by August 31.

You're going to be reading this summer anyway so why not earn prizes? **GOOD LUCK AND HAPPY READING!**



## Access this summer's 'Big Library Read' on Libby with no holds!



FREE digital download of  
*The Girl in his Shadow*  
from July 13 - 27!

From July 13 - 27, Canadians will read Audrey Blake's novel, *The Girl in his Shadow*, which follows the life of Nora, an orphan girl raised by an eccentric London surgeon in the mid 1800s.

While other young ladies were busy with needlework and watercolors, Nora was trained to perfect her suturing and anatomical illustrations of dissections. Women faced dire consequences if caught practicing medicine so Nora's skills had to be hidden.

Download the eBook or eAudiobook in English or French on the Libby app with no waitlists and no holds! Find full details including how to join the discussion board at [biglibraryread.com](http://biglibraryread.com).

## First Thursday FREE CONCERT SERIES

Join us in person at the Downtown Branch for free lunch time classical concerts!

Downtown Branch  
Snell Auditorium  
12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Registration  
required!

Thursday, July 7

Red Deer Chamber Singers

Thursday, August 4

Welcome pianist Jerry Jia, recipient of the Young Musicians' Education Scholarship award from the Red Deer Festival of the Performing Arts.

Enjoy coffee or tea courtesy of our in-library coffee shop, Café Noir.

*Concerts will also be live streamed on our YouTube channel!*

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# Rambling Summer Reading

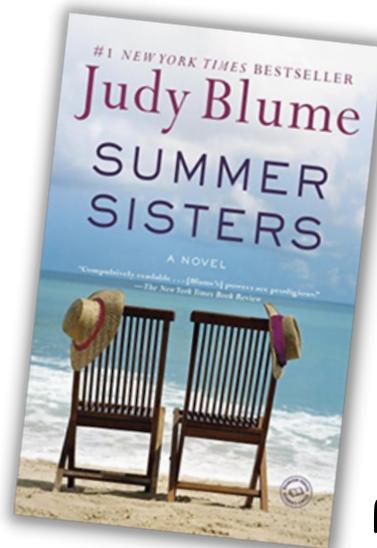
## Recommendations of a Romance Reader

by **CLAIRE BROWN**  
Red Deer Public Library Staff

**W**e all have favourite books. The comfort reads. The ones where we know what will happen but not necessarily how it will. For me, these comfort reads are almost always romance. I'm an equal opportunity romance reader, but I know there are many who pick up these "beach reads" as soon as the weather starts to look up. These are the books that we read in the sun in our backyards, in parks while our children play, at beaches where a good story can drown out the noise, and during those quiet camping nights.

I am a re-reader. Controversial, and yet brave to admit, I know. There are so many books, and so little time, yet I cannot help but re-visit some old favourites again and again. These suggestions are by no means in any particular order or even exhaustive. And only having three does feel like a full crime.

*"It is still surreal to me that not only do I work [at the library] - but I actually get to be a part of how others might plan their summer reading."*

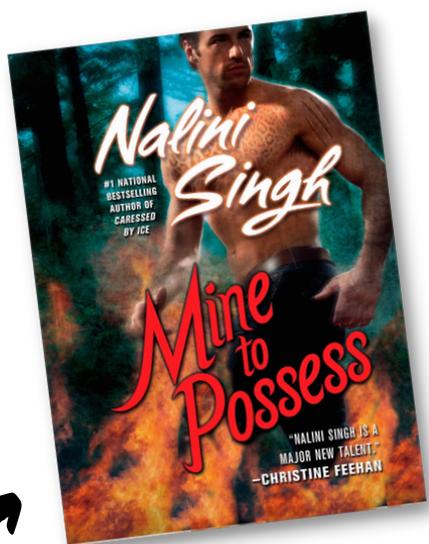


### **Summer Sisters by Judy Blume**

One of my earliest reading memories is of Judy Blume's *Summer Sisters*. I was maybe eleven, and my sister had this "adult" book that she couldn't put down. Obviously, I needed to get my hands on that book. Back in the day (I say winkingly), there was a gap in some of what we would call Young Adult now. Having this book – **READING** this book – felt like contraband. The tattered copy of that summer, many times passed around to friends, is long gone. Since that time, some twenty plus years ago, my sister and I still remember that read – and the many re-reads since.



As the title would suggest, this one had to make it onto the list. It is ready for the next group of too young-somethings to pick it up and be filled with glee at the drama, the friendship, and the tears of that final chapter. This book follows two seemingly unlikely friends through years of summers spent together. Caitlin is that magic girl. The one that makes everything seem possible. She plucks Victoria (Vix) out of near obscurity, and so starts the many years of the summer sisters. As adults Caitlin and Vix are estranged leading up to Vix's wedding. Their reunion forces some hard truths to come to light, and an examination of whether you really can go back again. I cannot recommend this book enough, and part of it may in fact be nostalgia. It is completely worth the read.



