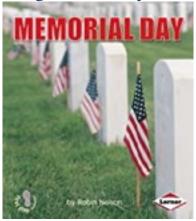
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The monthly e-newsletter of the Smyth Public Library

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Thank you to all Veterans
We are so grateful for your service!



Memorial Day weekend we remember the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces.

We can remember them by reading their stories or the stories of those who survived.

Happy Memorial Day to all!

Building Update: The repairs progress at the Smyth Public Library and with materials arriving installation is moving forward and we hope to provide a reopening date in the next Smythie.

In the meantime, we continue to offer electronic and downloadable materials for your convenience as well as curbside delivery of any materials you might desire through the Interlibrary loan system. Please feel free to request these and any other needs or questions you might have to librarian@smythpl.org. Also still available are the temporary services of the libraries close by which you can find details about below. We also remind you that we closed the book drop because we do not have a good place to put returned books but we hope to reopen that soon. We ask that you keep any books that are due and naturally, there will be no late fees when you are able to return them. Our employees are not yet in the building on a regular basis, so even if the phones are working, there is no one to answer them. There are also books available at the Swap Shop at the recycling center and the Little Free Library at the entrance to the CYAA building.

Please know that we are doing everything we can to get the library re-opened as soon as possible and we appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.



Friends of Smyth Public Library-

More Friends welcomed! Would you like to help the library? Then please consider becoming a Friend! Contact Heidi for information!



Candia's 5th Annual(ish)

TRIVIA NIGHT CONTEST

Tuesday, May 24, 7pm

Outdoor event on the library lawn by the Gazebo

{Bring chairs, snacks and outdoor gear as you like}

PRIZES to the TOP TEAMS!!

Teams:

- 1. Up to 6 people. Children under 12 don't count towards the 6.
- 2. Must have at least 2 Candia residents
- 3. For purposes of this contest, all Jesse Remington faculty and students and Moore School teachers are Candia residents.

Get your neighbors, get your friends and *smart* enemies. We are asking for sign-ups just so we can judge how big the prizes will be. You can show up the night of and still join the fun.

Spectators Welcome! You can watch in person or via website zoom link.

To compete you must be physically present.

Rain Date on Thursday, the 26th

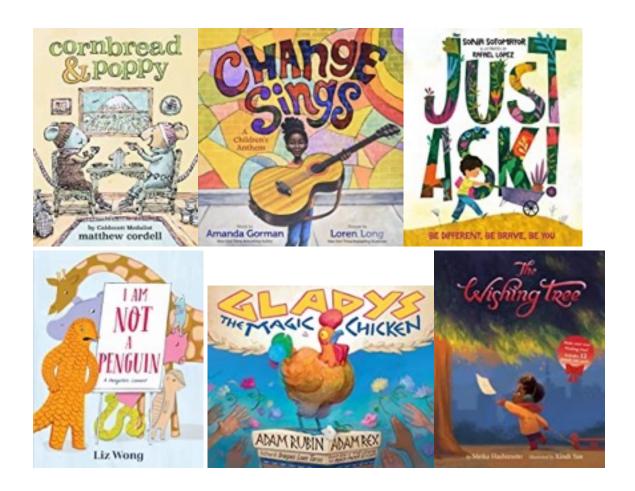
Hey Kids! Parents! Grandparents! Nannies! AuPairs! (you get it)

Storytime at the Gazebo

Held with Kara every Thursday at 10:30am

(weather permitting - - check website)

New children's books also available now for curbside pickup: Reserve at <u>librarian@smythpl.org</u>



COMING THIS SUMMER!

Smyth Public Library Summer Concert Series

Smyth Public Library will present the 11th annual FREE Summer Concert Series on eight consecutive Wednesdays beginning with the Summer Reading Program kickoff on June 22nd. The series is held at the Candia Pond Park gazebo, behind the library at 55 High Street, and will be canceled if it rains. The concerts run from 6:30-8pm. Bring a chair or blanket for the lawn to social distance. Ice cream will be for sale and one free item per child. For updates, see our Music page at www.smythpl.org.

