



Mysteries

Teaching Resources Center, Joyner Library A Selective Annotated Bibliography

Titles in the Teaching Resources Center are cataloged with Dewey call numbers and are preceded by Curric. Please ask someone at the Teaching Resources Service Desk if you need any assistance.

Grade Level	Title Information	Call Number
EASY		
1 - 2	Adler, David A, and Barbara J. Newman. <i>Bones and the Math Test Mystery</i> . New York: Puffin, 2010. Other titles: <i>Bones and the Roller Coaster Mystery</i> , <i>Bones and the Birthday Mystery</i> , <i>Bones and the Cupcake Mystery</i> , <i>Bones and the Dinosaur Mystery</i>	E AD59B06
	Jeffrey Bones doesn't like math tests--especially when he forgets to study for them. Now his test is missing. Can he solve the mystery of the missing test and get an Excellent grade?	
K - 2	Biedrzycki, David. <i>Ace Lacewing, Bug Detective: The Big Swat</i> . Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2010.	E B4757A
	Springtime in Motham City means baseball, but the player who could lead the Stinkbugs to a rare winning season loses confidence when his special bat is stolen, and Ace Lacewing is hired to find it before the team misses the playoffs.	
1 - 2	Koontz, Robin M. <i>The Case of the Missing Goldfish</i> . Edina, MN: Magic Wagon, 2010. Other titles: <i>The Case of the Haunted House</i> .	E K8378CAM
	When Mrs. Bumblebear discovers her son's goldfish is missing, she calls Furlock and Muttson to the scene. Can they follow the clues and solve the case of the missing goldfish?	
2 - 4	Nichols, Travis. <i>Fowl Play</i> . San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books, 2015.	E

N518F

A team of animal sleuths is hired to solve the mystery of a broken window.

- K - 2 Ransom, Jeanie Franz. *The Crown Affair: From the Files of a Hard-Boiled Detective*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2015. E
R1741C
- Just before the Mother Gooseland Games, hard-boiled detective Joe Dumpty is called upon to solve the mystery of what made Jack and Jill fall down the hill-- and who took Jack's prized crown after the fall.
- PreK - K Savage, Stephen. *Supertruck*. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2015. E
SA932S
- When the city is hit by a colossal snowstorm, only one superhero can save the day. But who is this mysterious hero, and why does he disappear once his job is done?
- PreK - 1 Smiley, Jane. *Twenty Yawns*. New York: Two Lions, 2016. E
SM44T
- As her mom reads a bedtime story, Lucy drifts off. But later, she awakens in a dark, still room, and everything looks mysterious. How will she ever get back to sleep?
- 1 - 3 Smith, Icy. *Mysteries of the Giant Masks of Sanxingdui*. Manhattan Beach, CA: East West Discovery Press, 2015. E
SM59M
- Young Min, her brother Wei, and Father Ping, the chief, face a flood then help their fellow villagers decide what to do about invaders who are approaching their Bronze Age village in China during an important festival.
- N/A Yankey, Lindsey. *Bluebird*. Vancouver, B.C.: Simply Read Books, 2014. E
Y1689B
- When her best friend, the wind, mysteriously goes missing, Little Bluebird embarks on a daring journey that bolsters her sense of independence and leads to astonishing encounters with dandelions, kites, balloons, and other new things.
- 1 - 2 Yasuda, Anita. *The Haunted House*. North Mankato, MN: Stone Arch Books, 2014. E
Y265
- While at the fun park, the Dino detectives decide to visit the haunted house, but find it a lot more spooky than they expected.

FICTION

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| 1 - 3 | <p>Adler, David A. <i>Young Cam Jansen and the Spotted Cat Mystery</i>. New York: Puffin Books, 2007. (<i>Six other titles in this series.</i>)</p> <p>Can Cam and her classmates find out who owns the cat they find in their classroom?</p> | F
AD59Y12 |
| 4 - 6 | <p>Adler, Irene. <i>The Mystery of the Scarlet Rose</i>. North Mankato, Minnesota: Stone Arch Books, 2015.</p> <p>In London, at Christmas time in 1870, a strange message in the classified ads leads the three young detectives to murders that appear to be connected with the Scarlet Rose Gang, whose leader was killed years before.</p> | F
AD595S03 |
| 4 - 6 | <p>Avi. <i>Catch You Later, Traitor</i>. Chapel Hill, NC: Algonquin Young Readers, 2015.</p> <p>It's 1951, and twelve-year-old Pete Collison is a regular kid in Brooklyn, New York, who loves Sam Spade detective books and radio crime dramas. But when an FBI agent shows up at Pete's doorstep, accusing Pete's father of being a Communist, Pete is caught in a real-life mystery. Could there really be Commies in Pete's family?</p> | F
AV51CAT |
| 2 - 3 | <p>Birney, Betty G. <i>Mysteries According to Humphrey</i>. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2012.</p> <p>After learning about Sherlock Holmes, Humphrey the classroom hamster follows clues to try and discover why Mrs. Brisbane is gone and Mr. E, a fun but not very educational substitute, is taking her place in Room 26 at Longfellow School.</p> | F
B538MY |
| 3 - 6 | <p>Clements, Andrew, and Adam Stower. <i>Fear Itself</i>. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2011.</p> <p>As the new Keepers of the School, sixth-graders Ben and Jill must decipher a handful of clues written as maritime riddles to save their school from demolition by a greedy company.</p> | F
C59161FE |
| 1 - 3 | <p>Cronin, Doreen. <i>The Chicken Squad</i>. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2014.</p> <p>When the squirrel Tail comes barreling into the chicken coop ranting about a round, shiny, green, big, scary thing in the yard, Dirt, Sweetie, Poppy, and Sugar investigate this strange object.</p> | F
C8816C |

