



November 2, 2022

2205, Tupper Street  
Montreal, Qc  
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**Re: Report of Final Sherlock Holmes Program at Innovation Youth**

Dear members of the Jan Stauber Grant Program at the Beacon Society,

It is my pleasure to submit a final report of the Sherlock Holmes program at the Innovation Youth children's library. Thanks to the Beacon Society's contribution, we were able to walk alongside our community members as they discovered the literary and cultural significance of Sherlock Holmes. We hope you will find this report informative as you read about our completed project, the goals achieved and how the Beacon Society helped us positively impact the Innovation Youth children's library community.

Description of Completed Project

Upon receiving funding from the Beacon Society, our library team purchase over 20 Sherlock Holmes books in English and French. We purchased a diverse collection (eg: graphic novels in French, children's adaptation of the classics, graphic novels of Enola Holmes, etc) in order to captivate a diverse group of readers. We then created informational posters on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and the main characters of the Sherlock Holmes stories. This poster featured Enola Holmes in order to provide an example of a strong female hero in contemporary mystery literature.

As many children in our community attend French schools and require support in learning French as a second language, we made a poster with key words from the Sherlock universe in French.

Finally, on October 14, we held our first Sherlock Holmes event at the Innovation

Youth children's library! Not only were there a variety of Sherlock-themed books available to read and discuss but we also created puzzles that children could complete with their parents. One of the books featured in this event contained pages full of mysteries for participants to solve using simple tools. The completed project resulted in a family centered activity where children could discover Sherlock and Enola Holmes in English and French while engaging in lively discussions and activities with their peers.

### Goals achieved

After weeks of planning this event, we are pleased to say that the following goals were achieved:

- **Participants will develop a rapport with the library staff and volunteers.** This goal was achieved as the staff members and volunteers present at the event are all experienced workers who regularly interact and build connections with children from this community.
- **Participants will have the opportunity to socialize with peers their age and build friendships.** Not only did the Sherlock Holmes Night feature books but also puzzles and games that children could play together, thus allowing them to bond with one another through play.
- **Participants will have the opportunity to learn the cultural significance of the Sherlock Holmes legacy.** After purchasing the books, we made several social media posts about these new additions to the library. In these ways, children could use an afternoon at the library, or their time on social media platforms, to learn more about the cultural importance of the Sherlock Holmes legacy.
- **Participants will have the opportunity to learn about Sherlock Holmes in French and develop their French reading skills, allowing them to be better integrated into a French-speaking society.** As mentioned above, we bought Sherlock and Enola Holmes books in French. We made sure that these books were for a range of reading levels in order to allow as many children as possible to read these stories in French. Since these books are now available for loan at the children's library,

members have the ongoing opportunity to discover Sherlock Holmes while continually improving their French.

### Project's Impact on Innovation Youth & the Children's Library Community

Obtaining this grant impacted our organization in several ways:

The Beacon society's support allowed us to organize an event that we have never done before. The past two years have been a time of great transition as we have experienced the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on our own organization and our neighborhood community. Due to these challenges, it was difficult to think of new activities to bring to the library that would interest children while also helping them practice French. This grant allowed our organization to achieve both these objectives.

Obtaining the Jan Stauber grant also helped us diversify our library collection; we are pleased to say that we now have over 25 adaptations of Sherlock Holmes stories in various formats that can interest many readers!

The generous support of the Beacon Society also had a positive impact on children and families in our community:

As mentioned above, this grant provided an opportunity for members to build a rapport with library staff and volunteers. By continually being available to the community through these kinds of events, members develop ongoing trust with us.

With all this being said, we would once again like to thank the members of the Jan Stauber Grant Program at the Beacon Society. Your support not only positively impacted Innovation Youth but also our community. This is why we acknowledged the support of the Jan Stauber Grant Program of the Beacon Society in this program. Your generous assistance has been invaluable and we hope to work with you again in the future.

Kind regards,

Christa Smith-Kingston  
Coordinator, Innovation Youth

Jessica Jean-Denis  
Children's library program coordinator, Innovation Youth

Here are some images of the Sherlock Holmes Night event as well as the social media posts that were created to announce the event & the new Sherlock Holmes collection at the library.







