

Phillip McAndrew, Young Adult Librarian at the Williamson County Public Library in Franklin, Tennessee was a Jan Stauber Grant winner in 2012 for "Sherlock Holmes' Battle of the Books" for ages 13-18.

FINAL SUMMARY OF THE SHERLOCK HOLMES BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The goal of our event was to encourage teens to read any of the four Sherlock Holmes novels by Arthur Conan Doyle and to participate in a fun-filled competition testing their reading skills and retention.

The grant allowed our library to purchase five copies of each of the following novels: ***Study in Scarlet***, ***Sign of Four***, ***Valley of Fear***, and ***The Hound of the Baskervilles***. We also purchased with the grant funds five copies of ***The Complete Sherlock Holmes*** Two Volume boxed set published by Bantam for prizes.

The event took place on Saturday, November 17th, 2012, on a day designated "Everything Sherlock Day." Two hours before The Battle we screened the cartoon "***Sherlock Holmes in the 22nd Century***" for our young library patrons. After The Battle we showed the 2002 BBC version of ***The Hound of the Baskervilles***. Both showings were well attended.

Before the competition took place and before the prizes were handed out we announced that this event was made possible by a Jan Stauber Grant through The Beacon Society. This was printed on all of our flyers as well as on the library's website and newsletter.

The Sherlock Holmes Battle of the Books consisted of four teams representing the four novels already mentioned. The captain of each team gave a three minute summary of the book before the round of developing 15 questions to test our teen readers.

Team *The Sign of Four*, captained by Ashley De Peri, missed only one question and won. They were followed closely by Team *Valley of Fear*, Team *Study in Scarlet*, and Team *Hound of the Baskervilles*.

In conclusion we can cite two very positive effects that the Jan Stauber Grant had on our library and YA patrons. First, we now have a fantastic new collection of Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes novels in addition to the two-volume study guide set by William Dorn. The second positive effect is that our YA patrons and our librarians have a new-found appreciation for Arthur Conan Doyle. We were all very impressed with the novels and are now going to include them in upcoming YA book clubs and YA summer reading programs.

Thank you for giving the Williamson County Public Library's YA department the opportunity and means to host this event.

