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MAY/JUNE 2026

UNEARTH A STORY

Join the Summer
Reading Challenge!
June 1 - July 31
All Ages





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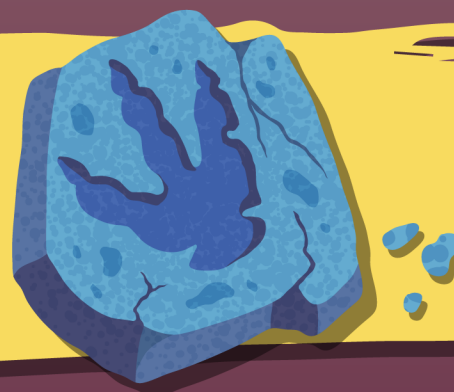
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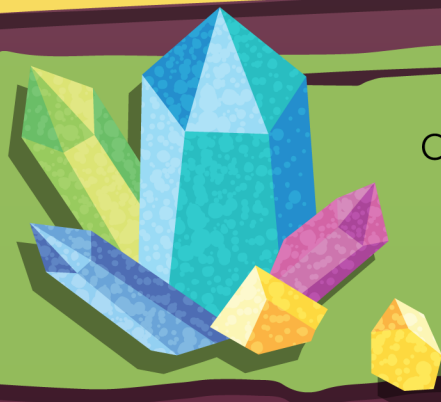
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Track Progress

Download the **Beanstack** app
(or visit christiancountylibrary.beanstack.org)
to log minutes read, write book reviews,
track activities and event attendance.



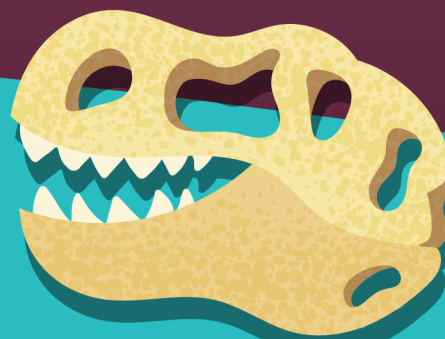
Earn Points



Complete 500 points for a free book and one ticket toward
a prize pack of your choice. For a complete list of prizes,
visit christiancountylibrary.org/src2026prizes.
Babies, kids and teens receive reading reward
coupons full of local treats and activities.

Keep Going

Every 500 additional points earned is another
virtual ticket. Continue reading, completing
activities, writing book reviews and attending
library events for more chances to win.



ADULTS ages 18 and older

May

Yoga with Debra Tucker

Ozark Branch Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.

Nixa Branch Thursdays, 10-11 a.m.

Refresh your mind and body each week with 417 Create Art & Yoga Studio. *Wellness*

Tai Chi with Chuck Mercer

Clever Branch

Thursdays, 11 a.m. - Noon

Discover balance, focus and mindful movement with Legacy Martial Ways. *Wellness*

Toploader Decorating

at **Haven Games**

Haven Games, 106 W Sherman

Way Suite 3, Nixa

Saturday, May 2, 2-4 p.m.

Hop on the trend and decorate a card protector for your favorite Commander or TCG card. Materials provided while supplies last.

Arts & Crafts



#BookClub

Nixa Branch

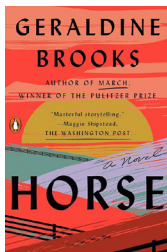
Friday, May 8

10-11 a.m.

Madison returns home for a fresh start and opens a

farm-to-table restaurant with her brother's best friend in Sarah Adams' novel "In Your Dreams." Toys provided for kids, with supervision by parents/caregivers.

Book Clubs



Lit Happens

Clever Branch

Wednesday, May 13

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Geraldine Brooks' "Horse" traces the journey of a

legendary racehorse, linking art, science and history across generations. *Book Clubs*

Monarchs and Pollinators

with **Christian County**

Master Gardeners

Nixa Branch

Wednesday, May 6, 10-11 a.m.

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, May 19, 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Discover tips to make your garden buzz with helpful visitors. *Outdoors*

Let's Play: Codenames

Sparta Branch

Saturday, May 2, 2-4 p.m.

Guess how clues connect secret words in this team-based challenge.

Games

Star Wars Trivia

Ozark Branch

Saturday, May 9, 4-6 p.m.

May the Force be with you! Test your knowledge and prove yourself as the ultimate Jedi Master.

Entertainment



Reel Reads

Sparta Branch

Thursday, May 14

3:30-5:30 p.m.

Step into a world of humor, adventure and unforgettable

characters in William Goldman's fantasy classic "The Princess Bride."

Book Clubs

Paper Craft Social

Nixa Branch

Monday, May 18, 4-6 p.m.