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**Les Quatre de Baker Street**  
Tome 1  
*L'affaire du ruban bleu*  
VENTS D'OUEST

Les enquêtes  
**Enola HOLMES**  
d'après le roman de L.  
*La double disparition*  
4,95 €  
12,95 €  
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ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE  
Did you know...  
The first generation of Sherlock Holmes...



Caption used in this social media post:

*Attention all readers who enjoy mysteries! The children's library has acquired several new books on Sherlock Holmes. 🔍 All are welcome to discover classic mystery tales as well as an adaptation of these classics featuring Enola Holmes during our library hours (Tuesdays-Thursdays from 3-6pm and Fridays from 11:30am-5:30pm.) We look forward to discovering this new collection with you! Support for this initiative is provided by the Jan Stauber Grant Program of the Beacon Society.*



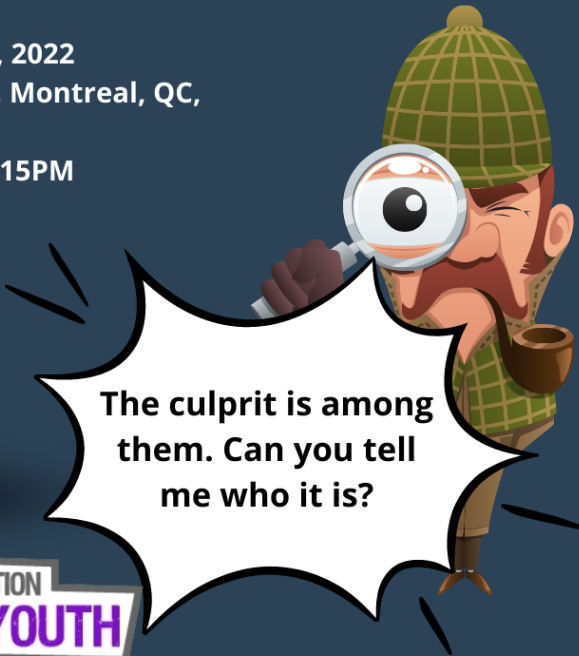
YOU ARE ALL WELCOME TO...

# THE SHERLOCK HOLMES WORKSHOP

DATE: October 14, 2022

PLACE: 2205 Tupper Street, Montreal, QC,  
H3H 1Z4

HOUR(S): 4h30-5h15PM



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Caption used in this social media post:

*Children 6-12 years old are invited for a special reading event on Friday October 14 at the library! Together, we will read and discuss retellings of classic Sherlock Holmes stories.*

*👣🔍 We will also take the opportunity to discover the Sherlock universe in French and encounter Emola Holmes, a new female hero! We look forward to seeing you on this special (and mysterious) reading event!*

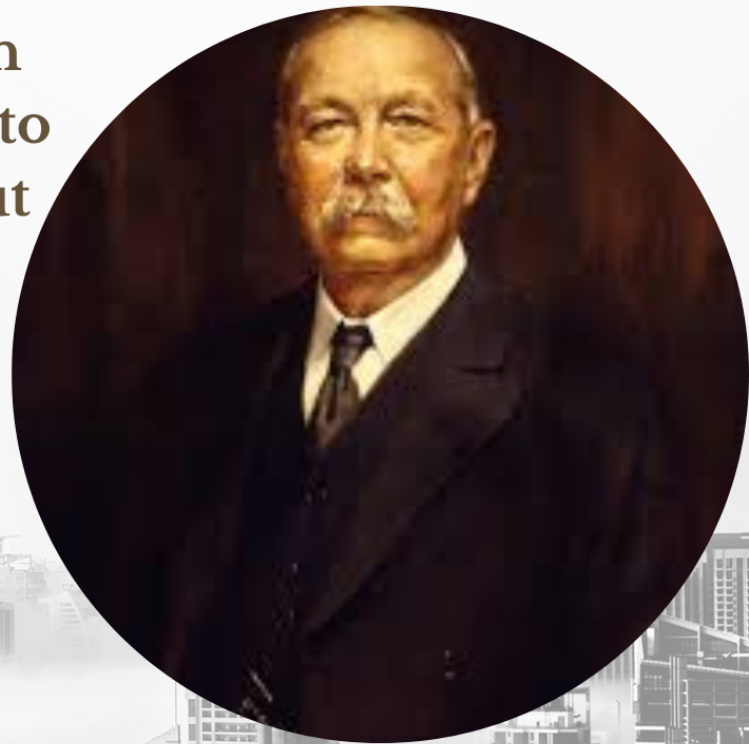
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## *Did you know?*

Conan Doyle was also an enthusiastic investigator. He resolved a few mysteries. Particularly, the one he succeeded to free Oscar Slater out of prison. Oscar Slater was convicted à tort pour le murder of a 82 old woman.

