

Who-Dun-It? Mysteries for Kids of All Ages



The following books are located in the Youth Services Department. Fiction titles are shelved alphabetically by the author's last name. Non-fiction books can be found by their Dewey Decimal Number.

Beginning Readers

<u>Author:</u>	<u>Title:</u>
Sharmat	Nate the Great (series) Help Nate the Great and his beloved dog solve a variety of neighborhood mysteries.
Stevenson	The Mud Flat Mystery When a large box is delivered to Duncan while he is away, the other animal inhabitants of Mud Flat are consumed with curiosity about what might be inside.
Thiesing	The Viper Peggy the pig receives a mysterious call from the "Viper" warning that he is coming in one year, with repeated calls which count down the dwindling time until his arrival.

Picture Books

<u>Author:</u>	<u>Title:</u>
Allard	Miss Nelson is Missing The kids in Room 207 take advantage of their teacher's good nature until she disappears and they are faced with a vile substitute.
Carle	The Secret Birthday Message By following the instructions in the coded message, Tim finds his birthday present.

- Christelow** **The Robbery at the Diamond Dog Diner**
 Lola Dog doesn't wear her usual diamonds to the Diamond Dog Diner when she hears there are jewel thieves in town, but she doesn't take into account Glenda Feathers' loud talk about where Lola should hide her jewels.
- Clement** **Grandpa's teeth**
 Soon after Grandpa's teeth disappear from a glass of water near his bed, Inspector Rate has the whole town under investigation.
- Cushman** **The Mystery of King Karfu**
 The great detective Seymour Sleuth and his assistant Muggs journey to Egypt to search for a missing stone chicken, an important clue to the location of the Lost Treasure of King Karfu.
- Jackson** **Big Lips and Hairy Arms: a Monster Story**
 While having dinner together, two monsters get scared when they start receiving mysterious telephone calls.
- Kitamura** **Sheep in Wolves' Clothing**
 When wolves steal their fluffy coats, two sheep turn to Detective Baa for help.
- McBratney** **The Dark at the Top of the Stairs**
 Knowing that he must satisfy their curiosity, an old mouse agrees to show three young mice the "monster" at the top of the stairs.
- McMillan** **Mouse Views : What the Class Pet Saw**
 Photographic puzzles follow an escaped pet mouse through a school while depicting such common school items as scissors, paper, books, and chalk. Readers are challenged to identify the objects as seen from the mouse's point of view.
- Naylor** **Ducks Disappearing**
 Willie solves the mystery of the disappearing ducklings and involves the motel staff in the rescue operation by telling them that the ducks belong to everyone.
- O'Malley** **Who killed Cock Robin?**
 Illustrations accompanying a familiar nursery rhyme provide clues that enable Chief Inspector Owl to solve a series of jewel thefts.
- Palatini** **The Web Files**
 A duck-tective and his partner solve a barnyard crime in this spoof of TV's "Dragnet".
- Skofield** **Detective Dinosaur**

Detective Dinosaur and Officer Pterodactyl are challenged to solve three cases when a hat is missing, a shoe squeaks, and a loud clanging comes from a dark alley at night.

- Ungerer** **The Three Robbers**
Three robbers who terrify the countryside are subdued by the charm of a little girl named Tiffany.
- Walton** **Bertie was a Watchdog**
Bertie, a dog as small as a watch, outsmarts an overconfident robber.

Juvenile Fiction

Author: Title:

- Adler** **Cam Jansen & the School Play Mystery**
When a thief takes the box office money at the school play, Cam uses her photographic memory to solve the mystery.
- Baily** **How Can a Brilliant Detective Shine in the Dark**
A family reunion inspires Stevie and her partner in crime detection, Jessie, to probe decade old family secrets to learn why Stevie's uncle disappeared.
- Balliett** **Chasing Vermeer**
When seemingly unrelated and strange events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, 11-year-olds, Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal.
- Bellairs** **The House with a Clock in Its Walls**
A boy goes to live with his magician uncle in a mansion that has a clock hidden in the walls which is ticking off the minutes until doomsday.
- Brooks** **Freddy the Detective**
Freddy the pig does some detective work in order to solve the mystery of a missing toy train.
- Byars** **The Dark Stairs : a Herculeah Jones mystery**
The intrepid Herculeah Jones helps her mother, a private investigator, solve a puzzling and frightening case.

