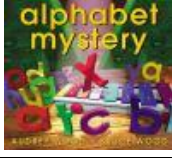

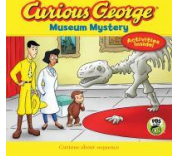

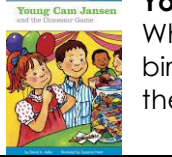



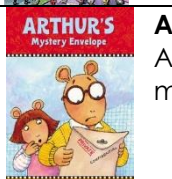


Mystery Fiction

All of the following books are owned by the Fair Lawn Public Library and are shelved in the fiction section by the author's last name. Also try other books by the authors on this list, or look through the fiction section for purple mystery stickers.

<p>Picture Book</p>		<p>Alphabet Mystery By Audrey Wood Little x is missing from Charley's Alphabet. The other lowercase letters go off to solve the mystery of his disappearance, learning in the end how valuable a little x can be.</p>
<p>Picture Book</p>		<p>The ABC Mystery By Doug Cushman An alphabetical list of people, objects, and clues leads Inspector McGroom to a stolen work of art.</p>
<p>Picture Book</p>		<p>Museum Mystery By H. A. Rey Helping the science museum unveil a new dinosaur skeleton that is missing one bone, George teams up with the man with the yellow hat to retrace their steps to discover where the bone went missing.</p>
<p>Picture Book</p>		<p>The Mystery of the Haunted Farm By Elys Dolan When spooky things begin to happen on his farm, Farmer Greg contacts a team of ghost-hunting pigs. Together they discover there's something suspicious about the chicken coop up on the hill, but the pigs soon realize that perhaps all is not quite as it seems.</p>
<p>J</p>		<p>Young Cam Jansen and the Dinosaur Game By David Adler When eight-year-old sleuth Cam Jansen and her friend Eric go to a birthday party, she uses her photographic memory to solve the puzzle of the dinosaur count.</p>
<p>K</p>		<p>Inspector Hopper By Doug Cushman Inspector Hopper and his perpetually hungry assistant McBugg solve three mysteries for their insect friends.</p>
<p>K</p>		<p>Nate the Great By Marjorie Weinman Sharmat Super-detective Nate tracks down Annie's missing picture and finds a lost cat in the bargain.</p>
<p>L</p>		<p>Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds By David Adler First in the "Cam Jansen" series. When Cam Jansen and her friend Eric believe the police have caught an innocent man, they decide to take the situation into their own hands and discover for themselves who really robbed Parker's Jewelry Store.</p>
<p>M</p>		<p>Arthur's Mystery Envelope By Marc Brown Arthur has to take a big envelope marked "confidential" home to his mother.</p>

M		<p>Judy Moody Girl Detectives By Megan McDonald When a puppy who is being trained as a police dog goes missing, third-grader Judy forms a detective agency to solve the mystery, imitating her literary heroine, Nancy Drew.</p>
N		<p>The Absent Author By Ron Roy First in the "A to Z Mysteries" series. Dirk Duncan and his two friends investigate the apparent kidnapping of famous mystery author Wallis Wallace.</p>
N		<p>Framed! A T.O.A.S.T Mystery By James Ponti In Washington, D.C., twelve-year-old Florian Bates, a consulting detective for the FBI, and his best friend Margaret help thwart the biggest art heist in United States history.</p>
N		<p>Nancy Clancy: Super Sleuth By Jane O'Connor When Nancy finds an old desk at a tag sale, she soon finds out that someone left behind a key. Nancy and Bree set out to unlock the secret of the silver key in the hopes of finding some treasure along the way.</p>
O		<p>The Boxcar Children By Gertrude Chandler Warner First in the "Boxcar Children" series. Four orphaned children make their home in an abandoned boxcar. Their goal is to stay together and in the process they find a grandfather, with whom they solve mysteries.</p>
O		<p>The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure By Doreen Cronin Dirt, Sweetie, Poppy, and Sugar might be chicks, but they sure aren't chicken. They're the Chicken Squad, and it's up to them to figure out what Tail, the not-so-brave squirrel, is so afraid of. Can our fearless, fluffy heroes defeat something that could very well be from out of this world?</p>
O		<p>Inspector Flytrap By Tom Angleburger Hoping to become the greatest detective that ever grew, Inspector Flytrap, a Venus Flytrap, and his assistant, Nina the Goat, investigate "big deal" mysteries at an art museum, a cookie shop, and a garden.</p>
O		<p>Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye By Geronimo Stilton First in the "Geronimo Stilton" series. When Geronimo's sister, Thea, discovers an old, mysterious map showing a secret treasure hidden on a faraway island, the gang of the "Rodent's Gazette" is dragged into a treasure hunt.</p>
P		<p>Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective By Donald Sobol First in the "Encyclopedia Brown" series. Leroy Brown, aka Encyclopedia Brown, is Idaville neighborhood's ten-year-old star detective. With an uncanny knack for trivia, he solves mysteries for the neighborhood kids through his own detective agency.</p>

