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December/January/February 2023/24

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The Whitby Public Library acknowledges that we are on the Treaty and Traditional Territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation. May we respectfully honour the knowledge and understanding of the Indigenous stewards of these ancestral lands and ensure that the voices of the First Peoples are represented in our collections, programs and services.

## Children's Programs

## • Babies, Movement and Music 0–18 months with caregiver

A playful approach to literacy-rich songs, stories and action rhymes.

Brooklin Branch Mondays, 10:30–11:00 a.m. January 8–February 12 and February 26–March 25

Central Library Wednesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m. January 10–February 14 and February 28–April 3

Rossland Branch Thursdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m. January 11–February 15 and February 29–April 4

• Toddler Time 19–35 months with caregivers Enhance language development for your child through stories, songs and movement in an engaging environment.

Central Library Mondays, 10:30–11:00 a.m. January 8–February 12 and February 26–March 25

Rossland Branch Tuesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m. January 9–February 13 and February 27–April 2

Brooklin Branch Thursdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m. January 11–February 15 and February 29–April 4

**Numbers, Rhymes and Storytimes** Ages 3–4 Expand language, number familiarity and encourage school readiness.

Central Library Tuesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m. January 9–February 13 and February 27–April 2

Brooklin and Rossland Branch Wednesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m. January 10–February 14 and February 28–April 3

• Sensory Storytime Ages 2–5 with caregiver Sensory-friendly stories and songs followed by a sensory-based activity time. Central Library Thursdays, 10:30–11:15 a.m. January 11–February 15 and February 29–April 4

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#### • Letters to Santa All ages

Ho, Ho, Ho, it's that time again! Drop by any of our Branches to write a letter to Santa. Letters put in the mail by December 7 might just get a response from Santa himself!

All locations November 27–December 23

• Lego Gingerbread House All ages Help us build a gingerbread house! Add a brick for every book you take out in December. Rossland Branch Throughout December



Drop-In Family Storytime All ages
We'll listen to stories and sing songs together in a playful environment.
Brooklin and Rossland Branch
Friday, 10:30–11:00 a.m.
December 1, 8 and January 5–February 23

Central Library Saturday, 10:30–11:00 a.m. December 2, 9 and January 6–February 24

 Little Explorers Ages 2–4 with caregiver Explore STEAM with fun activities in this sensory based program.
Brooklin and Rossland Branch
Friday, 11:00–11:30 a.m.
December 1, 8 and January 5–February 23

#### **STEAM Challenge** Grades 4–6

Can you complete this month's challenge with supplies from our Discovery Cart? You have one hour to complete your mission!

Brooklin Branch Wednesday, 4:00–5:00 p.m. December 6, January 24 and February 14

Central Library Tuesday, January 16, 6:30–7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 29, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

• Jingle Bell Rock Holiday Storytime All ages Come in your cozy Christmas sweater and join us for stories, carols, and jingle bells! Brooklin and Rossland Branch Friday, December 15, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Central Library Saturday, December 16, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

**Bookworm Reading Challenge** Ages 0–12 Every bookworm needs their brain food! Feed your mind by tracking the books you read this winter and earn new badges!

Register at **whitbylibrary.beanstack.com** Online January 1–May 20

#### ● LEGO Club Grades 1–3

Bring your imagination to this exciting and creative program. Learn, build, and play with LEGO bricks. Brooklin Branch

Mondays, January 8–February 26, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Central Library Fridays, January 5–February 23, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

#### • Game Club Grades 3–6

Play new and retro video games, meet new friends, and even learn to code! Each week will be different. What will we play next?

Central Library Thursdays, 7:00–8:00 p.m. January 11–February 22

#### • Valentines for Vets All ages

Roses are Red, Violets are Blue... Valentine's Day is a great time for Veterans to hear from you! Create a card at any of our locations. Finished Valentines will be sent to Veterans Affairs Canada and distributed to Veterans in long term care facilities in Canada. All locations January 15–28

## **Children's Book Clubs**

This is **not** your parents' book club!