- Cameron** **Julian, Secret Agent**
When Julian, his little brother Huey, and their friend Gloria decide to be "crime busters," they find themselves in one adventure after another.
- Clifford** **Flatfoot Fox and the Case of the Missing Schoolhouse**
Flatfoot Fox and his faithful friend, Secretary Bird, help Principal Porcupine solve the mystery of the missing school.
- Coville** **The Ghost Wore Gray**
Nina and her friend Chris jump at the chance to go with Nina's architect father to live in an old inn he's restoring. The first night, they see a ghost that was believed to have hid his fortune in jewels on the property before he died. It's up to Nina and Chris to find it before someone else does.
- Crew** **Angel's Gate**
Kimmy encounters two wild children who have grown up in the hills of Australia and tries to protect them from the unknown person who murdered their father.
- Gee** **The Fire-Raiser**
In 1915 Kitty Wix and her friends try to stop the arsonist who is terrifying their small New Zealand town.
- George** **The Case of the Missing Cutthroats : an Ecological Mystery**
After Spinner Shafter catches a cutthroat trout in the Snake River, she and her cousin Alligator search the nearby mountains to determine where the endangered fish came from and how it survived.
- Hale** **The Malted Falcon**
Ermsen Hickey Elementary School's brash young lizard detective Chet Gecko and his partner Natalie Attired must search for not only missing valentines, but stupendous desserts.
- Hamilton** **The House of Dies Drear**
A family of five moves into an enormous house once used as a hiding place for runaway slaves. Mysterious sounds and events and discoveries of secret passageways make the family believe they are in grave danger.

- Hart** **Return of the Gypsy Witch**
Sixth grader Allie lives in the shadow of her brilliant half-sister, Kat, who inherited their father's detective agency when he died. Business is slow until a mysterious man with a brief case filled with priceless comic books falls victim to a hit-and-run accident.
- Hildick** **The Serial Sneak Thief : a Felicity Snell Mystery**
A master criminal known as The Chameleon threatens to disrupt a mystery contest being held in the public library, but J.G. and the other Watchdogs are on hand to investigate.
- Hoffman** **Stravaganza: City of Masks**
Cancer patient Lucien suddenly finds that he is able to travel back and forth between his 21st century London home to a 16th century Venice like city that exists in a parallel dimension.
- Howe** **Bunnicula : a Rabbit Tale of Mystery**
Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire.
- Keller** **Angela's Top-Secret Computer Club**
Angela and her friends in the Top Secret Computer Club use their knowledge of computers and email to discover who is causing all the problems with the school's computer.
- Konigsburg** **From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler**
A girl and her younger brother run away from home and take up residence at the Metropolitan Museum where they come across a beautiful and mysterious statue. Determined to discover its maker, they first have to find the statue's former owner, the reclusive and mischievous Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, and then sort through her incredibly mixed-up files.
- Mahy** **Clancy's Cabin**
The prospect of a surprise camping trip to Clancy's Cabin, their father's favorite boyhood retreat, leaves the three Harriman children unenthusiastic but odd occurrences at the abandoned hut soon lead them into a mysterious adventure.
- McKay** **The Amber Cat**
While recovering from chicken pox, Robin and his friends are drawn into his mother's story about the adventures she and her friends had years ago with an unusual girl who mysteriously appeared on the nearby beach.

- Naylor** **Bernie Magruder and the Bats**
 Many residents of Middleburg, Indiana, are already going crazy from the ever-ringing church bells and now, after a bat is spotted in the hotel run by Bernie's family, they worry that the dangerous Indiana Aztec bat has finally arrived.
- Niederman** **Inspector Forsooth's Whodunits**
 Solve a murder without knowing where the crime took place, unravel a most elaborate double-cross, and find out how someone poisoned a world-famous musician. Answers are provided in the back of the book.
- Nixon** **Gus and Gertie and the Missing Pearl**
 Arriving for a vacation on Holiday Island, penguins Gus and Gertie stumble into a hotel full of Bad Guys and have a beautiful, valuable deep-sea pearl stolen from them.
- Raskin** **The Westing Game : a Puzzle Mystery**
 The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.
- Reiss** **PaperQuake : a Puzzle**
 Certain that she is being drawn by more than coincidences into the lives of people living nearly 100 years ago, Violet, who feels like the odd sister in a set of triplets, searches for clues to help her avert an imminent tragedy.
- Roberts** **A View from the Cherry Tree**
 Rob admits having seen a murder, but no one believes him--except the murderer.
- Roberts** **The Kidnappers : a Mystery**
 No one believes eleven-year-old Joey, who has a reputation for telling tall tales, when he claims to have witnessed the kidnapping of the class bully outside their expensive New York City private school.
- Simon** **Einstein Anderson Sees Through the Invisible Man**
 Einstein Anderson, is a twelve-year-old whiz kid who uses science to solve even the most mind-boggling of mysteries. Budding detectives can match wits with Einstein-and may the best scientist win!