June 22nd- Squam Lakes Science Center presents Aquatic Critters

Come celebrate the *Oceans of Possibilities* Summer Reading Program.

June 29th- *Windham Concert Band* Celebrate summer classics with an array of Americana music.

July 6th- *Ed Popielarczyk* **presents** *A Magic Show*. Ed uses a story that revolves around each trick. The audience will be thrilled and amazed with this show.

July 13th- *Freese Brothers Big Band* The Count, the King, the Duke, the Chairman, the Sentimental Gentleman of Swing-Basie, Goodman, Ellington, Sinatra, Dorsey, and more.

July 20th- *Windham Swing Band* Ballroom dance repertoire ranges from swing, waltz, and foxtrot to cha-cha, mambo, samba, rumba, and hustle.

July 27th- *Nicole Murphy* Candia native and solo cover artist who sings new and old country music, originals, and classic rock.

August 3rd- *Clandestine*, a Funk and Soul group based out of the Seacoast of NH whose music draws heavily on inspiration from jazz and improvisation.

August 10th- *Bedford Big Band* Fun and stylish, truly everyone loves Swing and Big Band music.

Candia Farmer's Market

Every third Saturday, June-October, 9am-Noon~New vendors welcome!

Candia Garden Club Garden Tour

Saturday, July 16 from 9am-1pm Tickets available at the June Farmer's Market (See Candia Garden Club Facebook page for more details.)

Summer reading kickoff event

Wednesday, June 22 at 6:30 pm at the Gazebo (weather permitting) Aquatic Creatures Program! Presented by Squam Lakes Science Center to celebrate the *Oceans of Possibilities* summer reading theme. Suitable for all ages~children and families.

Also, at this event sign up for the summer reading program and pick up a free take home packet filled with goodies for summer reading fun!

(Sponsored by The Friends of Smyth Public Library)

Aquatic Critters

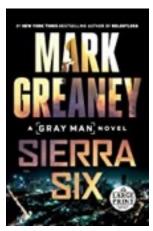
Water is essential for life on our planet. From marshes and ponds to lakes and rivers, aquatic communities support an amazing array of life. Join a Science Center naturalist to meet three different live animals who depend on New Hampshire's waters. Learn about their habitats, adaptations, and populations.

Books Available Now!!

Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life.-Mark Twain

Smyth Library offers these books for curbside pickup! Just email <u>librarian@smythpl.org</u> to order.

FICTION:



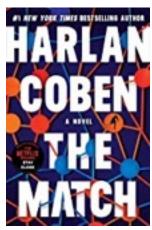
Sierra Six by Mark Greaney

Before he was the Gray Man, Court Gentry was Sierra Six, the junior member of a CIA action team. In their first mission they took out a terrorist leader, at a terrible price. Years have passed. The Gray Man is on a simple mission when he sees a ghost: the long-dead terrorist, but he's remarkably energetic for a dead man.



High Stakes by Danielle Steel

In this captivating novel from Danielle Steel, five successful women play for high stakes in their careers at a boutique literary and talent agency.



The Match by Harlen Coben

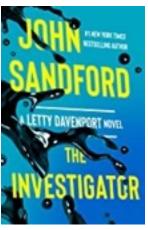
After months away, Wilde has returned to the Ramapo Mountains in the wake of a failed bid at domesticity that confirms what he's known all along: He belongs on his own, free from the comforts and constraints of modern life.



Sisters of Night and Fog by Erika Robuck

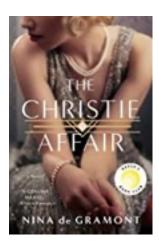
A heart-stopping new novel based on the extraordinary true stories of an American socialite and a British secret agent whose stunning acts of courage collide in the darkest hours of

World War II.



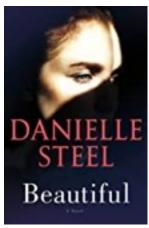
The Investigator by John Sandford

By age twenty-four, Letty Davenport has seen more action and uncovered more secrets than many law enforcement professionals. Now a recent Stanford grad with a master's in economics, she's restless and bored in a desk job for U.S. Senator Colles. Letty's ready to quit, but her skills have impressed Colles, and he offers her a carrot: feet-on-the-ground investigative work, in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security.



