

Secret Library Parcel

HOST ONLY - preparation and story

Includes answers. Keep these pages with an adult.

A library parcel was returned without a shelf label. Decode the note, compare its title fragment and match the three readers to their books. Collect five named badge digits and use the final sheet. Every clue is on the table; ask the host for one hint at a time.

1. Print one player pack and two record sheets per team. Keep the host answers and all three hint levels with the adult.
2. Keep every clue as a full sheet at one table. Put the final sheet face down until all five results are recorded. Nothing needs cutting, folding or hiding.
3. Give each child a pencil. Choose a reader, recorder and checker, and swap jobs after each clue. Use one team for 2-4 children or two teams for 5-6.

Players: 4; teams: 1. Print one player and prop set per team. Invitations and certificates: 4 each.

Paper and pencils are enough. Keep whole sheets at one table; nothing needs cutting, folding or hiding.

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HOST ONLY - solution guide

1. Note: 5

The decoded word is BOOK; its row gives 5.

2. Title: 8

Only row 3 has BOOK followed immediately by 8. Other rows have changed or reversed letters.

3. Order: 6

The only order is Log return > Check title > Find shelf > Place parcel. Position 3 carries 6.

4. Reader: 8

Mia has Poem; Leo has Fable; Nia has Atlas. Leo's item gives 8.

5. Shelf: 8

B1, C2, C2, D3 reads BOOK. The conversion table gives 8.

6. Final: 56888

A2 > C2 > D2 > B2 > E2

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HOST ONLY - timeline and paper check

3 minutes: Read the story, show the badge record and choose roles.

4 minutes: Solve Note. Offer one hint level at a time if wanted.

undefined minutes: Solve Title. Offer one hint level at a time if wanted.

5 minutes: Solve Order. Offer one hint level at a time if wanted.

6 minutes: Solve Reader. Offer one hint level at a time if wanted.

5 minutes: Solve Shelf. Offer one hint level at a time if wanted.

5 minutes: Use the five results on the final sheet.

2 minutes: Read the ending and thank each teammate.

Paper completion: check each badge against the solution guide, then check the final code. No device is required.

The parcel is on its proper shelf. The reading club can begin its next chapter. Thank your team for checking the evidence together. Confirmed final control code: 56888.

Duration and ages are estimates. Adjust pace and offer help for your group.

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Player clue 1: Note | Team 1

A library parcel was returned without a shelf label. Decode the note, compare its title fragment and match the three readers to their books. Find five badge digits, then use the final sheet. Help each other and ask for hints.

Note desk: Decode all shapes in message order. Repeated shapes repeat their letter. Convert the full word using the table.



heart = B



cross = O



hexagon = K



heart



cross



cross



hexagon

BOOK = 5

CASE = 8

VASE = 1

Note badge: _____

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Player clue 2: Title | Team 1

Title desk: Find the exact word BOOK, reading RIGHT only. Reject near matches and reversed words. Copy the digit immediately after it.

Find BOOK; only read to the RIGHT.

B	O	O	X	8	A	B	C
K	O	O	B	2	A	B	C
B	O	O	K	8	D	E	F
C	A	M	P	9	S	U	N

Answer = digit in the next square after the word.

Title badge: _____

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Player clue 3: Order | Team 1

Order desk: Combine every BEFORE rule to order the four actions. Write positions on the whole-sheet cards. Read position 3.

Place parcel [8]	Check title [4]
Log return [2]	Find shelf [6]

- Log return BEFORE Find shelf
- Check title BEFORE Place parcel
- Find shelf BEFORE Place parcel
- Log return BEFORE Check title
- Check title BEFORE Find shelf

Read position 3 (positions start at 1).

Order badge: _____

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Player clue 4: Reader | Team 1

Reader desk: Each person has ONE different item. Use all four NOT rules.
Find Leo's item and copy its digit.

Atlas digit 5	Fable digit 8	Poem digit 1
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People: Mia, Leo, Nia

- Mia does NOT have Fable.
- Leo does NOT have Poem.
- Leo does NOT have Atlas.
- Nia does NOT have Poem.

Find Leo's item. Each item is used once.

Reader badge: _____

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Player clue 5: Shelf | Team 1

Shelf desk: Read the letter at each coordinate, in order. Letter = column; number = row. Convert the complete word using the printed table.

Columns: A, B, C, D. Rows: 1, 2, 3.

1	P	B	V	Y
2	U	X	O	D
3	Z	C	F	K

BOOK = 8
CASE = 1
VASE = 4

READ COORDINATES IN ORDER:

B1 > C2 > C2 > D3

Shelf badge: _____

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Player clue 6: Final | Team 1

Copy each badge digit into its named slot. Read the slots in the printed order; join all five digits.

A2: Note ?	B2: Title ?	C2: Order ?
D2: Reader ?	E2: Shelf ?	

READ SLOTS IN THIS ORDER:

A2 > C2 > D2 > B2 > E2

Final badge: _____

Need help? Ask your host for one hint at a time.

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Hint cards - level 1 (spoilers; keep with host)

1. Note

Use the letter under each named shape.

2. Title

Start at B and check every letter.

3. Order

The printed cards are deliberately out of order.

4. Reader

No item can belong to two people. Cross out each forbidden pairing.

5. Shelf

Columns A-D run left to right. Rows 1-3 run top to bottom.

6. Final

Keep all five named badge results beside this sheet.

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Hint cards - level 2 (spoilers; keep with host)

1. Note

The first two shapes give B then O. Decode the remaining shapes the same way.

2. Title

The exact word starts in row 3, column 1. Check its letters against the target.

3. Order

Log return must come first. Work out which action comes directly after it.

4. Reader

Leo cannot have two items, so Leo must have Fable.

5. Shelf

The first coordinate B1 means column B, row 1. Its letter is B.

6. Final

A2 is read first; it holds Note.

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Hint cards - level 3 (spoilers; keep with host)

1. Note

Write BO first, then one letter per remaining shape. Choose the table row matching the whole message.

2. Title

In that row, copy column 5, the cell immediately after the complete word.

3. Order

The first two actions are Log return, then Check title. Finish the chain and read position 3.

4. Reader

Cross Fable off for the other two people. Apply the last NOT rule, then find Leo's item.

5. Shelf

Begin with B, then read C2, C2, D3 in order. Use the complete word's conversion row.

6. Final

Read slots A2, C2, D2, B2, E2. Copy every stored digit in that order, including zero.

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Team 1 badge record (no cutting needed)

Write a digit beside each badge as you solve its clue.

Note: _____

Title: _____

Order: _____

Reader: _____

Shelf: _____

Reader: reads the clue. Recorder: writes the digit. Path finder: traces routes. Swap roles every clue.

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Team 1 paper unlock card

Our five badges are ready. We used the final sheet to find this code:

Host: compare this with your solution guide. When it matches, read the ending and celebrate.

No physical lock or prize is required. You may draw a celebration star on this card.

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You're invited to a birthday mystery!

Join Birthday Explorer for Secret Library Parcel.

Locate the library parcel from its borrowing and shelf records.

Date: _____

Time: _____

Place: _____

Bring your curiosity. Paper and pencils are provided. Work together, share ideas and solve six clues.

Designed for ages 8-10. Estimated 30-45 minutes.

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Presented to Birthday Explorer

Team member: _____

For completing Secret Library Parcel with curiosity,
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