Phillip McAndrew, YA Librarian

Sherlock Holmes

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

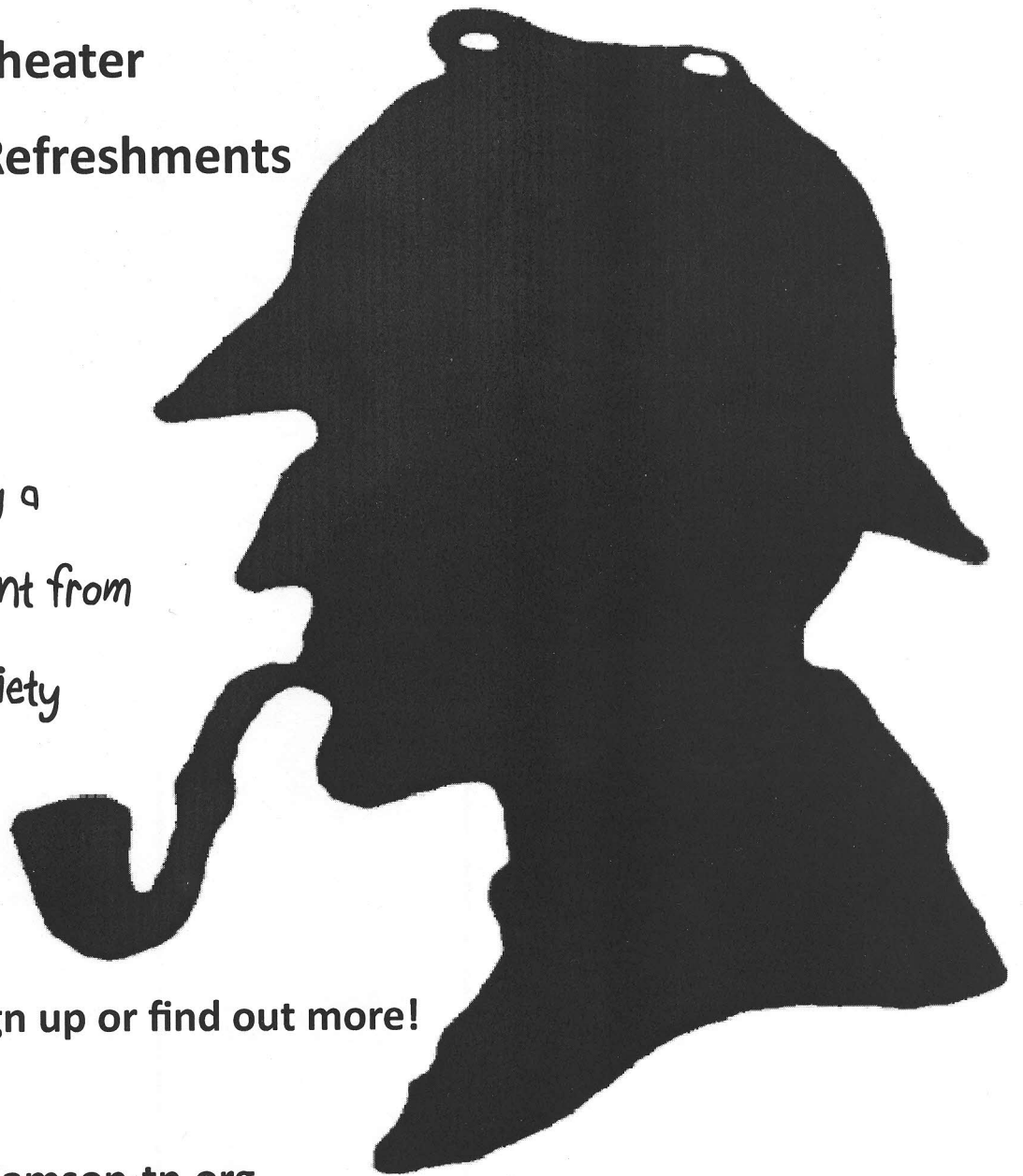
Saturday, November 17th

Noon till 1:00 p.m.

Children's Theater

Prizes and Refreshments

Made possible by a
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Call or email to sign up or find out more!