Join fellow crafters for a self-paced session featuring scrapbooking and journaling. Supplies provided.

Arts & Crafts

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Monday, May 25
Memorial Day

Friday, June 19
Juneteenth

Get 24/7 access to
eBooks, audiobooks,
music and more at
[christiancountylibrary.org/
digital-collection](http://christiancountylibrary.org/digital-collection)

Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events

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Cook Book Club

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, May 20, 3-4 p.m.

Bring a new or favorite strawberry dish to share as we chat about our culinary adventures. *Culinary*

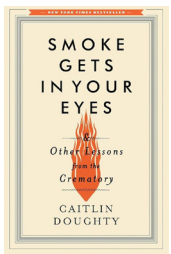
Couples Perfume Blending with Aroma Design

Ozark Branch

Thursday, May 21, 6-7 p.m.

*Registration opens May 7

Craft the perfect perfume scent for your partner during this date night. *Arts & Crafts*



Books & Baristas

The Baked Bean
Coffee Shop, 1860
N. Commerce Drive
Nixa, Saturday
May 23, 10-11 a.m.

"Smoke Gets in Your Eyes: And Other Lessons from the Crematory" by Caitlyn Doughty. This darkly humorous memoir describes the author's experience working in a crematorium and the history of undertaking. *Books Clubs*

Leather Wrap Bracelet

Sparta Branch

Saturday, May 23, 10 a.m. - Noon

Design a leather bracelet with beads and cord and create your own textured, handmade jewelry piece. *Arts & Crafts*

Egg Drop

Ozark Branch

Saturday, May 23, 2-4 p.m.

*Registration opens May 7

All ages

Get cracking with adventurous designs to safely land an egg from a 15-foot drop. *Education*

For rules and information, visit:
christiancountylibrary.org/eggdrops



One Nixa, One Read Kickoff

Nixa Branch

Thursday, May 28
5-7 p.m. All ages

Join us for food, performers,

activities, a collaborative craft and snag a free copy of "The Wild Robot" by Peter Brown. This annual city-wide book club is a time to celebrate the lessons of community and kindness. One book per household, while supplies last. *Partnerships*

True Crime Club

Ozark Branch

Thursday, May 28, 5:30-7 p.m.

Five men disappear after a basketball game. Their car and bodies are later found in bizarre locations. Learn the story of the Yuba County Five. *Entertainment*

Uncovering History: Gravestone Cleaning

Payne Cemetery

2192 Owen Rd., Nixa

Saturday, May 30, 10 a.m. - Noon

Preserve our local history and help make a difference to an often overlooked part of our community. Cleaning supplies will be provided. *History*



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**In Partnership with the
American
Indian Center
of Springfield**

**Recommended for
Grades 3 and up**

Dream Catchers

Clever Branch

Wednesday, June 10, 5-7 p.m.

**Registration opens May 27*

Capture your dreams and let your creativity show with this new piece.

Drum Making

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, June 16, 3-5 p.m.

**Registration opens June 2*

Drum up some fun and craft your own rhythm maker.

**Soft-Sole Plains-Style
Moccasin Making**

Nixa Branch

Wednesday, June 17

5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Registration opens June 3*

Make soft, toddler-sized moccasins and add a handmade touch to little steps.

Basket Weaving

Sparta Branch

Monday, June 29

5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Registration opens June 15*

Get into the weave of things and make your very own basket.

This project is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

June

Candle Painting

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, June 2, 10-11 a.m.

Turn plain candles into works of art with colorful tealights. *Arts & Crafts*

Yoga with Debra Tucker

Ozark Branch Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.

Nixa Branch Thursdays, 10-11 a.m.

Refresh your mind and body each week with 417 Create Art & Yoga Studio. *Wellness*



Craft Cinema

Nixa Branch

Wednesday, June 3

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Bring a craft and watch "Pride and Prejudice" with

friends. Rated PG. *Movies*

Tai Chi with Chuck Mercer

Clever Branch

Thursdays, 11 a.m.- Noon

Discover balance, focus and mindful movement with Legacy Martial Ways. *Wellness*

Let's Play: Hearts

Sparta Branch

Saturday, June 6, 2-4 p.m.

Join us for a hand of this classic trick-taking card game. *Games*

**Pest Control with Christian
County Master Gardeners**

Clever Branch

Tuesday, June 9, 10-11 a.m.

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, June 30, 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Come learn all the tips and tricks to keep your plants happy and healthy. *Outdoors*

**Creating Invitations in Canva
Ozark Branch**

Tuesday, June 9, 10-11 a.m.

