

**East Bridgewater Public Library**  
**Final Report for Jan Stauber Grant**  
**Submitted February 27, 2018**

The East Bridgewater Public Library used the Jan Stauber Grant to obtain book materials related to Sherlock Holmes. We also obtained a locked room set from Break-Out EDU. In December 2017 we held our first locked room event, or escape room, with the theme of Sherlock Holmes. Our intent was to expose children, teens and adults to Sherlock Holmes' world through displayed books, maps, quotes and deductive thinking. The Sherlock Holmes locked room event was a rousing success. We ran it 4 separate times in one day, with 10 people in the room each time. We also had a waiting list of people who wanted to attend. All groups needed to open up 5 boxes with the clues all relating to Sherlock Holmes.

Our stated goals were to help our community have a better appreciation of Sherlock Holmes by checking out library materials based on the interest in the locked room event. Our Sherlock Holmes collection was picked over at the end of the event, and many other patrons checked out Sherlock Holmes materials based on just the book display area. The book collection will remain a part of our larger collection for years to come, should anyone continue with the renewed interest in Holmes' world.

The locked room materials have already supported another event held during February vacation week. This was an event based on our country's National Treasures, and had a waiting list, as well, after the 4 time slots were filled with 10 people each. We look forward to offering a locked room event on, at least, a quarterly time frame. We continue to use Sherlock's deductive reasoning in creating the events, hoping to inspire our patrons to use it in solving the room. These continue to be very popular programs and we hope that holds true in the future.

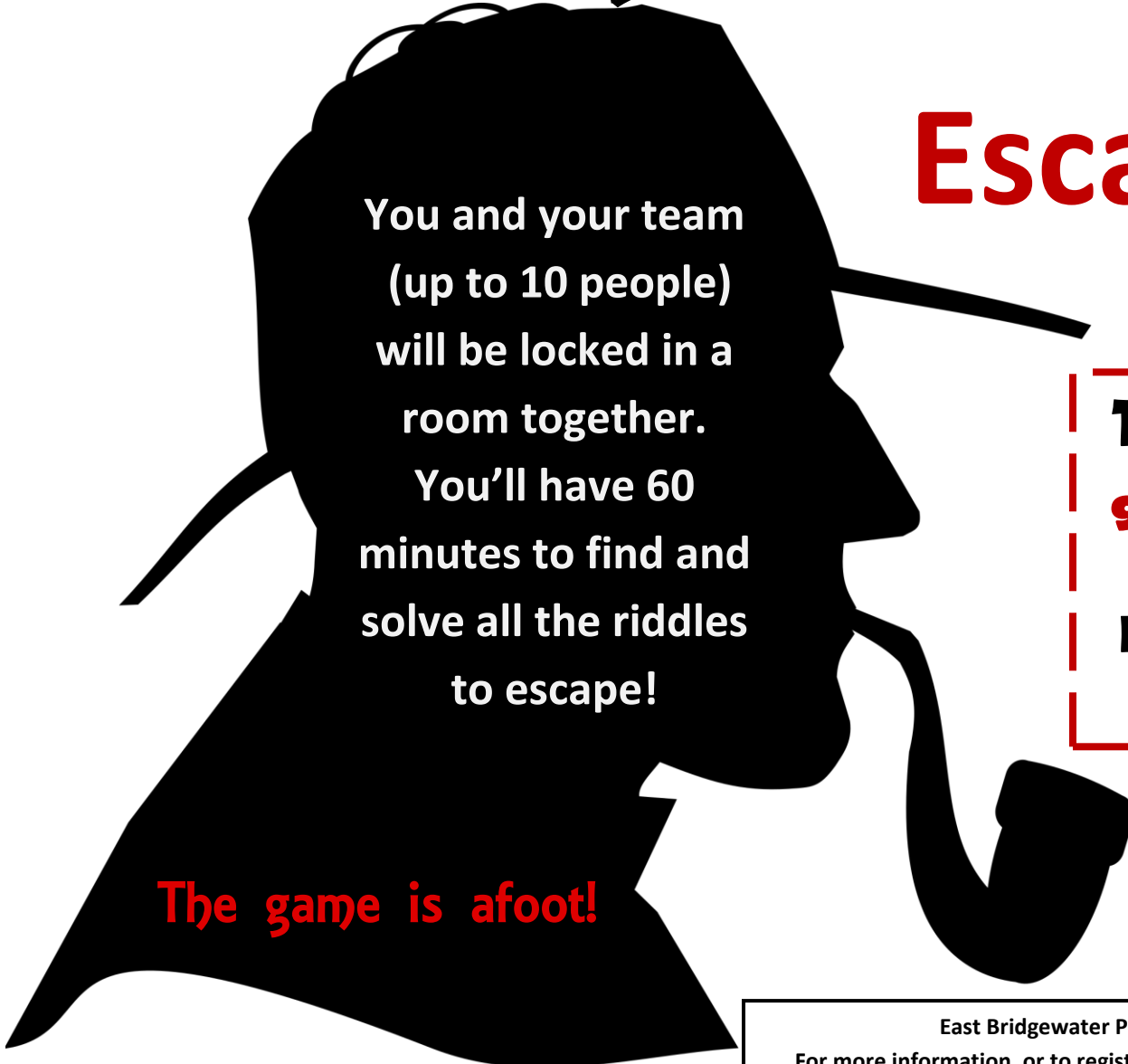
Attached you will find flyers for the original Sherlock Holmes locked room event, and the one held in February. You will also find a collage of the participants after escaping the room during both events, as well as pictures of our book display. We appreciate the opportunity this grant gave us to expand our Sherlock Holmes collection and to provide the means of future, worthwhile programming at the library.