### **Psy-Changeling series by Nalini Singh**

Paranormal romance has long been a favourite of mine. As a now \*elder\* Millennial, Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* was the epitome of romance, and the paranormal romance genre feeds that part of me that still exists. You can get no finer a paranormal romance author than New Zealander Nalini Singh. Her *Psy-Changeling* series began in 2006, and has since spawned a spin-off called *Psy-Changeling Trinity*.

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Though I could recommend literally (and I don't use that word lightly) any entry in this long running series, I will put forward *Mine to Possess* for your consideration. This is a paranormal best friends to lovers second chance romance. I MEAN C'MON. I definitely have read (at least the earlier books of this series) out of order. Which, yes, can be annoying for die hard series readers. However, and in my defense, her books were very difficult for me to get a hold of, and so I read them as I was able to find them. (Side note: This is before the days of easy interlibrary loans).

Clay and Tally may be one of my all time favourite paranormal pairings. Tally and Clay had been childhood best friends who lost contact some years before. Clay had assumed Tally dead, so when they reunite he has many questions, and she is less forthcoming with her answers. The angst. The drama. The swooning. It's all there. There are some books, even some series, you wish you could discover again for the first time. This is one of those series for me, and I hope it will be for you.

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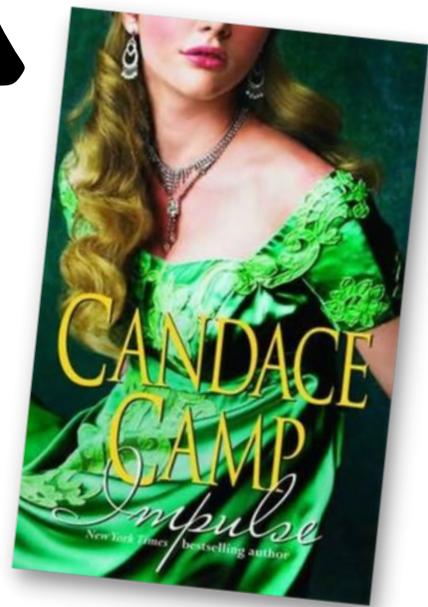
## Impulse by Candace Camp

I was never an historical romance reader until I was. Readers of romance might understand what I mean by that. Up until a certain point, whenever people thought of “romance” they thought of the old school, shirtless men covers, and bodice-ripping reputation. In my younger years, I thought they were the worst of the worst. I have since grown enough as a person to admit how wrong I was. From Kathleen Woodiwiss to Judith McNaught, these romance pioneers bore the brunt of such ridicule and criticism.

Once you read historical romance, I'd argue it's nearly impossible to stop. Over the years I have indeed read many, but the one I keep coming back to is Candace Camp's *Impulse*. It has all my favourite historical romance things: high drama, reunion romance, and a swoon-worthy historical hero.

Angela Stanhope was the daughter of a gentleman, and the young man she loved was from \*gasp\* the working class. The two young lovers were torn apart by her family only to find themselves reunited nearly fifteen years later. Cameron is now a wealthy self-made man. The Stanhopes are not as untouchable as they once were, and Cam has returned seeking revenge for his younger self's broken heart. Of course he's not admitting that part – but dear readers, we \*know\* it's true.

Angela unknowingly wed a violent man to save Cam from her grandfather's false accusations. Upon Cam's return to England, he himself has created a situation to force a marriage with Angela. I know, I know. But hear me out – it is not quite as bad as it appears. Part of romance – especially historical romance – is the suspension of disbelief, and reality.



I borrowed this one from the library one of the first summers that I worked here. I have since purchased a copy to keep and re-read. I must also admit to the library's copy being long retired, as paperbacks are not long for this world – but can be procured through interlibrary loan at any time. Do it, it's perfect for a hot summer afternoon.

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Reading is one of my favourite things in the world. I can remember many summers as a child being a part of the Summer Reading Club here at the library. It is still surreal to me that not only do I work here – but I actually get to be a part of how others might plan their summer reading. I hope that if you are a romance reader, I've brought something new for you, and if you're not – start. You have to\*. It's my summer wish (I'm making that a thing).

*\*the fine print: you don't, but please do.*

*For more Summer Reading recommendations, visit [rdpl.org/books!](http://rdpl.org/books!)*

# ADULT PROGRAMS

For full details, visit [rdpl.org/events](http://rdpl.org/events)

## Happy Ever After Book Club

Via Google Meet  
Mondays  
July 25, August 29  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.



Join library staff to discuss selected romance titles.

