

Top Juvenile Mysteries

Meredith Public Library – Updated 11/20

1. **Ali Cross (series)**

Gr 5-9

by James Patterson

- Ali Cross has always looked up to his father, former detective and FBI agent Alex Cross. While solving some of the nation's most challenging crimes, his father always kept his head and did the right thing. Can Ali have the same strength and resolve?
- The sequel comes out in 2021.

2. **Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation (series)**

by Stuart Gibbs

Gr 5-6

- Charlie Thorne is a genius. Charlie Thorne is a thief. Charlie Thorne isn't old enough to drive. Decades ago, Albert Einstein devised an equation that could benefit all life on earth—or destroy it, so he hid it. But now, a diabolical group is closing in on its location. In an adventure that spans the globe, Charlie must crack a complex code created by Einstein himself, struggle to survive in a world where no one can be trusted, and fight to keep the last equation safe once and for all.
- The sequel comes out in 2021.

3. **Chirp**

Gr 4-6

by Kate Messner

- Gram is convinced someone is trying to destroy her cricket farm. Is it sabotage or is Gram's thinking impaired from the stroke she suffered months ago? Mia and her friends set out to investigate, but can they uncover the truth in time to save Gram's farm? And will that discovery empower Mia to confront the secret she's been hiding--and find the courage she never knew she had?

4. **Closed for the Season**

Gr 5-8

by Mary Downing Hahn

- Two 13-year-old boys, Arthur and Logan, set out to solve the mystery of a murder that took place some years ago in the old house Logan's family has just moved into. The boys' quest takes them to the highest and lowest levels of society in their small Maryland town, and eventually to a derelict amusement park that is supposedly closed for the season.

5. **Danger: Dynamite! (series)**

Gr 3-5

by Anne Capeci

- Everyone knows that workers are using dynamite to blast an eight-mile train tunnel through the Cascade Mountains, but why did somebody hide a case of dynamite right near the schoolhouse? And why has it disappeared again? That's what ten-year-old Billy and his best friend Finn want to know. The

boys' search leads them back to a thirty-year-old gold robbery—and face to face with a dangerous outlaw.

- This is book 1 of 4 in the “Cascade Mountain Railroad Mysteries” series.

6. **Goldfish Boy**

Gr 3-7

by Lisa Thompson

- When a toddler staying next door goes missing, it becomes apparent that Matthew was the last person to see him alive. Suddenly, Matthew finds himself at the center of a high-stakes mystery, and every one of his neighbors is a suspect. Matthew is the key to figuring out what happened and potentially saving a child's life... but is he able to do so if it means exposing his own secrets, and stepping out from the safety of his home?

7. **The Great Hibernation**

Gr 3-7

by Tara Dairman

- The most important tradition in town is the Tasting of the Sacred Bear Liver. Everyone over twelve must eat one bite of liver to prevent the Great Hibernation, when the town founders fell asleep for months. This year is Jean's first time to taste the liver. It doesn't go well. Soon, all the adults fall into a sleep and cannot be woken, and the kids are left to run things. At first, they have a blast, but pretty soon Jean begins to suspect that this “hibernation” was actually engineered by someone in town.

8. **The Incredibly Dead Pets of Rex Dexter**

by Aaron Reynolds

Gr 3-7

- Rex is itching to have a dog. He was practically born to have one. When Rex's B-Day for Me-Day finally arrives, his parents surprise him with a box. A box with holes. Could it be? A... Chicken? One hour and fourteen minutes later, the chicken is dead (by a steamroller), Rex is cursed (by the Grim Reaper), and wild animals are haunting Rex's room (hounding him for answers). Rex's uninvited ghostly guests are a messy bunch, and they need Rex to solve their mysterious deadly departures before it happens again. But how?

9. **Isabel Feeney, Star Reporter**

Gr 5-7

by Beth Fantaskey

- It's 1920s Chicago—the guns-and-gangster era of Al Capone—and it's unusual for a girl to be selling the Tribune on the street corner. But ten-year-old Isabel Feeney is unusually obsessed with being a reporter. She can't believe her luck when she stumbles into a real-life murder scene and her hero, the famous journalist Maude Collier. Soon, Isabel fights to defend the honor of her accused friend and latches on to her first murder.

10. **London Eye Mystery**

by Siobhan Dowd

- Ted and Kat watch their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye. He turns and waves and the pod rises from the ground. The

pod lands and the doors open. People exit in all shapes and sizes, but where is Salim? Ted and his older sister Kat become sleuthing partners since the police are having no luck. Despite their prickly relationship, they overcome their differences to follow a trail of clues across London in a desperate bid to find their cousin. And ultimately it comes down to Ted, whose brain runs on its own unique operating system, to find the key to the mystery.

11. **Masterminds (series)**
12. **The Misadventures of Edgar and Allen Poe (series)**
13. **Missing on Superstition Mountain**
14. **Moxie and the Art of Rulebreaking**
15. **Murder at Midnight**
16. **Mysterious Benedict Society**
17. **The Name of This Book is Secret**
18. **The Nebula Secret**
19. **Nooks and Crannies**
20. **Platypus Police Squad**
21. **Premeditated Myrtle**
22. **Ra the Mighty: Cat Detective**
23. **Randi Rhodes, Ninja Detective (series)**
24. **The Real McCoys (series)**

25. **Room One: A Mystery or Two**

26. **Scarlet and Ivy**

27. **The Screaming Staircase (series)**

28. **The Secret of Robber's Cave (series)**

By Kristiana Gregory,

Gr 3-5

Patrick Faricy (ill.)

- Lost Island was off limits -- until now. Jeff and David are going to the desert island to search for clues. And hidden treasure! Town legend tells of a robber and a secret cave, but the brothers have to piece the truth together. With the help of their cousin, Claire, they'll get to the bottom of the mystery, no matter what they have to dig up.
- This is book 1 of 8 in the "Cabin Creek Mysteries" series.

29. **The Sherlock Files (series)**

30. **Sherlock Holmes and the Baker Street Irregulars (series)**

31. **The Sisters Grimm**

32. **Swindle**

33. **The Trouble with Chickens (series)**

34. **Under Locker and Key**

35. **Moon Base Alpha**

36. **Strike Three, You're Dead**

37. Who Could That Be at This Hour (series)

by Lemony Snicket

Gr 3+

- The adventure began in a fading town. Far from anyone he knew or trusted, a young Lemony Snicket started an apprenticeship for a secret organization shrouded in mystery and secrecy. He asked questions that shouldn't have been on his mind. Now he has written an account that should not be published that shouldn't be read.
- This is book 1 of 4 in the "All the Wrong Questions" series.

38. Winterborne Home for Vengeance and Valor

39. Winterhouse