If you have need of further information do not hesitate to contact us.

The East Bridgewater Public Library, through the Jan Stauber Grant, presents:

# A SHERLOCK HOLMES

## Escape Room



You and your team  
(up to 10 people)  
will be locked in a  
room together.  
You'll have 60  
minutes to find and  
solve all the riddles  
to escape!

**The game is afoot!**

**Thursday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30, 11:00, 12:30, 3:00**

**Registration is required**

For ages 6+

East Bridgewater Public Library, 32 Union St., East Bridgewater, MA  
For more information, or to register, contact Jen Finn at 508-378-1616 x125 or [jfinn@sailsinc.org](mailto:jfinn@sailsinc.org)

1<sup>st</sup> Sherlock Holmes Escape Room 12/17 East Bridgewater Public Library, East Bridgewater, MA

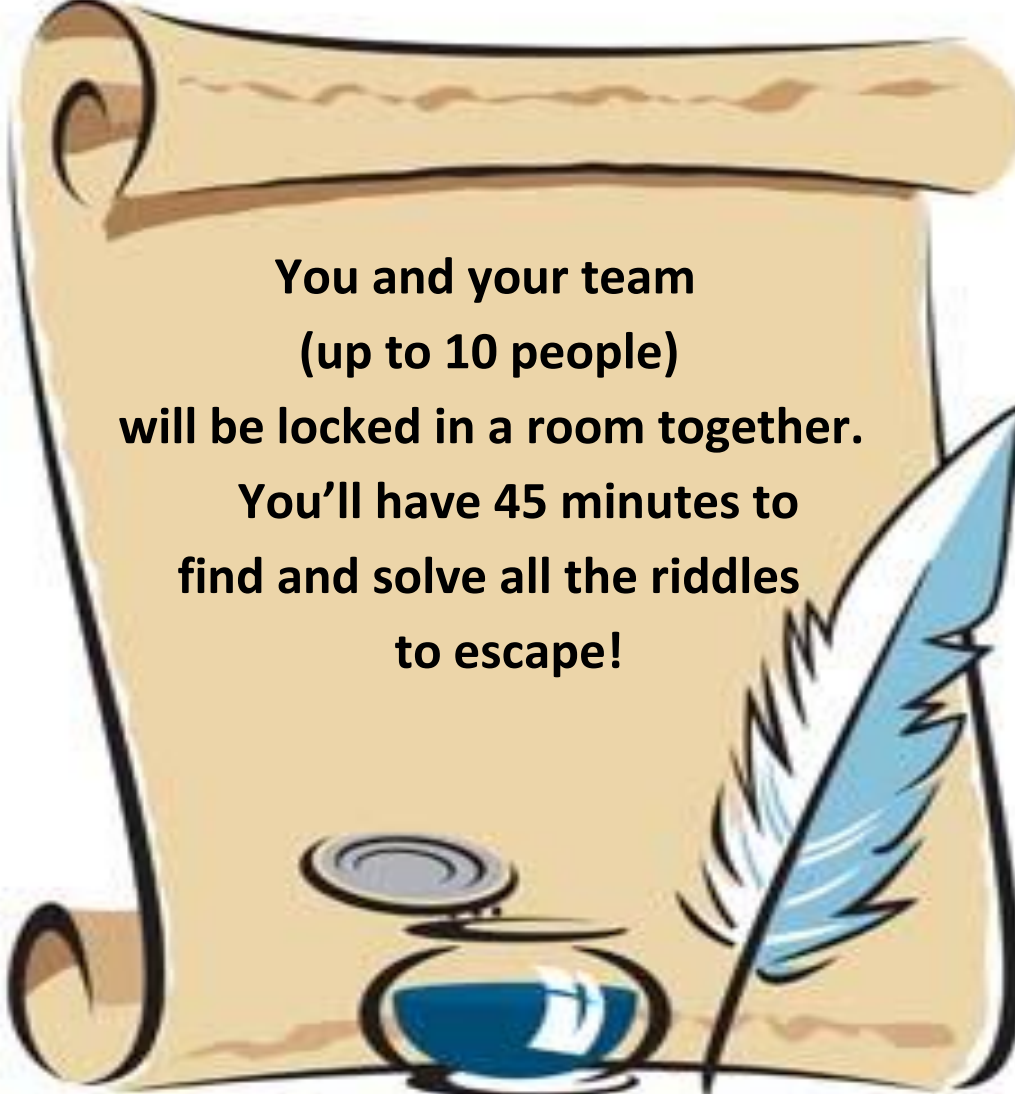


2<sup>nd</sup> Locked Room Event – National Secrets - 2/18