P		<p>Who Stole the Wizard of Oz? By Avi Becky and her brother use some ingenious clues to identify the person who stole five children's books from the town's library.</p>
Q		<p>Brixton Brothers: Case of the Mistaken Identity By Mac Barnett When twelve-year-old Steve Brixton, a fan of Bailey Brothers detective novels, is mistaken for a real detective, he must elude librarians, police, and the mysterious Mr. E as he seeks a missing quilt containing coded information.</p>
Q		<p>Bunnica: a Rabbit Tale of Mystery By Deborah & James Howe Though scoffed at by Harold the Dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their founding baby bunny must be a vampire.</p>
Q		<p>Half-Moon Investigations By Eoin Colfer Twelve-year-old private investigator Fletcher Moon, nicknamed "Half Moon" because he is short, must track down a conspiracy or be framed for a crime he did not commit.</p>
Q		<p>Help! I'm a Prisoner in the Library By Eth Clifford Two girls spend an adventurous night trapped inside the public library during a terrible blizzard.</p>
Q		<p>King Tut's Grandmother By Roberto Pavanella The mummy of King Tut's grandmother is the main attraction at the Fogville museum, but Echo the bat and his human friends, the Bat Pack, discover that at night she is rising from her sarcophagus--can they find a way to bring peace to this restless mummy?</p>
Q		<p>The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog By John Erickson First in the "Hank the Cowdog" series. Hank the cowdog, Head of Ranch Security, is framed for the murder of a chicken and becomes an outlaw with the coyotes.</p>
Q		<p>Timmy Failure Mistakes Were Made By Stephan Pastis Meet Timmy Failure, the founder, president, and CEO of the best detective agency in town, probably the nation. And his lazy sidekick, Total, a 1,500-pound polar bear.</p>
R		<p>The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse By Bruce Hale First in the "Chet Gecko" series. When hired by a fellow fourth-grader to find her missing brother, Chet Gecko uncovers a plot involving a Gila monster's revenge on the school football team.</p>

R		<p>Key Hunters: The Mysterious Moonstone By Eric Luper Neither Cleo nor Evan like the new school librarian, Ms. Crowley, but they are curious about where she disappears to at the back of the library. So one day, they follow her--and find a secret door, a magical library full of locked books. Inside, there is a letter from the previous librarian telling them that she is trapped somewhere between the covers of one of the enchanted books and that they must travel through the stories in order to save her.</p>
R		<p>Mrs. Smith's Spy School for Girls By Beth McMullen Twelve-year-old Abigail is shocked to discover her elite boarding school is really a cover for a huge spy ring, and that she must undergo Spy Training 101 in order to save her mother, who happens to be the spy ring's top agent.</p>
R		<p>The Red Blazer Girls. By Michael Beil Seventh-graders Sophie, Margaret, Rebecca, and Leigh Ann follow a trail of cryptic clues to locate a rare violin, catch the person sneaking into St. Veronica's School for late-night cleaning and redecorating, and outsmart a conniving classmate.</p>
S		<p>Floors By Patrick Carma Ten-year-old Leo's future and the fate of the extraordinary Whippet Hotel, where his father is the maintenance man, are at stake when a series of cryptic boxes leads Leo to hidden floors, strange puzzles, and unexpected alliances.</p>
S		<p>From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basel E. Frankweiler By E.L. Konigsburg Having run away with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, twelve-year-old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home and to become a changed person and a heroine to herself.</p>
S		<p>The Great Cake Mystery: Precious Ramotswe's Very First Case By Alexander McCall Smith Before becoming the first female private investigator in Botswana, eight-year-old Precious Ramotswe tracks down a thief who has been stealing her classmates' snacks.</p>
S		<p>The House with a Clock in its Walls By Johns Bellairs First in the "Lewis Barnavelt" series. A boy goes to live with his magician uncle in a mansion that has a clock hidden in the walls which is ticking off the minutes until doomsday.</p>
S		<p>Missing on Superstition Mountain By Elise Broach When brothers Simon, Henry, and Jack move with their parents to Arizona, they are irresistibly drawn to explore the aptly named Superstition Mountain, in spite of warnings that it is not safe.</p>