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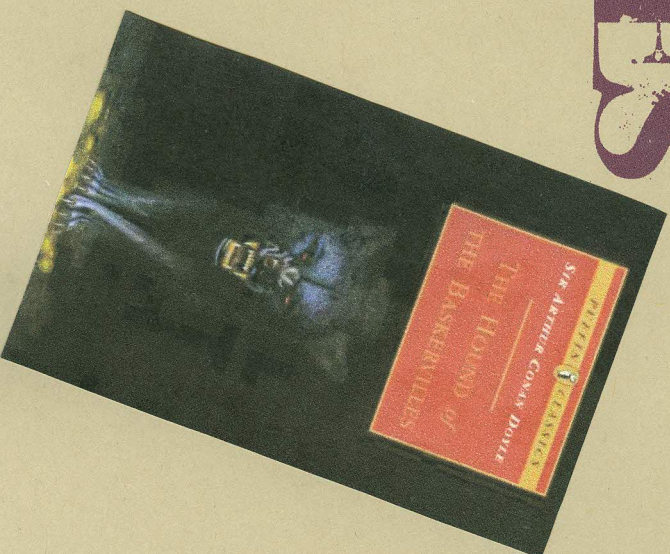
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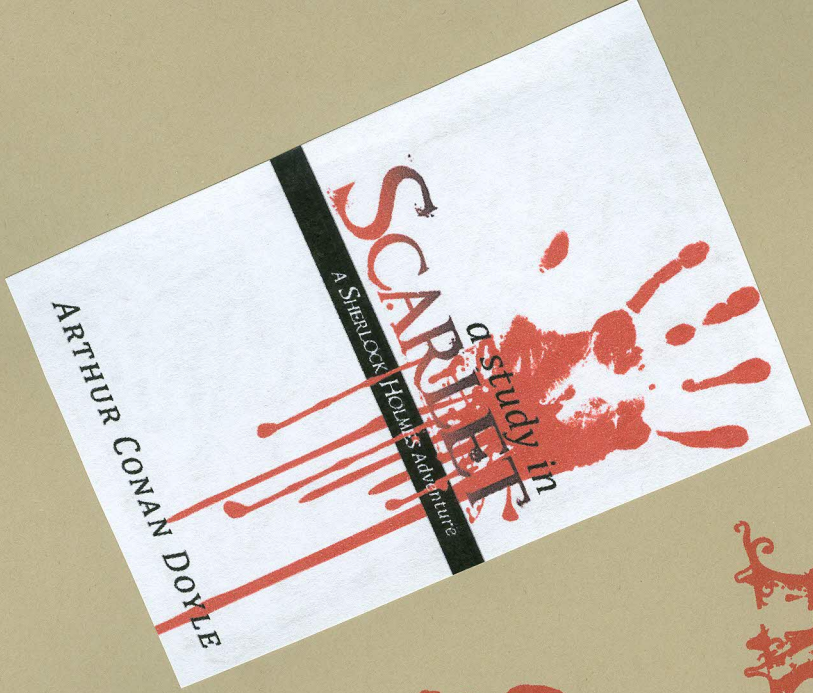
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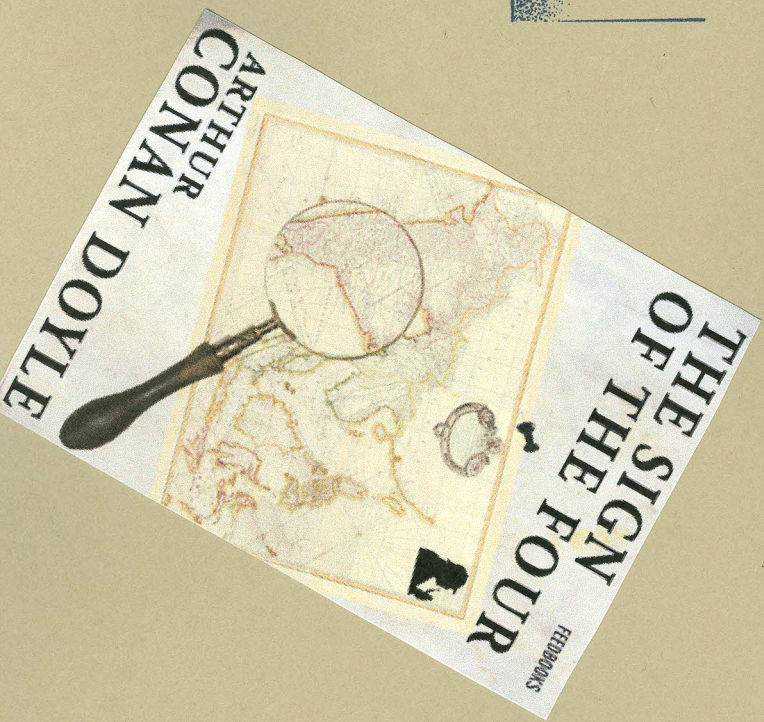
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A Study in
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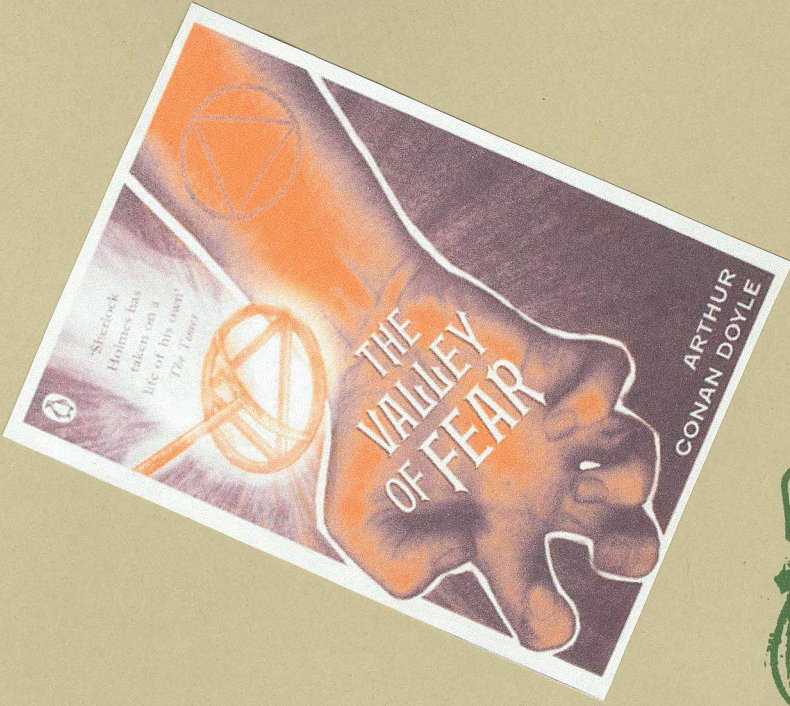
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Valley of Fear