**Book Pirates** Grades 4–5

**Central Library Wednesday, 7:00–8:00 p.m. December 6 Book Scavenger** by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

January 10 Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy by Tui Sutherland

February 7 The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Steward

**Brooklin Branch Thursday, 6:30–7:30 p.m. December 14 The Nebula Secret** by Trudi Trueit

January 11 Wild Born by Brandon Mull

February 8 From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Janae Marks

#### Page Turners Grades 6–8

Brooklin Branch Tuesday, 6:30–7:30 p.m. December 12 A Tale Dark & Grimm by Adam Gidwitz

January 9 Ghost by Jason Reynolds February 6 The Unwanteds by Lisa McMann

Central Library Wednesday, 7:00–8:00 p.m. December 13 Ice Dogs by Terry Lynn Johnson January 17 The Lightning Thief

by Rick Riordan

February 21 City Spies by James Ponti



## Winter Wonderfun Winter Break Programs

• Winter Scavenger Hunt All ages How many winter clues can you seek and find? All locations December 11–January 6

• Winter Carnival All ages Games, crafts, and more! Central Library Tuesday, January 2, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

• Frozen Fiesta All ages Holiday fun doesn't have to end! These crafts and activities will make winter your new favourite season. Brooklin Branch Wednesday, January 3, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Snow Globe Grades 2–5 Save a little part of winter for the whole year with a paper plate and Cricut Cutter. Rossland Branch Wednesday, January 3, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Game Club Special: Mario Kart Tournament Grades 3–6 Cheer on the competition at the Mario Kart Tournament! Central Library Thursday, January 4, 2:30–4:00 p.m. Winter Watercolour Snowflakes Grades 4–6

Use water and special tissue paper to create a oneof-a-kind snowflake.

Rossland Branch Thursday, January 4, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

#### • LEGO Club Special Grades 1–3

Bring your imagination to this exciting and creative program. Learn, build, and play with LEGO bricks.

Central Library Friday, January 5, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

#### • Brush, Brush! It's Storytime with Birch Dental All ages

Learn about keeping our teeth healthy with our special Storytime guest, Dr. Jenn from Birch Dental. Storytime will be followed by a fun craft! Central Library **Saturday**, January 6, 10:30–11:30 a.m.



#### • World Religion Day 2024:

**Faith Through the Arts** presented by Durham Multifaith Community All ages Learn about different faiths through performances and activities suitable for the whole family. Central Library Saturday, January 20, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

#### Square Knits Grades 4–8

During this six week program we'll learn to cast on, knit, purl and cast off. Please bring a pair of 6 mm needles. Wool is provided.

Rossland Branch Saturday, 10:30–11:30 a.m. January 20, February 3, March 2, 16, 30 and April 13

#### **Bad Art Night** Grades 5–8

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It's tacky, glittery, and totally useless! It's bad art! Using a variety of craft materials, create your worst masterpiece. Who will win the Bad Art Trophy? Rossland Branch **Wednesday, January 24, 6:30–7:30 p.m.** 



### Celebrate Family Literacy Day

#### My Many Hats with Erica London

Grades SK–6 Calling all creative and curious minds! Discover the world of storytelling with Canadian-Trinidadian children's author, Erica London, as she introduces readers to her book, My Many Hats. Get ready for a read-aloud, followed by



activities and crafts to explore the many hats you too could wear!

**Central Library** 

Friday, January 26, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

#### • P.A. Day Games and Giggles All ages

L-I-T-E-R-A-C-Y for 13 points! Spell, learn and play games together for the 25th anniversary of Family Literacy Day.

Brooklin Branch

Friday, January 26, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

#### • Family Literacy Day Storytime Takeover Ages 2–10

We do storytime every week. Now it's your turn! Stick around after Saturday

Storytime for your chance to read a few pages of a book or sing your favourite storytime song in front of an audience of friendly library staff. A selection of storytime books and props will be provided. Central Library



#### Saturday, January 27, 11:05–11:30 a.m.

Family Literacy Day Foosball All ages Bring the family and make a game together. Take it home and have a family party to celebrate Family Literacy Day! Rossland Branch Saturday, January 27, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

#### **Reading Buddies** Grades 1–3

Teen volunteers are paired with children who would benefit from additional reading support. Reading Buddies read stories and play literacy-based games to enhance literacy skills of fluency, comprehension, diction. Registration for this eight-week program begins Wednesday, January 10 at 10:00 a.m. No sessions during March Break.

#### Central Library

Tuesdays, February 6–April 2, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Brooklin Branch Thursdays, February 8–April 4, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

#### • Year of the Dragon All ages

2024 is the Year of the Dragon. Create your own paper dragon for an auspicious start to the Lunar New Year! Brooklin Branch Friday, February 9, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Rossland Branch Saturday, February 10, 2:30–3:30 p.m.







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## Teen Programs

Teen programs are open to youth in grades 7–12. Questions? Email teenservices@whitbylibrary.ca.

#### Volunteer Training Session

Interested in volunteering with the library? Attend a training session to learn the ins and outs of our programs and services.