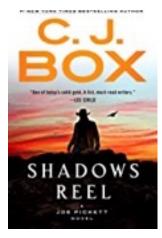
The Christie Affair by Nina de Gramont

In 1925, Miss Nan O'Dea infiltrated the wealthy, rarefied world of author Agatha Christie and her husband, Archie. In every way, she became a part of their life—first, both Christies. Then, just Archie. Soon, Nan became Archie's mistress, luring him away from his devoted wife, desperate to marry him. Nan's plot didn't begin the day she met Archie and Agatha.



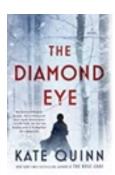
Beautiful by Danielle Steel

A renowned supermodel's world is torn apart in an instant, sending her on an unexpected journey of discovery.



Shadows Reel by CJ Box

A day before the three Pickett girls come home for Thanksgiving, Joe is called out for a moose-poaching incident that turns out to be something much more sinister: a local fishing guide has been brutally tortured and murdered. At the same time, Marybeth opens an unmarked package at the library where she works and finds a photo album that belonged to an infamous Nazi official. Who left it there? And why?



Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn

The New York Times bestselling author of The Rose Code returns with an unforgettable World War II tale of a quiet bookworm who becomes history's deadliest female sniper. Based on a true story.

YOUTH:



The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Avery Grambs has a plan for a better future: survive high school, win a scholarship, and get out. But her fortunes change in an instant when billionaire Tobias Hawthorne dies and leaves Avery virtually his entire fortune. The catch? Avery has no idea why -- or even who Tobias Hawthorne is.



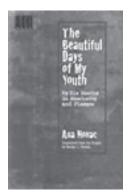
Lucy Clark Will Not Apologize by Margo Rabb

In this witty and whimsical story a sixteen-year-old girl is suspended from boarding school and sent to New York City, where she must take care of an unconventional woman entangled in a mystery.



The Benefits of Being an Octopus by Ann Braden

This moving debut novel explores the cultural divides around class and the gun debate through the eyes of one girl, living on the edges of society, trying to find her way forward.



The Beautiful Days of My Youth by Ana Novac

On scraps of paper hidden by friends and strangers until their dying moments, young Ana Novac kept a diary in Auschwitz, a testimony that deserves to become one of the most treasured books of our time.



The Urban Boys by K.N. Smith

A suspenseful incident in a forbidden preserve heightens the senses of five friends. Sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell become super-gifts that forever change the world. But furious battles confront the boys as they try to understand their sensory super powers in a race to save mankind.



Sergey Brin by Matt Doeden

You might not know the name Sergey Brin. But you definitely know the name of his most famous creation: Google. The search engine is so popular that when people say they're going to look up information online, they just say they're going to "google it". Brin and his friend Larry Page launched Google when they were students at Stanford University. Their company went on to dominate the internet with Gmail, Google Earth, Google Images, and more.

While we are closed...

Griffin Free Public Library in Auburn, Hooksett Public Library, Chester Library and Dudley Tucker Library in Raymond have all generously offered to partner with the Smyth Public Library to provide temporary borrowing cards to Candia, NH residents while Smyth Public Library is closed for renovations.

These out of town temporary cards will be provided to adults with proof of Candia residency (such as a valid driver's license) right away in Auburn and Hooksett and as of February 1 in Raymond. The cards will allow up to three physical items (such as books or DVDs) to be circulated at a time. Access to digital collections will be limited to in library usage only and no online account access will be available. Access to digital resources will continue to be provided by Smyth Public Library.

These cards will expire on the day that the Smyth Public Library reopens. Please respect these neighboring town library conditions and be sure to return all items in a timely manner so that all patrons can enjoy this service in Auburn, Hooksett, Raymond and Chester.

And don't forget...

You can still check e-books out from the state library through our catalogue, as usual.



It's Spring!

Smyth Public Library has **free seed packets** for vegetables and fruits available. See the list on our website to order for curbside pickup.



Peace Packs now available for children and families.

Peace Packs are a set of a few mindful books and sensory toys for parents/caregivers and children to use for calming or rest times.