Doyle presented himself as the candidate in the parliament in 1900 and in 1906. He was able to get a good number of votes but never succeeded to win.

# **ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE**



He started an ophthalmology clinic in London, but failed. This is what pushed him to writing.

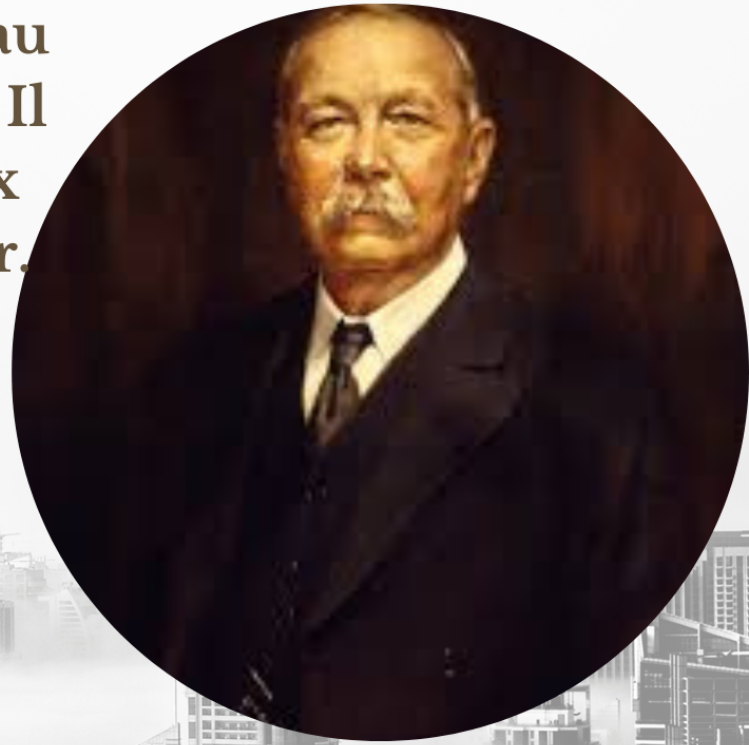
He volunteered as a military doctor on a navy for Africa. This experience inspired him to write one of his story "The captain of the Polestar".

# Le Savais-tu?

Conan Doyle était aussi un enquêteur enthousiaste. Il a résolu en amateur quelques mystères. Un particulier qui a gagné en popularité a été lorsqu'il a réussi à faire libérer Oscar Slater de prison. Oscar Slater a été condamné à tort pour le meurtre d'une femme de 82 ans.

Doyle s'est présenté deux fois au parlement en 1900 et en 1906. Il a reçu un bon nombre de voix mais n'a jamais réussi à gagner.

## ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE



Il a commencé un cabinet d'ophtalmologie à Londres, mais a échoué, ce qui a poussé Doyle à recourir à l'écriture.

Il a fait du bénévolat comme médecin militaire sur un navire pour l'Afrique. Cette expérience l'a inspiré à écrire l'une de ses histoires qu'il a intitulée "Le capitaine de l'Étoile polaire".

# MAIN CHARACTERS

## Sherlock Holmes

He seems to be a cold person. Watson describes him as a machine with no emotion. He can at times nervous, restless, and impatient.

He is egoist, resents less intelligent people, or those who disagree with him.

He is sensitive to flattery and likes to be admired.



## John H. Watson

He is an intelligent, patient and responsive observer, but his detective skills are not to the level of Holmes.



## Enola Holmes

She is an independent and courageous like the two others!



# PERSONNAGES PRINCIPAUX

## Sherlock Holmes

Il apparaît comme quelqu'un de froid.

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Il est sensible à la flatterie et aime être admiré.



## John H. Watson

Il est un observateur intelligent, patient et sensible, mais ses capacités de détection ne sont pas à la hauteur de Holmes.



## Enola Holmes

Elle est indépendante et courageuse comme les deux autres!



Aventure

Mystère

# SHERLOCK HOLMES

*Écrit par: Arthur  
Conan Doyle*

Criminel

Londres

Déduction