Central Library Monday, 7:00–8:00 p.m. December 4 and January 22

### Affordable U.S. University Options for Talented High School Students

Discover the advantages and disadvantages of U.S. versus Canadian universities, their affordability, and financial aid options. Ask questions about school choices south of the border and receive application tips. Brooklin Branch



Tuesday, December 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

#### • Teen Café

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Drop in anytime! Teen Café is a safe space to hang out, play games, and more. Central Library **Wednesdays**, **3:30–5:00 p.m.** 

December 6–20 and January 3–February 28

Brooklin Branch in partnership with BCCL Youth Room Thursday, 4:30–6:00 p.m. December 28, January 25, and February 29

#### • TAG: Teen Advisory Group

Work with other teens to contribute to library services and programs, assist with special events and develop leadership skills. TAG members earn community service hours for their work. Brooklin Branch Wednesday, 4:00–5:00 p.m. December 20, January 17, and February 21

#### Master of Minutes: Teen Reading Challenge

There's treasure to be found at the end of the story. Work your way through the narrative by logging your reading, earning badges, and entering prize draws. Let adventure begin! Register at **whitbylibrary.beanstack.com** Online January 1–May 20

#### • Teen Café Special!

Celebrate the New Year with fun board games, video games, karaoke, and more! Central Library Wednesday, January 3, 3:30–5:00 p.m.

#### Poetry Sip and Read

Enjoy some tea or cocoa as we relax and read poetry. Read your own poem or bring a favourite to recite. Brooklin Branch **Thursday, January 10, 7:00–8:00 p.m.** 

#### All Things Acrylic

Create an abstract masterpiece! Central Library **Tuesday, February 27, 7:00–8:00 p.m.** 



#### Pride 365 Reading Challenges All ages

Celebrate Pride year-round with LGBTQ+ themed book recommendations and activities!

Register at **whitbylibrary.beanstack.com** and log your reading to earn badges.

Online January 1-December 31

## Adult Programs

#### Cozy Reading Challenge

'Tis the season for coziness! Grab a blanket, your fluffy socks, and your favourite warm drink or snack. Hop into a reading nook and sink into a good book. Register at **whitbylibrary.beanstack.com** and log your reading to earn badges. Online January 1–May 20



#### 1-on-1 Tech Help

Become more tech-savvy! These appointments are 50 minutes in length and specific to your area of need. Times and dates vary by month. Contact staff for details. All locations

## Due to high demand, patrons are limited to one appointment per month.

#### • Fireside Stitchers

All skill levels are welcome! Gather around the fireplace while you socialize and stitch. This is an informal circle for knitting, crochet, and needlework. Bring your own supplies and share your projects and ideas. Brooklin Branch Mondays, 2:00–3:00 p.m. December 4–18 and January 8–February 26

Central Library **Thursdays**, **7:00–8:30 p.m. December 7–February 29** 

#### Adult Creative Writing Club

Interested in writing but can't find the time or words? Join fellow writers for an evening of inspiring prompts and the opportunity to share your work. Offered in-person and online.

Central Library Monday, 7:00–8:30 p.m. December 4

Do You See What I See? Writing Sensory Experiences

January 8 Speaking from the Page: Finding your Writing Voice

**February 5** Poetry Workshop with Special Guest Furqan Mohamed

#### It's Crackers!

What better way to begin a holiday meal than to break open a cracker? Learn how to make this fun dinner companion. Rossland Branch

Tuesday, December 5, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

#### Tea-Time

Take a break from the stress of the season with a cup of warmth, while learning about the history and health benefits of this popular beverage. Rossland Branch

Wednesday, December 6, 2:30–3:30 p.m.





#### • English Conversation Circles for Newcomers

Practice English, meet new people and learn about Canada with help from Community Development Council Durham (CDCD) volunteers. Drop into this weekly program or contact Maria Abogado at CDCD for more information at 905-686-2661, Ext. 109 or email communityconnect@cdcd.org. Central Library Thursdays, 6:30–8:30 December 7, 14 and January 11–February 29

#### Cricut for First-time Users

For those who have never attended a Cricut program before! In this 45-minute session, learn about the Cricut and how it works. Make a winter decoration to take home and get ideas for your next DIY project. Register for the time you prefer; the event is the same.

Central Library **Thursday, December 7** Session 1: 7:00–7:45 p.m. Session 2: 8:00–8:45 p.m.