- 2 - 4 Nilsson, Ulf. *The First Case*. Gecko Press USA, 2015. F
N599F
- Someone's stealing the squirrel's nuts, and it's up to Detective Gordon to catch the thief. Unfortunately, solving this crime means standing in the snow and waiting for a long time... If only he had an assistant -- someone small, fast, and clever -- to help solve this terrible case.
- 4 - 7 Riordan, Rick. *The Maze of Bones*. New York: Scholastic, 2008. (Book 1 of 10 of *39 Clues* series) F
T3492TH01
- When their beloved aunt--matriarch of the world's most powerful family--dies, orphaned siblings Amy and Dan Cahill compete with less honorable Cahill descendants in a race around the world to find cryptic clues to a mysterious fortune.
- 4 - 6 Turnage, Sheila. *Three Times Lucky*. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2012. F
T8491T
- Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a café and co-parent of Mo with his cook, Miss Lana, seems implicated in a murder.

NONFICTION

- K - 2 Weakland, Mark. *Scooby Doo! An Addition Mystery: The Case of the Angry Adder*. North Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2015. (Also by author: *Scooby Doo: The Case of the Missing Donuts*, *Scooby Doo: The Case of the Lunchroom Gobbler*, and *Scooby Doo: The Case of the Oddzilla*) 513.2
W371SCA
- The popular Scooby-Doo and the Mystery Inc. gang teach kids all about addition.
- 4 - 6 Farrell, Tish. *Write Your Own Mystery Story*. Minneapolis, MN: Compass Point Books, 2006. 808.3
F2478WM
- Examines mystery writing, from how to get started to learning the tricks of the trade.
- 4 - 6 Hamilton, John. *You Write It: Mystery*. Edina, MN: ABDO, 2009. 808.3
H1801YWM
- Includes: Mini-Biographies of Famous Authors, Where to Get Ideas, Plot Basics, Character Creation, How to Write Believable Dialogue and Tips For Getting Your Book Published.

4 - 6	Markle, Sandra. <i>The Case of the Vanishing Little Brown Bats</i> . Minneapolis, MN: Millbrook Press, 2015	599.4 M3419C
	This informative title sheds light on a mystery of nature: how little brown bats, nature's insect eaters, are mysteriously dying in their caves during hibernation.	
N/A	Nobisso, Josephine. <i>Show, Don't Tell! Secrets of Writing</i> . Westhampton Beach, NY: Gingerbread House, 2004.	372.62 N664S
	Presents creative writing exercises that focus on the use of adjectives and nouns. Features scratch and sniff pages, electronic sounds, comic book spreads, and Greek chorus characters.	
N/A	Yoder, Eric, and Natalie Yoder. <i>One Minute Mysteries: 65 Short Mysteries You Solve with Science!</i> Washington, DC: Science, Naturally! 2008.	500 Y73S
	Presents sixty-five mysteries to solve using one's knowledge of earth, space, life, physical, chemical, and general science.	
3 - 4	Blake, Kevin. <i>Roanoke Island: The Town That Vanished</i> . New York: Bearport Publishing, 2015.	975.6175 B5815R
	Describes the abandoned colony of Roanoke, including its discovery, artifacts, colonists, and preservation.	

PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION

Erlenbusch, Sue Jones. <i>Tales of Mystery, Suspense, and the Supernatural: Ready-to-Use Quizzes, Projects, Activities, and Listening Lessons for Grades 4-8</i> . West Nyack, NY: Center for Applied Research in Education, 1995.	372.6044 ER53T
Conklin, Wendy. <i>Mysteries in History</i> . Westminster, CA: Teacher Created Resources, 2005.	909 C7614M
Camilli, Thomas. <i>A Case of Red Herrings: Solving Mysteries Through Critical Questioning</i> . Pacific Grove, CA: Critical Thinking Press & Software, 1992.	153.4 C146C BK. A-1