Contact <u>librarian@smythpl.org</u> to reserve for curbside pickup.

1. Peace Pack #1 My Moods, My Choices Flipbook, Angry Octopus Book, Puppy Mind Book, See My Feelings Mirror, Breathing Ball, Liquid Motion Bubbler, Pop Bubble Sensory Toy

2. Peace Pack #2 I Know What to Do When I'm Feeling Book, Breathe Like a Bear Book, The Color Monster Book, See My Feelings Mirror, Breathing Ball, Liquid Motion Bubbler, Pop Bubble Sensory Toy

Overdrive/ Libby



Overdrive is the original app, which is compatible with most devices. Use this if you have a Kindle Fire, a Mac, a Windows device, or a PC.

Libby is a new app by Overdrive. It has the same collection as Overdrive. If you have an Android or iOS device, use the Libby app.

Kanopy



What is Kanopy?

Kanopy is a popular on demand film streaming service that will be available for free with your library card! You can get 4 titles per month.

Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku.

With the motto of "thoughtful entertainment," Kanopy provides patrons with access to films of unique social and cultural value; films that are often difficult or impossible to access elsewhere, and programming that features diversity, with a wide array of foreign language films and films on race, and current affairs.

Kanopy also offers **Kanopy Kids**, with categories include TV Series, Learning Languages, Animated Storybooks, Anime Favorites, Classic Films and Movies for the Whole Family.

Accessing Kanopy:

Library card holders can access Kanopy and sign up to start streaming films on instantly by visiting smythpl.kanopy.com.

NOTE: When logging-in to Kanopy it requires your *Library Card Number* and a *Library Card Pin/Password*. The *Pin/Password* is the seven digits of your phone number, or ten digits of your phone number if the number i

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The 2021 hoopla <u>STEAM Look Book</u> is now available! hoopla offers the best selection of science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics titles for patrons of all ages. STEAM education is known to increase problem-solving and critical thinking skills, so the content is great anytime, but especially for back to school!

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For more information or should you have questions, please visit or call Smyth Public Library.

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Discovering titles your patrons will love has never been easier with the new and expanded **Movies of the Month** on hoopla!

Reading guides

The hoopla Resource Center now has <u>reading guides</u> for IDW Publishing graphic

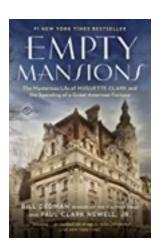


Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve and contribute to improving our quality of life." **Sidney Sheldon** - *Robert Benchley*

Book club still meeting!

Readers meet <u>every 3rd Tuesday</u> of the month May 17th ~ 7:30 pm Smyth Memorial Building

This Month's Selection:



Empty Mansions: The Mysterious Life of Huguette Clark and the Spending of a Great American Fortune

By Bill Dedman and Paul Clark Newell, Jr.

When Pulitzer Prize—winning journalist Bill Dedman noticed in 2009 a grand home for sale, unoccupied for nearly sixty years, he stumbled through a surprising portal into American history. Empty Mansions is a rich mystery of wealth and loss, connecting the Gilded Age opulence of the nineteenth century with a twenty-first-century battle over a \$300 million inheritance. At its heart is a reclusive heiress named Huguette Clark, a woman so secretive that, at the time of her death at age 104, no new photograph of her had been seen in decades. Though she owned palatial homes in California, New York, and Connecticut, why had she lived for twenty years in a simple hospital room, despite being in excellent health? Why were her valuables being sold off? Was she in control of her fortune, or controlled by those managing her money?

Dedman has collaborated with Huguette Clark's cousin, Paul Clark Newell, Jr., one of the few relatives to have frequent conversations with her. Dedman and Newell tell a fairy tale in reverse: the bright, talented daughter, born into a family of extreme wealth and privilege, who secrets herself away from the outside world.

Empty Mansions reveals a complex portrait of the mysterious Huguette and her intimate circle. We meet her extravagant father, her publicity-shy mother, her star-crossed sister, her

French boyfriend, her nurse who received more than \$30 million in gifts, and the relatives fighting to inherit Huguette's copper fortune. Richly illustrated with more than seventy photographs, Empty Mansions is an enthralling story of an eccentric of the highest order, a last jewel of the Gilded Age who lived life on her own terms.