#### From Me to You

Spruce up your gift-giving with personalized gift tags using the Cricut cutting machine. Basic computer and fine motor skills are required. Materials will be supplied. Brooklin Branch

Thursday, December 7, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

#### Managing Stress—Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Dealing with stress can be challenging but more manageable when prepared. In this workshop, caregivers will explore some of the signs and sources of stress, understand the consequences of neglecting stress, and learn effective stress-reducing actions. Central Library

Monday, December 11, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

#### **Safe Winter Driving** presented by the Ministry of

#### Transportation

Learn how to properly prepare yourself and your vehicle for winter driving.

Central Library Thursday, December 14, 6:30–7:30 p.m.





#### Genealogy Club

Discover the genealogical resources with WPL's Archivist and OPL's Genealogy and Local History Librarian. Ask questions and share tips with fellow researchers. Beginners and experienced researchers are welcome.

Online Wednesday, 2:00–3:30 p.m. December 20, January 17 and February 21

Fraud Protection with Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada Better understand fraud and learn how to protect

Better understand fraud and learn how to protect yourself.

Central Library Thursday, January 4, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

### **Making Connections** for adults living with disabilities

Build skills, friendships, and more! We'll work together to create, solve, learn, and play with STEAM based activities. Caregivers are welcome.

**Brooklin Branch** 

Tuesdays, January 9–February 20, 3:30–5:00 p.m.

#### **Yoga Flow** in partnership with Ontario Shores Recovery College

More than a great workout—this session connects us with our body by practicing breathing techniques and working on posture, strength, flexibility, balance and stamina.

**Central Library** 

Tuesdays, January 9–February 13, 3:00–4:00 p.m.

#### Mindfulness and Self-Compassion

Understand self-compassion and explore how practicing mindfulness and self-compassion together can help us manage stressful situations. Central Library **Thursday**, January 11, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

#### Mixed Roots presented by Durham Family &

#### Cultural Centre

Parents of biracial children share and learn from the experiences of other parents navigating raising biracial children.

Rossland Branch

Saturday, January 13, 2:30–3:30 p.m. Thursday, January 25, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

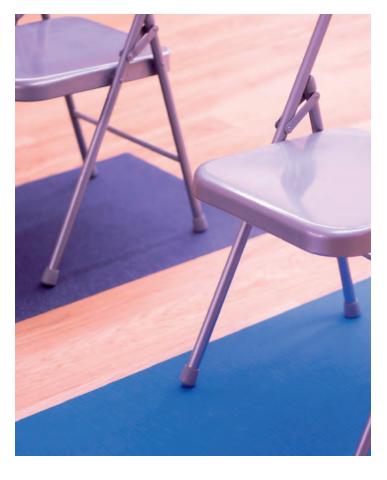
#### Fraud Prevention and Awareness

Durham Region Police Services will highlight some common scams and provide tips for residents to protect themselves.

#### **Rossland Branch**

#### Wednesday, January 17, 2:30–4:00 p.m. Thursday, February 15, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Brooklin Branch Tuesday, February 27, 2:30–4:30 p.m.



#### 📕 Chair Yoga

Chair yoga is a great introduction to yoga—it can help increase flexibility, improve relaxation and your mood! Learn some gentle movements to relax and unwind. Rossland Branch **Thursday, January 18, 3:00–4:00 p.m.** 

#### Art Talks with Olex

These popular art talks will expand your appreciation of art and culture with the perfect blend of scholarly information, academic influence, humour and approachability. Join Station Gallery Curator Olex Wlasenko for this dynamic 5-part lecture series. Central Library Thursday, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

#### January 18

#### Part 1: Synchronicities—Art & Movies

A follow-up performance in an ever-expanding series exploring visual art and cinema. Never has the intersection of art and film been as pronounced as today. In his latest edition, Wlasenko observes the influence of moving images on still imagery and vice versa.

#### February 15

#### Part 2: When our Souls Dream

It's Black Heritage Month and this expanding illustrated art talk explores the vibrant visual culture of Africa, the Caribbean and their respective diasporic communities around the globe.

#### Addressing Bullying: Advice for Caregivers

Receive actionable advice and resources. Panelists include representatives from DDSB who will walk us through the process in schools and DRPS for when bullying escalates beyond the school system. Durham Family Services will speak about the psychology of bullying and how parents can best support their children.

Brooklin Branch Monday, January 22, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

#### Newcomer Services in Whitby

Discover services available to newcomers and immigrants from Welcome Centre Immigrant Services and the Settlement Program. Get help with navigating the many resources available to newcomers to assist in fully engaging with all aspects of Canadian life.

Central Library Thursday, January 25, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

#### An Afternoon with Mai Nguyen

Mai Nguyen discusses her debut novel, *Sunshine Nails* with local author, Ruth Walker.