Bring your creative ideas to life and design personalized cards for any occasion. *Technology*



Lit Happens!

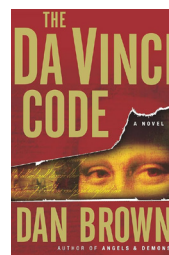
Clever Branch

Wednesday, June 10
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Share your favorite summer beach read with the group and

catch some literary sunshine!

Book Clubs



Reel Reads

Sparta Branch

Thursday, June 11

3:30-5:30 p.m.

Unravel secrets, symbols and conspiracies in

Dan Brown's international thriller

"The Da Vinci Code." *Book Clubs*



#BookClub

Nixa Branch

Friday, June 12

10-11 a.m.

A disgraced pop star retreats to a small Colorado

town and falls for a local handyman in "Some Kind of Famous" by Ava Wilder. Toys provided for kids, with supervision by parents/caregivers.

Book Clubs

Cook Book Club

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, June 17, 3-4 p.m.

Bring a new or favorite vegetarian dish to share as we chat about our culinary adventures. *Culinary*

ADULTS ages 18 and older

June

Confetti Cup

Sparta Branch

Saturday, June 20, 2-4 p.m.

Transform a glass cup with colorful vinyl for a bright, playful drinkware design. *Arts & Crafts*

Paper Craft Social

Ozark Branch

Monday, June 22, 4-6 p.m.

Join fellow crafters for a self-paced session featuring scrapbooking and journaling. Supplies provided.

Arts & Crafts

True Crime Club

Ozark Branch

Thursday, June 25, 5:30-7 p.m.

A young family moves into a new home and starts receiving mysterious letters. Explore the unsettling case of the Watcher.

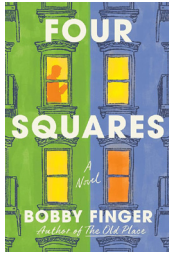
Entertainment

So You Think You Want a Reptile or Amphibian for a Pet with the Southwest Missouri Herpetological Society

Ozark Branch

Friday, June 26, 4-5 p.m.

Explore the world of scaly and slimy companions. Learn how to care for them and discover the benefits of keeping these unique animals. Sponsored by the Friends of the Christian County Library. *Animals*



Books & Baristas

The Baked Bean Coffee Shop, 1860 N. Commerce Drive Nixa, Saturday June 27, 10-11 a.m.

Bobby Finger's "Four Squares" follows a gay writer in New York City whose life is transformed once in the '90s and again thirty years later. *Books Clubs*

Uncovering History: Gravestone Cleaning

Prospect Cemetery

2932 Old Prospect Rd., Ozark Saturday, June 27, 10 a.m.- Noon Preserve our local history and help make a difference to an often overlooked part of our community. Cleaning supplies will be provided. *History*



FOL BOOK SALE

Clever Branch

Saturday, June 20

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

YARD

GAMES

**Take the fun
outside all
summer long.**

**Library
of Things.**

There's more to discover at
christiancountylibrary.org/things

May

DIY Prom Flowers

Ozark Branch

Friday, May 1, 4-7 p.m.

Drop in and design your own blooming corsage or boutonnière.

Arts & Crafts

Star Wars Keychain

Clever Branch

Monday, May 4, 4-5 p.m.

Use the "force" to create your own Yoda keychain with fuse beads.

Arts & Crafts

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Ozark Branch

Monday, May 4, 4:30-6 p.m.

Monday, May 18, 4:30-6 p.m.

Band together with others to journey through magical realms and battle legendary monsters while creating your own story in the ultimate RPG. *Games*

Bedazzled Sunglasses

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, May 5, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Registration opens April 21*

Shine bright this summer by decorating your own shades with plenty of sparkle. *Arts & Crafts*

Crafternoon:

Macramé Mermaid Tails

Nixa Branch

Thursday, May 7, 4-5 p.m.

Tie some knots and make a unique keychain. *Arts & Crafts*

Teen Advisory Board

Ozark Branch

Monday, May 11, 5-6 p.m.

Grades 9 and up

Your voice matters! Tell us what you'd love to see at library events during our next meeting.

Engagement

Teen Hangout:

Anime Afternoon

Nixa Branch

Thursday, May 14, 4-5 p.m.

Roll up some fresh spring rolls while enjoying clips from your favorite anime. *Culinary*

Glow Paint Party

Clever Branch

Thursday, May 21, 4-5 p.m.

Let your creativity shine bright! Make glowing artwork and enjoy snacks. *Engagement*

Crafternoon:

Optical Illusion Art

Nixa Branch

Thursday, May 21, 4-5 p.m.