July 25 - *Bombshell* by Sarah MacLean  
August 29 - *The Honeymoon Cottage* by Lori Foster

Register online at [rdpl.org/events](http://rdpl.org/events) to receive the meeting link.  
New members are always welcome!

## Home Service

If you live in the city of Red Deer and cannot come into the library for three months or more, due to an illness, poor mobility, or a physical or visual disability, you can apply for this free service.

You will be partnered with a volunteer who will bring library materials to you every three weeks and return any borrowed materials to the library for you.

To apply, contact the Home Service Coordinator at: [homeservice@rdpl.org](mailto:homeservice@rdpl.org) or 403-346-4576 extension 1501.

## Community Seed Library Workshop: Saving Seeds

Downtown Branch  
Saturday, August 27  
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.



During this workshop ReThink Red Deer will share their know-how on saving seeds for the next growing season.

Register for this program at [rdpl.org/events](http://rdpl.org/events) and join us in saving seeds for the Community Seed Library!

2022 has been declared  
The Year of the Garden!

Year of the Garden  
Année du jardin



For more gardening programs and resources, visit [rdpl.org/garden!](http://rdpl.org/garden!)

We're celebrating National Tattoo Day a day early with events for everyone!

NOT QUITE



Drop-in  
(Registration not required)

An ALL AGES Family Event!  
Saturday, July 16, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
Downtown Branch

Meet Local Tattoo Artists!

Show off your Tattoos!

Prize Draws!

Get a FREE Temporary Tattoo!

Join us for a special Tell Me a Tattoo Story Storytime.

# ADULT LITERACY

Visit [rdpl.org/adult-literacy](http://rdpl.org/adult-literacy) for more info

## About the Program

Red Deer Public Library's Adult Literacy Program matches adult learners with volunteer tutors who meet once a week at the library or online for two hours. The program provides support to Literacy and Foundational Learners. Basic skills may include literacy, numeracy, basic digital skills, English Language Learning, and skills for learning.

## Volunteers Needed!

We offer training and ongoing support to all of our tutors, and we can assure you that volunteering with the Adult Literacy program will be a unique and rewarding experience! Please consider volunteering with this life-changing, award-winning, program.



To learn more about becoming a student or volunteer contact:

 Alla, Carolyn, or Lois: 403-346-2533

 [adultlit@rdpl.org](mailto:adultlit@rdpl.org)

 Dawe Branch (56 Holt Street)

## Adult Literacy Programs

### Say the Word & Be Heard! English Pronunciation Class

Dawe Branch  
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays  
August 8 - 25  
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Join us to improve your pronunciation skills and overcome common problems with English pronunciation. Gain confidence in your ability to communicate in English! *Cost is \$30 per person.*



**IN-PERSON**

**English Pronunciation Class**

# PROGRAMS FOR UKRAINIAN NEWCOMERS

Register by phone 403-346-2533 or email [adulitlit@rdpl.org](mailto:adulitlit@rdpl.org)

## Canada's ABCs for Families

Dawe Branch  
Mondays and Wednesdays  
July 6 - 25 (6 sessions)  
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Ages 5+



Welcome new families from Ukraine!  
Learn about Canada and make new friends!  
Children and teens can interact and enjoy activities and stories about Canada in a safe and friendly environment.

Adults will learn English.

We speak Ukrainian, Russian, and English.

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Запрошуємо новоприбулі сім'ї з України познайомитися з Канадою та зустріти нових друзів. Діти та підлітки зможуть спілкуватися між собою, зайняти себе цікавими активностями та дізнатися про Канаду в легкій, ігровій формі в дружньому, безпечному середовищі. Дорослі матимуть можливість вивчати англійську мову. Ми розмовляємо українською, російською та англійською.

## Conversation Class for New Arrivals from Ukraine (Level 1)

Downtown Branch  
Waskasoo/Kiwanis Meeting Room  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
July 5 to August 11 (12 sessions)  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



Join us for this class which will focus on everyday listening and speaking skills as well as vocabulary.

The class is limited to 12 participants.

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Welcome!  
Ласкаво просимо!



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with these online learning apps!\*

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**Downtown Branch**  
4818-49 Street

**Dawe Branch**  
56 Holt Street

**Timberlands  
Branch**  
300 Timothy Drive

**Bower Mall  
Pop-up Branch**  
4900 Molly Banister  
Drive

## HOURS

**Monday - Thursday**  
10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**Friday**  
12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**Saturday**  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Sunday**  
CLOSED

### Bower Hours

**Monday to  
Wednesday &  
Saturday**  
10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**Thursday & Friday**  
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

**Sunday/Stat Holidays**  
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## CLOSURES

Except Bower Mall

**Friday, July 1**  
Canada Day

**Monday, August 1**  
Heritage Day

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