

**Read Like a Detective – Mysteries ... and Beyond!**

Summer offers rising 5<sup>th</sup>-graders some free time and we want you to exercise your free choice to read as many different genres of books as you would like. We challenge you to investigate any of these genres: **Mystery, Science Fiction/Fantasy, Historical Fiction, Realistic Fiction, Adventure as well as Nonfiction such as Autobiography/Biography and Informational Books.** For fun, we encourage you to complete the GENRE Bingo card below and, if you would like, to keep a list of books that you read, simply write the genre, title, and author's name on the card's reverse side.

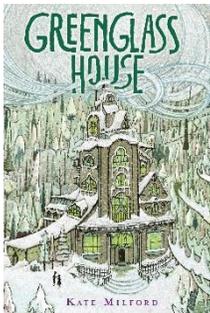


# Why Mysteries?



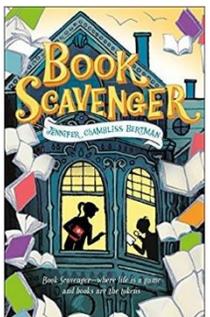
**Mysteries are fun to read!** They often get off to a fast start with an event that has just happened and a setting where you quickly meet interesting characters. As you read, you become a detective -- working to find clues, recognize red herrings (false clues), and identify the witnesses and suspects. You sharpen your thinking skills while reading. **Some award-winning mystery books are suggested below—for your reading pleasure.**

**Note that several books introduce you to a series!**



***The Greenglass House* – Kate Milford**

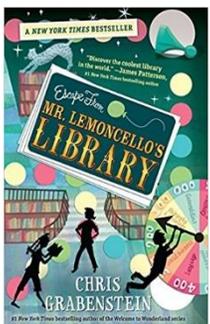
It's wintertime at Greenglass House. The creaky smuggler's inn is always quiet during this season, and twelve-year-old Milo, the innkeepers' adopted son, plans to spend his holidays relaxing. But on the first icy night of vacation, the guest bell rings repeatedly. Odd, secretive guests arrive, each one with a strange story. Milo and Meddy, the cook's daughter, must decipher clues and untangle the web of mysteries to discover the truth about Greenglass House.



***Book Scavenger* – Jennifer Chambliss Bertman**

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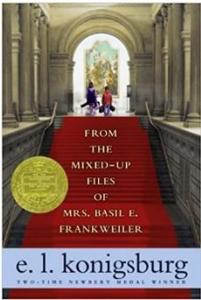
For twelve-year-old Emily, the best thing about moving to San Francisco is that it's the home city of Garrison Griswold, book publisher and creator of the online sensation Book Scavenger--a game where books are hidden in cities all over the country and clues to find them are revealed through puzzles. Racing against time, Emily and her new friend James rush from clue to clue, desperate to figure out the secret at the heart of Griswold's new game.



***Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* – Chris Grabenstein**

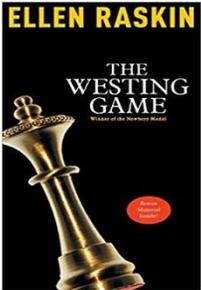
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When Kyle learns that the world's most famous game maker, Luigi Lemoncello, has designed the town's new library and is having an invitation-only lock-in on opening night, he's determined to be there! But the tricky part isn't getting into the library—it's getting out. Because when morning comes, the doors stay locked. Kyle and the other kids must solve every clue and figure out every secret puzzle to find the hidden escape route!



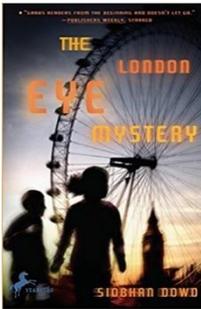
***From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*—E.L. Konigsburg**

When Claudia Kincaid decides to run away, she chooses a place that is comfortable, beautiful, and preferably elegant--the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. For money reasons, Claudia invites her little brother Jamie along and they are caught up in the mystery of an angel statue. This quest leads Claudia to Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, the remarkable old woman who sold the statue and to some equally remarkable discoveries about herself.



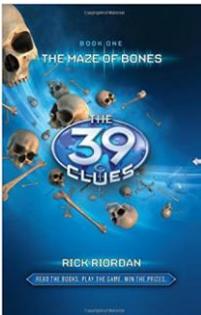
***The Westing Game* – Ellen Raskin**

This highly inventive mystery involves sixteen people who are invited to the reading of Samuel W. Westing's will. They could become millionaires-it all depends on how they play the tricky and dangerous Westing game, a game involving blizzards, burglaries, and bombings! Ellen Raskin has created a remarkable cast of characters in a puzzle-knotted, word-twisting plot filled with humor, intrigue, and suspense.



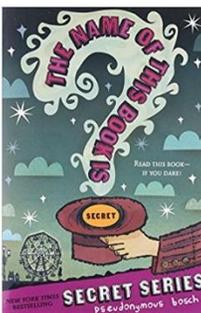
***The London Eye Mystery* – Siobhan Dowd **1<sup>st</sup> in a Series****

Ted and Kat watched their cousin Salim board the London Eye, but after half an hour it landed and everyone trooped off—except Salim. Where could he have gone? How on earth could he have disappeared into thin air? Ted and his older sister, Kat, become sleuthing partners, since the police are having no luck. They follow a trail of clues across London in a desperate bid to find their cousin. And ultimately it comes down to Ted, whose brain works in its own very unique way, to find the key to the mystery.