S		<p>Mysteries According to Humphrey By Betty Birney After learning about Sherlock Holmes, Humphrey the classroom hamster follows clues to try to discover why Mrs. Brisbane is gone and Mr. E, a fun but not very educational substitute, is taking her place in Room 26 at Longfellow School.</p>
S		<p>Room One: a Mystery or Two By Andrew Clements Ted Hammond, the only sixth grader in his small Nebraska town's one-room schoolhouse, searches for clues to the disappearance of a homeless family.</p>
T		<p>Book Scavenger By Jennifer Chambliss Bertman Just after twelve-year-old Emily and her family move to San Francisco, she teams up with new friend James to follow clues in an odd book they find. They are hoping to figure out its secrets before the men who attacked Emily's hero, publisher Garrison Griswold, solve the mystery or come after the friends.</p>
T		<p>Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett When strange and seemingly unrelated events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal.</p>
T		<p>Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library By Chris Grabenstein Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.</p>
T		<p>Eye of the Crow By Shane Peacock First in the "Boy Sherlock Holmes" series. Partly for fun, Sherlock Holmes focuses his attention on a sensational murder to see if he can solve it. But his game turns deadly serious when he finds himself the accused — and in London, they hang boys of thirteen.</p>
T		<p>Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson Emotionally crippled by his obsessive-compulsive disorder, teenager Matthew Corbin rarely leaves his room on a cul-de-sac in London passing the day observing & writing down his neighbors doings from his window-- but when a toddler staying next door disappears Matt is the key to solving a mystery & possibly saving a child's life...if he can manage to expose himself & his secret guilt to the outside world.</p>
T		<p>Found By Margaret Peterson Haddix, First in the "Missing" series. When thirteen-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn that they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel and two opposing forces, each trying to repair the fabric of time.</p>
T		<p>Harriet the Spy By Louise Fitzhugh Eleven-year-old Harriet keeps notes on her classmates and neighbors in a secret notebook, but when some of the students read the notebook, they seek revenge.</p>

T		<p>The Humming Room By Ellen Potter Twelve-year-old orphan Roo Fanshaw is sent to live with an uncle she never knew in a largely uninhabited mansion on Cough Rock Island. There she discovers a wild river boy, an invalid cousin, and the mysteries of a hidden garden.</p>
T		<p>Into the Lion's Den By Linda Fairstein Twelve year old Devlin Quick is determined to bring a thief to justice when someone steals a page out of a rare maps book in the New York Public Library.</p>
T		<p>Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief By Wendelin Van Draanen, First in the "Sammy Keyes" series. Thirteen-year-old Sammy's penchant for speaking her mind gets her in trouble when she involves herself in the investigation of a robbery at the "seedy" hotel across the street from the seniors' building where she lives with her grandmother.</p>
T		<p>Shakespeare's Secret By Elise Broach Named after a character in a Shakespeare play, misfit sixth-grader Hero becomes interested in exploring this unusual connection because of a valuable diamond supposedly hidden in her new house, an intriguing neighbor, and the unexpected attention of the most popular boy in school.</p>
T		<p>Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer By John Grisham First in the "Theodore Boone" series. With two attorneys for parents, thirteen-year-old Theodore Boone knows more about the law than most lawyers do. But when a high profile murder trial comes to his small town and Theo gets pulled into it, it's up to this amateur attorney to save the day.</p>
U		<p>Belly Up! Murder at Fun Jungle By Stewart Gibbs Twelve-year-old Teddy investigates when a popular Texas zoo's star attraction--Henry the hippopotamus--is murdered.</p>
U		<p>The Candymakers By Mass, Wendy When four twelve-year-olds, including Logan, who has never left his parents' Life Is Sweet candy factory, compete in the Confectionary Association's annual contest, they unexpectedly become friends and uncover secrets about themselves during the process.</p>
U		<p>Eleven By Patricia Reilly Giff When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, it brings forth memories from his past. With the help of a new friend at school and the castle they are building for a school project, his questions are eventually answered.</p>
U		<p>The Fairy-Tale Detectives By Michael Buckley First in the "Sisters Grimm" series. Orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are sent to live with an eccentric grandmother that they have always believed to be dead.</p>

