

Jan Stauber Grant Report for the Beacon Society
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Goals

It was the purpose of this program was to introduce middle grade (3rd-5th grade) children to the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and to help children use logic and problem solving to solve a fictitious crime in a fun and interactive way, which requires children to work in groups to solve a crime just the great detective Sherlock Holmes.

The Completed Project

Monday, June 25-Saturday, June 30 was Elementary, Dear Sherlock week at the Hudson Library & Historical Society. There were six days of Sherlock Holmes related activities provided through the library's children's department. There was also a large display promoting the program in the library's vignette near the library's entrance.

The Week's Schedule

Vignette Room Display, June 11-June 30



Passive Programs in the children's room

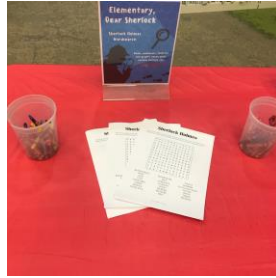
Monday, June 25: passive program, Sherlock Holmes Selfie Station in the children's room

Tuesday, June 26: passive program, Sherlock Holmes word search in the children's room

Wednesday, June 27: passive program, Sherlock Holmes coloring pages in the children's room

Thursday, June 28: passive program, Sherlock Holmes fingerprinting activity in the children's room

Images of Passive Programs



Active Programs in the library's large meeting room

Friday, June 29: active program, *Elementary, Dear Sherlock*. Amanda Flower wrote a short play inspired by *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, and it was performed by local actor Neil Thackaberry. The play told children about Sherlock Holmes and introduced them to the plot of *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. At the end of the actor's performance, he asked to the children to help him solve the case. They were given casebooks with the four suspects and space to record their notes. The children were broken up into nine teams of three or four, and each team was given a clue. They were only allowed to ask yes or no questions of each team. They also had access to the crime scene where Sir Charles Baskerville, the victim in the story, died. Each group was able to solve the case, and the event ended with a speech from Sherlock Holmes and cookies and lemonade.

Images of *Elementary, Dear Sherlock*





Saturday, June 30: active program, Crime Scene Investigation. The library contract with Mad Science of Northeast Ohio to give a presentation on crime scene investigation. The interactive program included interactive elements with children volunteers. The crime scene investigation focused on the science of air and compression. The children solved a robbery case using the evidence that was found at the scene of the crime.

Images of Crime Scene Investigation



Outcomes

For the passive programs, which sat on a table in the children's room throughout the week, we had 425 children participate Monday through Thursday. For the Sherlock Holmes play and investigation on Friday, June 29 we have 37 children participate. For the Crime Scene investigation on Saturday, June 30 we had 93 participants of all ages. Giving us a total of 555 participants in all the Sherlock Holmes related programs throughout the week.

The children were given evaluations to complete on a voluntary basis at the end of both active programs. The evaluation program breakdown for Elementary, Dear Sherlock on Friday was 23-excellent, 4-very good, 3-good, 1-fair. The evaluation programs breakdown for Crime Scene Investigation was 4-excellent, 3-very good, 1-good, 1-fair. Overall, both children and parents loved the events. The vast majority of the library materials and books that we purchased with the grant money checked out on during the week of programming. We did use the full \$500 grant for library books and materials.

List of materials purchased for grant and cost

BOOKS

Author	Title	Edition	ISBN	Cost
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	<i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i> (x2)	Parkwest Pub.	9781782701040	\$15.69

Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	<i>Sherlock Holmes and the Hound of the Baskervilles</i>	Calico Illustrated Classics	9781616411091	\$22.37
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan & Murray Shaw	<i>On the Case with Holmes and Watson – 14 book series</i>	Graphic Universe		\$85.05
Innes, Brian	<i>Forensic Science</i>	Mason Crest	9781422234778	\$19.59
Kawa, Katie	<i>Forensic Detectives</i>	Powerkids	9781508145233	\$20.61
Sims, Michael	<i>Arthur and Sherlock: Conan Doyle and the Creation of Holmes</i>	Bloomsbury USA	9781632860392	\$25.65
Wiese, Jim	<i>Detective Science: 40 Crime-Solving, Case- Breaking, Crook- Catching Activities for Kids</i>	Paw Prints	9781451767056	\$23.95
Berloquin, Pierre	<i>Solving Sherlock Holmes: Puzzle Your Way Through Cases</i>	Wellfleet	9781577151463	\$14.95
Total				\$227.86

AUDIO BOOKS

Author	Title	Edition	ISBN	Cost
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	<i>The Return of Sherlock Holmes</i>	Whodunit	9781469259963	\$14.99
Taylor, John	<i>Benedict Cumberbatch Readers Sherlock Holmes' Rediscovered Railway Stories: Four Original Stories</i>	BBC Books	9781785291579	\$15.19
Weiss, Jim	<i>Sherlock Holmes for Children</i>	The Well-Trained Mind Press	9781942968863	\$17.99
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	<i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i>	Tantor Audio	9781400115150	\$17.99
Weiss, Jim	<i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i>	The Well-Trained Mind Press	9781942968948	\$14.99
Total				\$81.15

STEM KITS

Catch the Thief Science Lab	SmartLab	http://amzn.to/2obKvdb	\$27.40
Forensics Fingerprint Lab	Learning Lab	http://amzn.to/2pMiqsX	\$36.93 \$36.93
Mystery Detective's CSI for Kids	Scientific Explorer	http://amzn.to/2oRIYZW	\$31.39

Scientific Explorer Crime Catchers Spy Science Kit	Scientific Explorer	http://amzn.to/2oYMnmV	\$52.88
Ravensburger Science X CSI Crime Scene Investigation Activity Kit	Ravensburger	http://amzn.to/2pYX4oQ	\$24.34
Total			\$209.87

Total for all books and library materials: \$518.88

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Flower, Emerging Technologies Library, Hudson Library & Historical Society, amanda.flower@hudson.lib.oh.us