Central Library Saturday, January 27, 2:30–3:30 p.m.







#### From a Maze to Amazing: Understanding Ontario's Personal Income Tax, Credits and Benefits

Is filing your personal income tax and benefit return stressful, confusing, or overwhelming? The Ministry of Finance can help. Find out which tax credits and benefits you and your family may qualify for. No accounting experience necessary. Central Library Thursday, February 1, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

An Evening with Author Celina Caesar-Chavannes

In celebration of Black History Month, we are excited to host a dynamic talk with Whitby's former MP (2015-2019), and the author of *Can You Hear Me Now?*. Moderated by Eleanor McIntosh. Central Library **Tuesday, February 6, 6:30–7:30 p.m.** 

#### **DRIFF Presents...**

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Spend an evening with the Durham Region International Film Festival (DRIFF) crew. Watch a short or feature-length film and enjoy conversation about film media.

Central Library Wednesday, February 7, 6:30–8:45 p.m.

#### Valentine Shadow Boxes

Practice quilling skills while creating beautiful paper flowers to decorate a shadow box for your valentine—using the Cricut cutting machine. Basic computer and fine motor skills are required. Materials will be supplied.

Brooklin Branch Wednesday, February 7, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

## Business Advisory Centre Durham (BACD) Start-Up Session

Learn the steps needed to successfully launch and grow your own business! Topics include marketing & sales, operations, and finance.

Central Library Thursday, February 8, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

#### Paint Night

Paint away the winter blues while you create something to warm up your mood. No experience necessary. Materials will be supplied. Brooklin Branch Thursday, February 22, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

#### Whispers With Wishbone

Would you like to connect with your pet on a higher level? Gifted animal communicator, Sabrina Campbell can help you create greater happiness in your relationships with your pets.

Rossland Branch Wednesday, February 21, 2:30–3:30 p.m.



#### Cricut 101

Find out how the Cricut works and what materials you can use. Get inspiration for your next DIY adventure! This is an introductory session for you to see the Cricut in action. Central Library Thursday, February 22, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

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#### Understanding Stress and Sleep

Discover how a good night's sleep benefits your physical and mental health. Explore sleep myths, discuss tips and some common signs of a sleep disorder. Learn activities you can practice to manage your stress in a healthy way.

Central Library Monday, February 26, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

#### Preparing for Birth

This fun, interactive program will inform and prepare expectant families for the birth journey. Discover the physiology of birth, labour comfort measures, breathing techniques and prenatal exercises to help encourage optimal fetal positioning. Learn about hospital policies and procedures and so much more. Central Library

Thursday, February 29, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

## Adult Book Clubs

#### Read. Discuss. Connect. Books are better when they're shared.

Selections are available in alternate formats. Ask staff for details or visit our online program calendar. **Registration opens on Saturday, December 2 at 9:00 a.m.** 

#### Central Non-fiction Book Club Wednesday, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

**December 13 Lost in the Valley of Death** by Harley Rustad

January 10 The Escape Artist by Jonathan Freedland February 14 White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo

#### Central Fiction Book Club Wednesday, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

**December 13 Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow** by Gabrielle Zevin

January 10 The Perfect Marriage by Jeneva Rose February 14 The Bandit Queens by Parini Shroff

#### Brooklin Branch Book Club Monday, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

**December 11 The Bandit Queens** by Parini Shroff **January 8 The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue** by Victoria Schwab

February 12 Son of Elsewhere by Elamin Abdelmahmoud

#### **Online Book Club** Thursday, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

December 21 The Maid by Nita Prouse

January 18 Killers of a Certain Age by Deanna Raybourn

February 15 If We Were Villains by M.L. Rio

#### Midweek Murders at Rossland

Andrea (our resident Mystery buff!) offers up new title suggestions—and a few classic ones—that you may want to try. Tuesday, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

December 12, January 9 and February 13



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#### Blind Date with a Book All ages

Choose a wrapped book from a **Blind Date with a Book** display (teens and adults) or **Playdate with a Book** display (children). There will be a few hints to guide your selection. After you've read your book, fill out the **Rate Your Date** card (included with your book) and return it to any Whitby Public Library location to be entered in our prize draw. All locations **February 1–14** 

#### **Branch Locations and Hours**

All locations will be closed: December 17, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, January 1 and February 18, 19.

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Monday–Friday 9:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Sunday 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Telephone 905–668–6531 **Brooklin Branch** 8 Vipond Road Brooklin, ON L1M 1B3

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