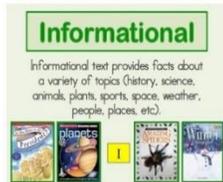
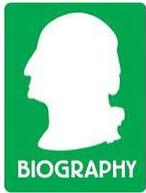
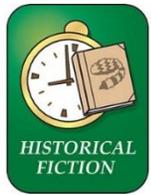
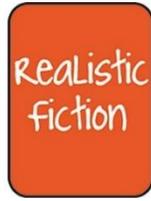
***The Maze of Bones* – Rick Riordan **Series by Riordan and other authors****

Minutes before she died Grace Cahill changed her will, leaving her descendants an impossible decision: "You have a choice - one million dollars or a clue." Grace is the last matriarch of the Cahills, the world's most powerful family. Everyone from Napoleon to Houdini is related to the Cahills, yet the source of the family power is lost. 39 Clues hidden around the world will reveal the family's secret.



***The Name of this Book is Secret* – Pseudonymous Bosch **The Secret Series****

The author would not want you to know that this book features brave 11-year old heroes, Cass and Max-Ernest and a mysterious box of vials, the Symphony of Smells, that sends them on the trail of a magician who has vanished under strange (and stinky) circumstances. The author would not want you to know about the hair-raising adventures that follow and the nefarious villains they face. You see, not only is the name of this book secret, the story inside is, too. For it concerns a secret. A Big Secret.



# Why...and Beyond?

**Did you know that you can read like a detective no matter the genre of the books you choose to enjoy this summer?**

Reading like a detective means that you:

- Pay attention to details.
- Make inferences to figure out how a character is feeling based on what the character says and does.
- Notice the order of events in the plot.
- Use deductive reasoning to analyze and categorize characters and events.
- Collect and organize information to understand the story's setting and plot.

**With your parent or other trusted adult**, check out the websites below to cyber-search for some great books in these different genres. Remember, a librarian is ready and willing to offer expert help at any local library—here at home, at the beach, or wherever you visit this summer!

## READING LIST LINKS FOR PARENTS OF RISING FIFTH-GRADERS

**Montgomery County Public Libraries** offer wonderful resources—online and in person. Explore the website for features like “What should I read next?”, digital catalog and e-books. Start with the link below:

<https://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/kids/books>

Be sure to check out **Montgomery County Public Libraries Summer Read and Learn program**. You may register online and log your reading online as well.

<https://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/kids>

**Common Sense Media** is a fabulous resources for parents, presenting information on books, digital media, movies and games. Here are their book suggestions for Fifth Grade readers.

<https://www.common sense media.org/lists/best-books-for-fifth-graders>

**Read Brightly** suggests these 12 Kid-Approved titles for advanced fourth and fifth grade readers:

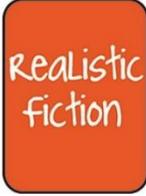
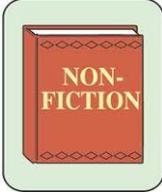
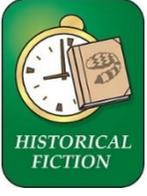
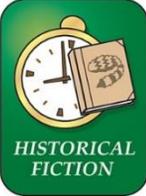
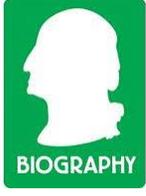
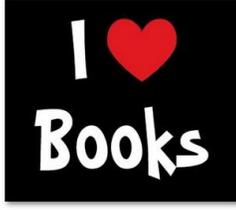
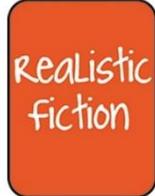
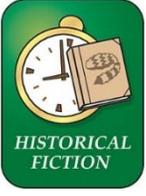
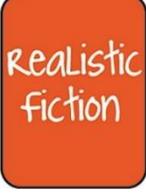
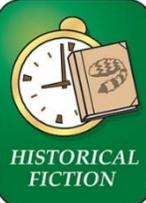
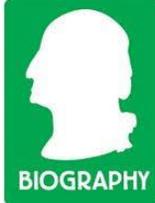
<http://www.readbrightly.com/12-kid-approved-books-advanced-fourth-fifth-grade-readers/>

The **Great Schools** website features experts’ recommendations for Fifth-Graders, noting the books’ genres.

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# GENRE Bingo! A fun way to track how many different genres of books you read this summer.

This summer, I'd love to challenge you to read different genres of books! For each book you read, shade in a square for its genre. You can complete a GENRE Bingo vertically, horizontally, diagonally, or even four corners! I will be completing a GENRE bingo card this summer also. Let's see who can get a GENRE Bingo!! When you return to school, please bring back your completed GENRE Bingo card (**posted online for easy printing if needed**). If you would like to list your books by genre, title and author, please use the reverse side.

G	E	N	R	E
<b>Science Fiction/ Fantasy</b> 	<b>Realistic Fiction</b> 	<b>Non-Fiction</b> 	<b>Historical Fiction</b> 	<b>Mystery</b> 
<b>Historical Fiction</b> 	<b>Autobiography/ Biography</b> 	<b>Mystery</b> 	<b>Adventure</b> 	<b>Fiction</b> 
<b>Mystery</b> 	<b>Science Fiction/ Fantasy</b> 	<b>Free Space</b> 	<b>Realistic Fiction</b> 	<b>Historical Fiction</b> 
<b>Adventure</b> 	<b>Fiction</b> 	<b>Informational</b> 	<b>Mystery</b> 	<b>Realistic Fiction</b> 
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