Twist, turn and watch art come to life with your very own agamograph. *Arts & Crafts*

Fantasy Potion Crafting

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, May 26, 5-7 p.m.

Brew a little magic! Create your own concoction, design a label and seal it with wax. *Arts & Crafts*

June

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, June 2, 4:30-6 p.m.

Monday, June 15, 4:30-6 p.m.

Band together with others to journey through magical realms and battle legendary monsters while creating your own story in the ultimate RPG. *Games*

Saturday Cereal & Cartoons

Nixa Branch

Saturday, June 6, 12:30-2 p.m.

Start your Saturday off right by sleeping in and enjoying a nostalgic morning with us! *Entertainment*

Anime Sword Bookmarks

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, June 9, 5:30-7 p.m.

Drop in to create a mini bookmark inspired by your favorite series. *Arts & Crafts*

Chenille Flowers

Nixa Branch

Thursday, June 11, 3-5 p.m.

**Registration opens May 28*

Turn pipe cleaners into vibrant blooms to create a colorful bouquet that lasts. *Arts & Crafts*

Beachy Bag Charms

Clever Branch

Tuesday, June 16, 4-5 p.m.

**Registration opens June 2*

Bring the beach home with you by creating a stylish nautical keychain. *Arts & Crafts*

TEENS grades 7-12

June

Facials and Frappés

Nixa Branch

Thursday, June 18, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Enjoy some relaxing self-care while sipping on a tasty cold treat.

Engagement

Pottery Puzzle

Sparta Branch

Monday, June 22, 4-5 p.m.

**Registration opens June 8*

Practice the art of Kintsugi by gluing together broken ceramics and finishing with a gold touch.

Arts & Crafts

Dino Keychain

Nixa Branch

Thursday, June 25, 3-5 p.m.

**Registration opens June 12*

Learn basic sewing skills and create a cute felt accessory. *Arts & Crafts*

Pizza and Trivia

Clever Branch

Thursday, June 25, 4-5 p.m.

Put your knowledge to the test while chowing down on cheesy pizza. *Engagement*

Faux Cake Trinket Box

Ozark Branch

Saturday, June 27, 2-3 p.m.

Decorate a tiny wooden box to look like real sweet dessert!

Arts & Crafts

KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - grade 6

May

Tykes on Bikes

with Spokes BMX

Nixa Branch

Saturday, May 2, 2-4 p.m.

Pedal into fun for National Bike Month! Enjoy a special riding area and coaching for beginners. Bikes and helmets provided. *Partnerships*

LEGO Play Day

Sparta Branch

Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.- Noon

Grades 3 and up

What can you create? You bring the imagination, we'll provide the bricks. *Games*

Handprint Keepsakes

Ozark Branch

Monday, May 4, 10-11 a.m.

Children 18 months to 3 years

Turn little hands into a heartfelt Mother's Day keepsake with paint or clay. *Arts & Crafts*

Frog Storytime

Ozark Branch

Saturday, May 9, 10-11 a.m.

Hop on over and join us as we read stories, sing songs and explore the life of our jumpy friends. *Storytimes*

Toy Cars

Clever Branch

Monday, May 11, 4-5 p.m.

**Registration opens April 27*

Design your own wooden car, then race it on the track for some high-speed fun! *Engagement*

Magic Water Elf

Nixa Branch

Wednesday, May 13

10-10:45 a.m.

Bring this pet to life using colorful gels, molds and a touch of magic water. *Arts & Crafts*

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May

Bubble Art

Sparta Branch

Saturday, May 16, 10-11 a.m.

Get creative and make colorful masterpieces with bubbles.

Arts & Crafts

Pioneer Rag Doll

Clever Branch

Monday, May 18, 4-5 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

*Registration opens May 4

Journey back to the American

frontier with this "Little House on the Prairie" inspired craft. Arts & Craft

Solar Oven S'mores

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, May 26, 2-3 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Create a simple solar oven and harvest the power of the sun to make a tasty treat. Culinary

Family Storytime

Kids up to age six



MONDAYS - Sparta Branch

11-11:45 a.m.

TUESDAYS - Nixa Branch

10-10:45 a.m.

11-11:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS - Ozark Branch

10-10:45 a.m.

11-11:45 a.m.

FRIDAYS - Clever Branch

10:30-11:15 a.m.



NEW EVENING STORYTIME

THURSDAYS - Nixa Branch

6-6:30 p.m.

Baby Bounce

Babies up to 18 months

Ozark Branch, Thursdays, 9:45-10:30 a.m.



Toddler Time

Children 18 months to 3 years

Nixa Branch, Mondays, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Ozark Branch, Thursdays, 10:45-11:30 a.m.