U		<p>Ginger Pye By Eleanor Estes The disappearance of a new puppy named Ginger and the appearance of a mysterious man in a mustard yellow hat bring excitement into the lives of the Pye children.</p>
U		<p>Greenglass House Kate Milford At Greenglass House, a smuggler's inn, twelve-year-old Milo, the innkeepers' adopted son, plans to spend his winter holidays relaxing but soon guests are arriving with strange stories about the house sending Milo and Meddy, the cook's daughter, on an adventure.</p>
U		<p>The Maze of Bones By Rick Riordan First in the "39 Clues" series. 39 Clues hidden around the world will reveal this family's secret, but no one has been able to assemble them. Now the clues race is on, and young Amy and Dan must decide what's important: hunting clues or uncovering what REALLY happened to their parents.</p>
U		<p>Moon over Manifest By Clare Vanderpool Twelve-year-old Abilene Tucker is the daughter of a drifter who, in the summer of 1936, sends her to stay with an old friend in Manifest, Kansas, where he grew up, and where she hopes to find out some things about his past.</p>
U		<p>The Name of this Book is Secret By Pseudonymous Bosch First in the "Secret" series. Two eleven-year-old misfits try to solve the mystery of a dead magician and stop the evil Dr. L and Ms. Mauvais, who are searching for the secret of immortality.</p>
U		<p>Wilma Tenderfoot: the Case of the Frozen Hearts By Emma Kennedy Wilma Tenderfoot, a ten-year-old orphan who lives at Cooper Island's Lowside Institute for Woeful Children, dreams of escape and of becoming the apprentice of the world-famous detective Theodore P. Goodman, whose every case she follows devotedly in the newspaper.</p>
V		<p>City of Orphans By Avi In 1893 New York, thirteen-year-old Maks, a newsboy, teams up with Willa, a homeless girl, to clear his older sister, Emma, from charges that she stole from the brand new Waldorf hotel, where she works.</p>
V		<p>Horten's Miraculous Mechanisms By Lissa Evans As if being small and having S. Horten as his name isn't bad enough, now 10-year-old Stuart is forced to move far away from all his friends. But on his very first day in his new home, Stuart's swept up in an extraordinary adventure: the quest to find his great-uncle Tony--a famous magician who literally disappeared off the face of the earth--and Tony's marvelous, long-lost workshop.</p>

V		<p>The House of Dies Drear By Hamilton, Virginia An African American family tries to unravel the secrets of their new home which was once a stop on the Underground Railroad.</p>
V		<p>Liar & Spy By Rebecca Stead Seventh-grader Georges adjusts to moving from a house to an apartment, his father's efforts to start a new business, his mother's extra shifts as a nurse, being picked on at school, and Safer, a boy who wants his help spying on another resident of their building.</p>
V		<p>The Mysterious Benedict Society By Trenton Lee Stewart First in the "Mysterious Benedict Society" series. After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.</p>
V		<p>The Mysterious Howling By Mayrose Wood First in the "Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place" series. Fifteen-year-old Miss Penelope Lumley, a recent graduate of the Swanburne Academy for Poor Bright Females, is hired as governess to three young children who have been raised by wolves. She must teach them to behave in a civilized manner quickly in preparation for a Christmas ball.</p>
V		<p>The Unbreakable Code By Jennifer Chambliss Bertman Mr. Quisling is definitely up to something mysterious, and Emily and James are on high alert. First, there's the coded note he drops at a book event. Then, Emily and James uncover a trail of encrypted messages in books by Mark Twain hidden through Book Scavenger. What is most suspicious is that each hidden book triggers arson.</p>
V		<p>The Westing Game By Ellen Raskin The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.</p>
V		<p>Who Could That Be at this Hour? By Lemony Snicket First in the "All the Wrong Questions" series. Thirteen-year-old Lemony Snicket begins his apprenticeship with S. Theodora Markson of the secretive V.F.D. in the tiny dot of a town called Stain'd By The Sea, where he helps investigate the theft of a statue.</p>
W		<p>Gilda Joyce, Psychic Investigator By Jennifer Allison During the summer before ninth grade, intrepid Gilda Joyce invites herself to the San Francisco mansion of distant cousin Lester Splinter and his thirteen-year-old daughter, where she uses her purported psychic abilities and detective skills to solve the mystery of the mansion's boarded-up tower.</p>