The East Bridgewater Public Library presents:

# *A National Secrets Escape Room*



You and your team  
(up to 10 people)  
will be locked in a room together.  
You'll have 45 minutes to  
find and solve all the riddles  
to escape!

**Thursday,**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**9:30, 11:00, 1:30 & 3:00**

*Registration is required*

**Ages 6+**

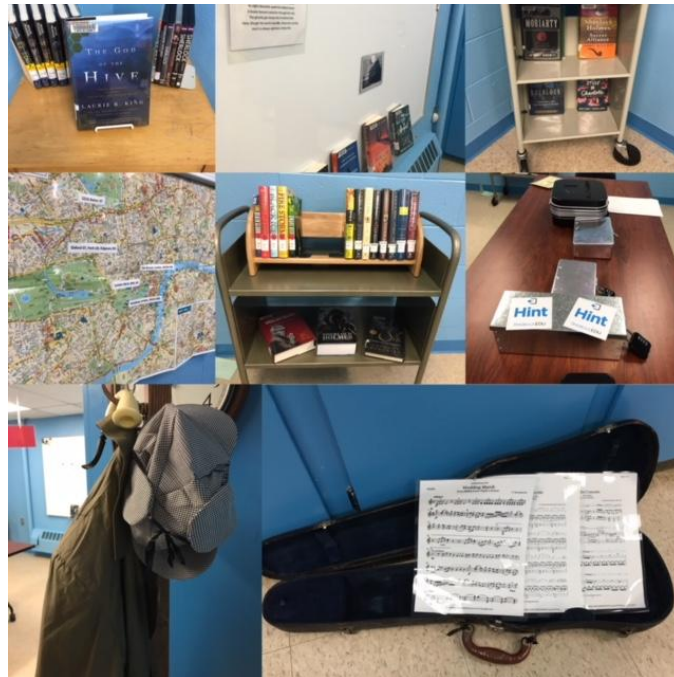
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Sherlock Holmes Book Display Pictures 12/17 – East Bridgewater Public Library, East Bridgewater, MA



**Did you like the**  
**Sherlock Holmes** **aspect of our**  
**Locked Room Event?**



**Then check out a book about**  
**Sherlock Holmes!**

Maybe the original stories by Arthur Conan Doyle or another series based on Sherlock Holmes stories.

***Our next Locked Room Event will be during  
February Vacation week.***

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