Summer Reading Kickoff

Get ready to Unearth a Story! Kick off the Summer Reading Challenge at this come-and-go event with fun activities to dig into at each branch.

Engagement

All Branches

Monday, June 1, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

June



Creepy Crawlies with the Dickerson Park Zoo

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, June 2, 3-4 p.m.

Yikes!! Explore animals that creep, scurry and crawl. *Animals*

Dino Shoulder Pals

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, June 3, 2-3 p.m.

Craft a mini companion to bring along on all your adventures.

Arts & Crafts

Safari Hats and Binoculars

Clever Branch

Thursday, June 4, 4-5 p.m.

**Registration opens May 21*

Prepare for a wild adventure by creating the perfect explorer gear.

Engagement



Hidden Habitats with the Dickerson Park Zoo

Nixa Branch

Friday, June 5, 10-11 a.m.

Clever Branch

Monday, June 29, 3-4 p.m.

Animals live in secret places.

Discover how these hidden

homes help them survive. *Animals*

DIY Fossils

Nixa Branch

Monday, June 8, 11-11:45 a.m.

A sensory adventure exploring the wonders of the past. *Arts & Crafts*

Dino Magic

with Marty the Magician

Clever Branch

Monday, June 8, 3-4 p.m.

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, June 16, 3-4 p.m.

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, June 17, 3-4 p.m.

Step into a world of wonder as we bring prehistoric creatures to life through mystifying illusions—with your help. Sponsored by the Friends of the Christian County Library. *Performances*

The Tiny Roar with

StoneLion Puppet Theater

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, June 9, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, June 10, 3-4 p.m.

A big stomper learns a small lesson when his mighty roar suddenly disappears. Sponsored by the Friends of the Christian County Library. *Performances*

Dinosaur Lanterns

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, June 9, 4-5 p.m.

**Registration opens May 26*

Use mason jars and silhouettes to create a unique nightlight.

Arts & Crafts



Food Chains with the Dickerson Park Zoo

Ozark Branch

Thursday, June 11, 3-4 p.m.

Meet a mammal, a snake, a bird of prey and a scavenger.

Discover how each animal plays a vital role in keeping ecosystems balanced. *Animals*

Fossil Dig

Clever Branch

Thursday, June 11, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

**Registration opens May 28*

Get your hands dirty and become an excavator! Learn about ancient life and create your own prehistoric treasures in this enlightening activity. *Education*

Amphibians and Reptiles Unearthed!
with **Southwest Missouri Herpetological Society**
Clever Branch

Monday, June 15, 10-11 a.m.

Learn about incredible creatures that live both above and below the ground. Sponsored by the Friends of the Christian County Library.

Animals



Powwow with the American Indian Center of Springfield

Nixa Branch

Monday, June 15, 2-4 p.m.

Celebrate Native American culture through traditional dance and storytelling. Experience how children stay connected to their heritage through music and tradition. *Partnerships*

Ice Excavation

Sparta Branch

Monday, June 15, 4-5 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

*Registration opens June 2

Chip away at frozen blocks to uncover hidden treasures.

Education

Pasta Paleontology

Ozark Branch

Thursday, June 18, 2-3 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Bring an ancient reptile to life—build a skeleton using all kinds of pasta shapes! *Arts & Crafts*

Worm Races

Ozark Branch

Saturday, June 20, 10-11 a.m.

Pick your wiggly racer and watch it inch to the finish line!

Entertainment



Dino Workshop with Mad Science of the Ozarks

Clever Branch

Monday, June 22, 10-11 a.m.

*Registration opens June 8

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, June 24, 4-5 p.m.

*Registration opens June 10

Grades 1 to 6

Travel back in time and explore the fascinating lives of ancient creatures.

Education



Davidius the Dino Show with Mad Science of the Ozarks

Nixa Branch

Monday, June 22, 2-2:45 p.m.

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, June 23, 10-10:45 a.m.

Go on a treasure hunt to uncover hidden bones! Explore erupting volcanoes, mini explosions and the roars from years past. *Performances*



Dino Workshop with Mad Science of the Ozarks

Nixa Branch

Wednesday, June 24

10-10:30 a.m.

*Registration opens June 10

Sparta Branch

Thursday, June 25, 4-4:30 p.m.

*Registration opens June 11

Children 3 to 6 years

Unearth ancient bones and make your own skeleton to take home.

Education

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JULY 31

Summer Reading Challenge



Scavenger Hunt



Game Board



Mon-Thu: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Fri-Sat: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Closed Sundays

CLEVER
7428 W. Veterans Blvd.
(417) 743-2277

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OZARK
1005 N. 4th Ave.
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SPARTA
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