The dog was running after the book because he was chasing his tale.



The World's Favorite Book Genres, Mapped

<u>Reading habits</u> look different around the world. In India, the average person devotes 10 hours and 42 minutes to reading per week—which is five hours more than the average person spends in the U.S. What people choose to read also varies depending on their geographic location. To see which literary genres reign supreme around the world, read on.

<u>Studies in Switzerland</u> looked at international Google search numbers to determine the most popular book genres in countries where data was available. According to search trends, American readers prefer <u>the classics</u> to other popular categories. Book lovers in New Zealand and Ireland are also searching for older books that tend to be taught in literature classes.

In Latin America, horror and romance are the most popular genres. Scary books dominate in Mexico and Argentina, and love stories win over readers in Brazil. The two genres tie for the No.1 spot in Venezuela.

Fantasy is another popular genre read round the world, coming out on top in Italy, Germany, and Poland. India, home to the world's most voracious readers, gravitates toward poetry over the other genres on the map.

No matter what your genre of choice is, reading is a great way to feel well-traveled without leaving home.

Excerpt by MICHELE DEBCZAK (FEBRUARY 28, 2022)

Check out these <u>transportive books</u> to add to your summer to-be-read list; a selection of books, including some classics, that will take you to different lands and time periods, all from the comfort of your favorite reading spot, be it on a plane, car or couch:

River of Stars Author: Guy Gavriel Kay

Breathtaking in its intensity and exquisitely written, find yourself transported to a reimagined China during the decline of the Song Dynasty.

A Fatal Inheritance Author: Rachel Rhys

Step into 1948 and meet Eve, she goes against her stuffy husband's wishes and travels to the French Riviera to find out about a mystery inheritance.

Black Water Lilies Author: Michel Bussi

Thirteen days in the heart of Claude Monet's homeland, where murder, death, lies, and deceit stalk the village of Giverny.

A Long Petal of the Sea Author: Isabel Allende

A couple seek refuge after the Spanish Civil War and end up in Chile, where years later they again face exile.

Underland Author: Robert Macfarlane

Let this very special and beautiful book take you by the hand and lead you through the sunlit fields to the place where the underland begins, a place most human thoughts shy from in fear and confusion.

Dear World, How Are You? Author: Toby Little

In 2013, aged five and a half, Toby decided to write a letter to someone in every single country in the world. His Mum Sabine, embraced the challenge and started to seek out people who would be interested in writing back to Toby. This is a book containing just a few of the letters, to and from the world, and what a special book it is too. Suitable for children as well as adults, each letter is a snapshot of the country and the people that live there.

John Crow's Devil Author: Marlon James

Two men, two preachers, battle each other, two women choose sides, while the rest of the village follow the stronger man. An anonymous village voice occasionally comes to the fore, narrating, telling, explaining, speaking with a Jamaican dialect, sometimes using unknown words that somehow make themselves understood.

The Bird Tribunal Author: Agnes Ravatn

Allis, a journalist in disgrace, seeks a new life as a cook, gardener and helper with Sigurd, a taciturn older man who owns a cabin in a remote region of Norway, and whose wife is mysteriously absent.

The Penguin Lessons Author: Tom Michell

Absolutely adorable, this is an autobiography full of eccentricity, charm and a penguin called Juan Salvador. As a young man in the 1970's Tom Michell travelled to Argentina to teach at a boarding school. While in Uruguay Tom rescued a penguin from an oil slick and found himself with an unexpected companion

See You in September Author: Charity Norman

Cassy travels half way around the world to New Zealand with her boyfriend, when they separate, Cassy is left stranded, and a split second decision changes the outcome of her life

The Stolen Bicycle Author: Ming-Yi Wu

A beautifully written, rather special novel, detailing the highly personal journey of a family through turbulent times in Taiwan's history.

The Invitation Author: Lucy Foley

A sophisticated, expressive, and emotional story set in the glamorous Italian film promotion world of the 1950's.