- Sobol** **Encyclopedia Brown: Boy Detective**
 10-year-old, Encyclopedia Brown, also known as, America's Sherlock Holmes in sneakers, helps his police chief father and the neighborhood children solve their mysteries. Readers are invited to try to solve the mystery before Encyclopedia. Answers are in the back of the book.
- Steiner** **Mystery at Chilkoot Pass**
 At the start of the Klondike gold rush of 1897, while traveling through Canada with her father, uncle and friends, twelve-year-old aspiring author Hetty tries to determine the identity of a thief.
- Tudor** **The Great Corgiville Kidnapping**
 His instincts and his training as a part-time private investigator make Caleb Corgi suspicious of a band of raccoons, especially when Corgiville's prize rooster disappears.
- Van Draanen** **Sammy Keyes and the Search for Snake Eyes**
 The intrepid young investigator, Sammy Keyes must deal with gangbangers, murderers, and her archenemy at school while dealing with the challenges of an abandoned baby.
- Wallace** **Cousins in the Castle**
 A new friend comes to Amelia's rescue when she finds herself the victim of a dastardly villain's fiendish plans.
- Wallace** **Peppermints in the Parlor**
 Sent to San Francisco to live with beloved aunt and uncle, newly orphaned Emily expectantly enters their once-happy mansion only to find unimaginable horrors.
- Wright** **A Ghost in the Family**
 While visiting his friend Jeannie's eccentric Aunt Rosebud in a boarding house that may be haunted, ten-year-old Chad comes across a mystery involving a missing diamond bracelet.

Teen Fiction

Author: Title:

- Avi** **Wolf Rider**
After receiving an apparent crank call from a man claiming to have committed murder, fifteen-year-old Andy finds his close relationship with his father crumbling as he struggles to make everyone believe him.
- Bloor** **Tangerine**
Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.
- Bloor** **The Memory Prisoner**
When her younger brother is in danger, Maddie runs out of the house she has not left since she was two years old when the evil town librarian threatened to harm her.
- Brooks** **Martyn Pig**
Faced with the possibility of living with a dreadful aunt, fifteen-year-old Martyn Pig decides not to tell authorities when his alcoholic father dies accidentally, instead asking a friend for her help in disposing of the body.
- Cooney** **The Face on the Milk Carton**
A photograph of a missing girl on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity.
- Cormier** **In the Middle of the Night**
Denny lives in the shadow of a deadly accident with which his father was connected when he was Denny's age, a disaster for which some of the survivors still blame his father.
- Duncan** **I Know What You Did Last Summer**
Four teenagers who have desperately tried to conceal their responsibility for a hit and run accident are pursued by a mystery figure seeking revenge.
- Duncan** **Killing Mr. Griffin**
A teenager casually suggests playing a cruel trick on the English teacher, but did he intend it to end with murder?

- Griffin** **The Other Shepards**
 Teenage Holland and her younger sister Geneva, having always lived under the shadow of siblings who died before they were born, struggle to establish separate identities and escape from the oppressive weight of their parents' continuing grief.
- Hayes** **The Trouble with Lemons**
 Tyler and Lymie, eight grade misfits, discover a dead body in a quarry and work to uncover the mystery behind it.
- Hoobler** **The Demon in the Teahouse**
 In 18th century Japan, fourteen-year-old Seikei, a merchant's son in training to be a samurai, helps his patron investigate a series of murders and arson in the capitol city of Edo, each of which is associated in some way with a popular geisha.
- Horowitz** **Point Blank: An Alexander Rider Adventure**
 Fourteen-year-old Alex continues his work as a spy for the British MI6, investigating an exclusive school for boys in the French Alps.
- Nixon** **Search for the Shadowman**
 While working on a geneology project for his seventh grade history class, Andy Bonner becomes determined to solve the mystery surrounding a distant relative who was accused of stealing the family fortune.
- Pullman** **The Ruby in the Smoke**
 In nineteenth-century London, sixteen-year-old Sally, a recent orphan, becomes involved in a deadly search for a mysterious ruby.
- Sebestyen** **The Girl in the Box**
 Kidnapped and left in an underground room, Jackie explores her psychological strengths and limitations as she tries to make contact with the outside world by writing messages and sending them through a slit in the door.
- Springer** **Blood Trail**
 After Jeremy's best friend, Aaron is murdered, Jeremy must prove the man convicted of Aaron's murder is innocent and find the real culprit.
- Sykes** **For Mike**
 When Jeff's best friend Mike disappears in the fall of their senior year in high school, Jeff has disturbing dreams in which Mike urges him to come and get him, and a secret begins to unfold.

Non-Fiction

<u>Author:</u>	<u>Title:</u>	<u>Call Number</u>
Bare	Sammy, Dog Detective Like most family dogs, Sammy is friendly and lovable. But he is also a dog detective, part of a K-9 team led by Officer Andy. As a police dog, Sammy searches buildings and cars, hunts for criminals, finds missing persons, and helps with crowd control.	636.70886 BAR
Giblin	The Mystery of the Mammoth Bones and How it was Solved Describes the efforts of the artist, museum curator, and self-taught paleontologist, Charles Willson Peale, to excavate, study, and display the bones of a prehistoric creature that is later named "mastodon."	921 PEALE, C.
Lane	Crime & detection Explores the many different methods used to solve crimes, covering such topics as criminal, detectives, and forensics.	364 LAN