

Investigate a good
mystery this fall.



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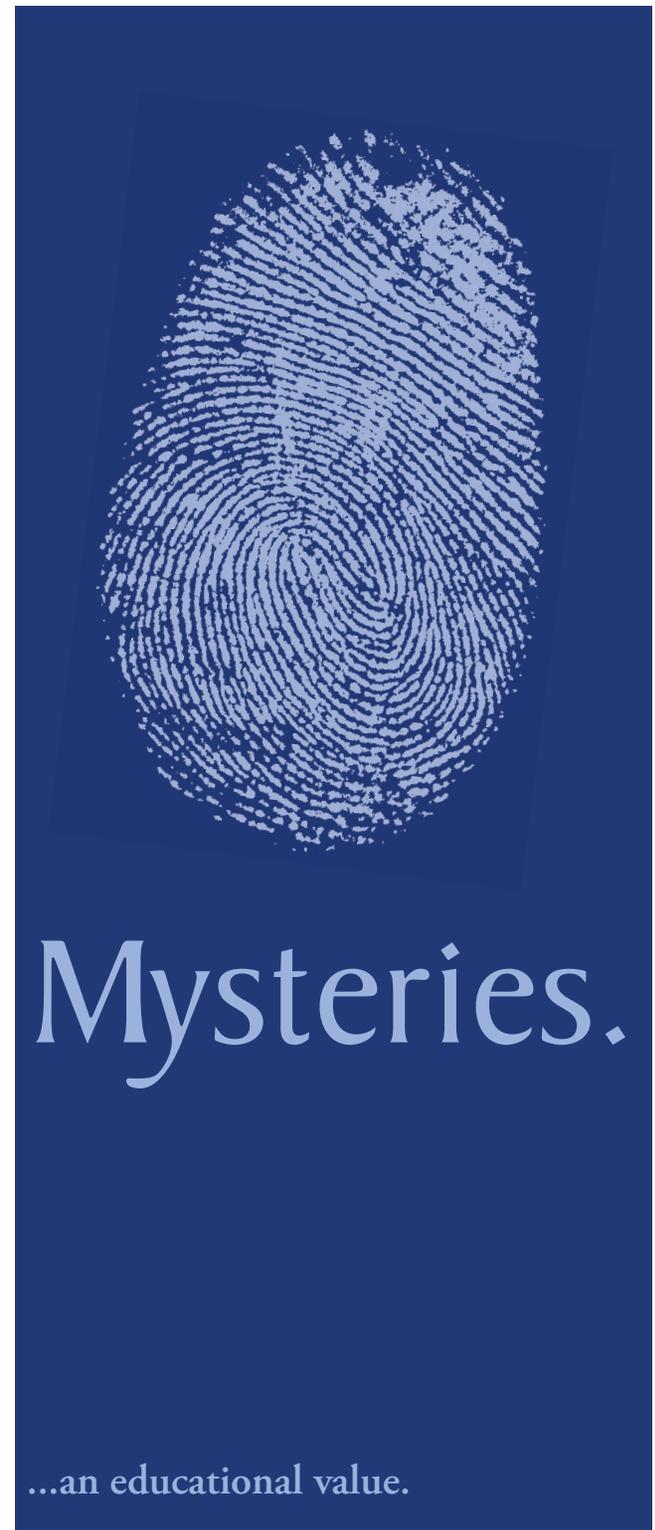
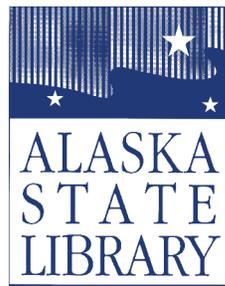
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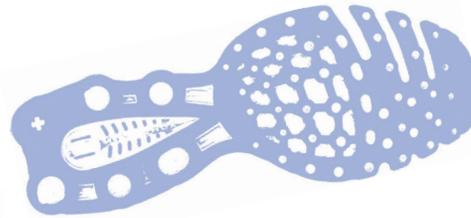
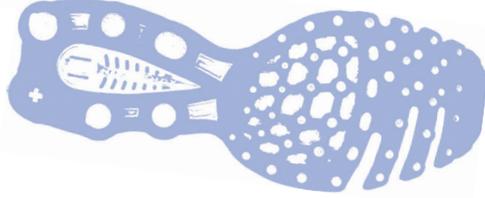
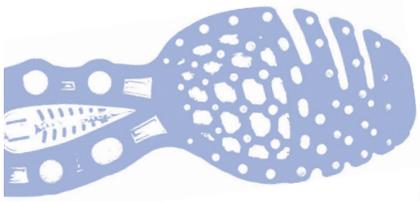
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...an educational value.



Mysteries.

Why genre pleasure reading?

“Increasing students’ access to real literature books inspires in them a love for books and a continuing motivation to become lifelong readers.”¹

“Boys tend to read a ‘wider number of genres over a broader range of topics’ than girls.” They like genre reading (such as science fiction, adventure, and fantasy) “more than [general] fiction and poetry.”²

“Literature that involves readers as investigators is sure to result in active, engaged response,” especially when reading skills are not yet to a level that allows “the pleasure of being completely caught up in a story.”³

Why mysteries?

“Mysteries and horror/thrillers rank far and away as the top choices for pleasure reading among teens in the United States today, according to the results of a national survey.”⁴

“Mysteries...teach the value of keeping calm and using one’s head, of problem solving. They can help developing minds explore the concepts of good and evil and what lies between.”⁵

For mysterious booklists, reviews, and other resources for youth & adults, see www.library.state.ak.us/spotlight_10_05.html

Encourage the fun of reading.

- Try a schoolwide mystery reading contest.⁶
- Start a mystery book club. One school librarian found this effective for getting older elementary children to use the library.⁷
- Incorporate forensics in the classroom.⁸

Find more mysteries on NoveList!

Access the handy database NoveList K-8 at <http://search.epnet.com/login.asp?profile=novelists>

Select the “Browse List” from the top, click on “Explore Fiction,” and choose from young adult or children’s books. Click on the “Mysteries” and select the subgenre of interest. Examples include:

- Teen Detectives
- Suspense
- Solve-it-yourself Mysteries
- Child Detectives and more...

Teen readers may prefer NoveList, available at: <http://search.epnet.com/login.asp?profile=novelist>

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