

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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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.