Eden Gardens Author: Louise Brown

A vividly striking and entirely captivating debut novel set in Calcutta, covering both the Second World War and Indian Independence during the 1940's.

The Expatriates Author: Janice Y. K. Lee

Set in Hong Kong, the prologue is teeming with people making their way to this remarkable city.

The Tea Planter's Wife Author: Dinah Jefferies

An exotically intense, vibrant and memorable tale, set in Ceylon from 1925 and covering a period of eleven years.

The Lido Author: Libby Page

Rosemary is 86, she has lived in Brixton all her life, watching as Brixton has changed a building at a time, from fruit and veg shops to trendy bars.

The Lion Tamer Who Lost Author: Louise Beech

Ben travels to Africa and volunteers at a lion reserve, as we remain with him in the present, we also look back to his past, where he meets Andrew, who keeps a Wish Box.

A Beer in the Loire Author: Tommy Barnes

A sharply amusing and captivating memoir based on the attempt of the author to make a new life in France.

Lyrebird Author: Cecelia Ahern

Laura lives on her own in the woodland wilds of South West Ireland, a film crew discover she has a special gift, will she be exploited or set free?

Castle of Water Author: Dane Huckelbridge

34 year old retired banker and burgeoning artist Barry from New York, and 28 year old just-married Parisian architect Sophie, are the sole survivors of a plane crash in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

The Second Worst Restaurant in France

Author: Alexander McCall Smith

Food writer Paul Stewart escapes to France to stay with his cousin Chloe in order to finish his latest book, however, located in the village is the restaurant aptly known as second worst in France.

Green Island Author: Shawna Yang Ryan

Set in Taiwan and the USA between 1947 and 2003, the novel focuses on one family, yet the story is presented on an epic scale.

Finding Gobi Author: Dion Leonard

'Finding Gobi' documents the quite amazing story of one man's quest to find the little dog who had stolen his heart.

Vermilion Skies Author: Wendela Lumley

Set mainly in Chile, where the scenery and society paint a vivid scene, 14 year old Milana has an understanding of humanity far beyond her years.

The Silent Hours Author: Cesca Major

On the brink of war, clouds are gathering in a small French village, a young boy tries to weather the storm, a couple fall in love and we discover that for one person the tempest has already passed and is now buried in silence.

The Forever House Author: Veronica Henry

Hunters Moon is a forever home in the Cotswolds, yet the current occupants are selling up and when Belinda takes on the sale, she finds herself becoming emotionally attached to Sally and Alexander.

The Day I Lost You Author: Fionnuala Kearney

48 year old Jess's daughter Anna is reported missing in an avalanche, releasing a deluge of hurt, suspicion and the discovery of secrets.

Treasure Island Author: Robert Louis Stevenson

It's such a gripping adventure that children are sure to pick it up again to read alone when they're a little older. It's the story of Jim Hawkins who discovers a map in an old sea chest but little does he know of the danger and excitement which lie ahead when sets sail for Treasure Island in search of treasure.

The Railwayman's Wife Author: Ashley Hay

The setting, Thirroul in Australia at the end of the Second World War, is described with such heartrending and vibrant beauty, you can quite literally feel the caress of the breeze, the grit of the sand, the thunder of the train on the track.



Díd you know...

If you publish a book in Norway, the government will buy 1000 copies (1500 if a children's book) and distribute them to libraries.



Every month we ask a trivia question. If you know the answer, drop it off at the front desk or e-mail it here.

This Month's Trivia Ouestion:

Which character is pregnant at the beginning of <u>The Grapes of Wrath</u>?

Ever want to be one of those know-it-all reviewers?

Got a book to recommend?

Want to write a blurb?

Have a child with a favorite book who would like to contribute to the Smythie?

We welcome contributors (less for us to write!), especially children and teens to review and recommend favorite books. Just drop Heidi Deacon an e-mail at librarian@smythpl.org or "reply" to this and we'll include it here. It need not be a new book – it can be a golden oldie, a classic, a trashy beach book or whatever you have enjoyed.

I hope you have enjoyed this edition. Comments, suggestions and, of course, reviews are always welcomed.

Rick Mitchell and the library staff
The Smythie is now over a gazillion subscribers strong!!

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