W		<p>Hoot By Carl Hiaasen Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.</p>
W		<p>The Invention of Hugo Cabret By Brian Selznick When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.</p>
W		<p>Three Times Lucky By Shelie Turnage Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale become detectives when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a café and co-parent of Mo with his cook, Miss Lana, become implicated in a murder.</p>
X		<p>Last Shot: a Final Four Mystery By John Feinstein After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth graders Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game.</p>
X		<p>The London Eye Mystery By Siobhan Dowd When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.</p>
Y		<p>The Case of the Missing Marquess By Nancy Springer First in the "Enola Holmes Mysteries" series. Enola Holmes, much younger sister of detective Sherlock Holmes, must travel to London in disguise to unravel the disappearance of her missing mother.</p>
Y		<p>Dead End in Norvelt By Jack Gantos In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore involving the newly dead, molten wax, twisted promises, Girl Scout cookies, underage driving, and lessons from history, typewriting, and countless bloody noses.</p>
Y		<p>The Face on the Milk Carton By Caroline B. Cooney. First in the "Janie Johnson" series. Janie recognizes herself as the missing little three-year-old appearing on a milk carton and can't believe that her loving parents kidnapped her.</p>
Y		<p>Under the Egg By Laura Fitzgerald Her grandfather's dying words lead thirteen-year-old Theodora Tenpenny to a valuable, hidden painting she fears may be stolen, but it is her search for answers in her Greenwich Village neighborhood that brings a real treasure.</p>

<p>Z</p>		<p>The Mysterious Edge of the Heroic World By E.L. Konigsburg When Amedeo moves to the navy town of St. Malo, Florida, he finds an unlikely friend in William Wilcox when, while working together on a house sale for Amedeo's eccentric neighbor, they become caught up in a story that dates back to Nazi Germany, which teaches them the true meaning of heroism.</p>
<p>Graphic Novel</p>		<p>Lumberjanes: Beware the Kitten Hollow By Noelle Stevenson Best friends Jo, April, Mal, Molly, and Ripley spend a fun summer at Lumberjane scout camp where they encounter yetis, three-eyed wolves, and giant falcons while solving a mystery that holds the fate of the world in the balance.</p>
<p>Graphic Novel</p>		<p>Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute By Jarret Krosoczka First in the "Lunch Lady" series. The school lunch lady is a secret crime fighter who uncovers an evil plot to replace all the popular teachers with robots.</p>
<p>Graphic Novel</p>		<p>Explorer: The Mystery Boxes Edited by Kazu Kibuishi An anthology of short graphic works by such artists as Kazu Kibuishi, Dave Roman, and Raina Telgemeier, all on the theme of a mysterious box and the marvels, or mayhem, inside.</p>
<p>Graphic Novel</p>		<p>Secret Coders : Secrets & Sequences By Gene Luen Yang Determined to learn the history of once-elite Stately Academy, Hopper, Eni, and Josh are challenged to outmaneuver Principal Dean, who demands that the team turn over their most powerful robot and threatening coding genius, Professor One-Zero.</p>
<p>Graphic Novel</p>		<p>Nancy Drew : The Demon of River Heights By Stefan Petrucha Join Nancy Drew, along with Bess and George, as they search for missing student filmmakers and discover the deadly secret behind the local urban myth known as 'The demon of River Heights'</p>
<p>Graphic Novel</p>		<p>Detective Little Boy Blue By Steve Metzger With the help of his nursery rhyme friends, Little Boy Blue, who now runs a detective agency, solves the mystery of the missing Miss Muffet.</p>
<p>Graphic Novel</p>		<p>Joey Fly, Private Eye in Big Hairy Drama By Aaron Reynolds When Greta Divawing, butterfly star of the Scarab Beetle Theatre, goes missing a week before the opening performance of "Bugliacci," Joey Fly is called in to investigate her puzzling disappearance.</p>