



Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library

By Chris Grabenstein

Twelve-year-old Kyle Keeley is thrilled when he wins the chance to stay overnight at his town's new library, especially when he learns it was designed by Luigi Lemoncello, the most creative gamemaker in the world. But Kyle's skills will be put to the test when Mr. Lemoncello locks the doors and unveils the ultimate challenge: find a way out!

Let's Talk

1. In his essay, Kyle writes, "When you're in a library researching a topic, you're on a scavenger hunt, looking for clue and prizes in books instead of your attic or backyard." (p. 29) In your opinion, is doing research fun? How is researching a topic like doing a scavenger hunt?
2. If you could design the ultimate library, what would you put in it? What types of activities would you like to see?
3. On the statue of Mr. Lemoncello, there is the following quote: "Knowledge not shared remains unknown." What do you think that quote means?
4. Why does Haley "play dumb?" Do you think people do that in real life?
5. On page 126, the Lemoncello dummy says, "It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game." Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
6. Why do you think Haley decides to switch teams?
7. Throughout the novel, Mr. Lemoncello refers to many classic children's books. Did you recognize any of these titles? Why do you think the author included them? (You can find a complete list of these books on the author's website!)



Explore More in the Library

***Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl**

–Charlie Bucket wins the golden ticket and spends a day inside Willy Wonka's magical chocolate factory.

***The Island of Dr. Libris* by Chris Grabenstein**

–Billy Gillfoyle discovers the island where the mysterious Dr. Libris conducts his experiments.

***The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster**

–This classic fantasy chronicles Milo's adventures in the Lands Beyond with his "watch dog" Tock.

***From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg**

–Claudia and her brother run away to a museum and gather clues about a mysterious sculpture.

***The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart**

–Four kids are chosen to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened.

Check this out!

If you loved Mr. Lemoncello make sure to check out Chris Grabenstein's sequel: ***Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics***