



Library Leg

Synopsis

Ages 11 - 16

Parent visits library a day ahead and places cipher keys in books in random locations, keeping track of the titles and authors.

Children are given Roadblock envelopes in 15 second ordinal delays. Roadblock requires them to find the appropriate book containing their cipher key to decode the secret message in their Roadblock envelope. Upon saying the secret message to the host, they are given the Detour envelope.

The Detour requires them to choose one of two types of information to obtain. The teams present the solutions to the host in order to earn the right to dash to the Finish Mat to finish the leg. Teams that present wrong information at the end of the Detour must find additional information as a penalty.

Wildcard activity requires qualifying groups to race under time pressure to find a book with a target number of pages.

Estimated Time: 30 – 60 minutes

Ordinal Delays: 15 seconds

Adults required: 1 (though 2 can make it more interesting)

Skills Required: delegation, information search, use of library catalogue, pattern recognition

Supplies

For each team...

- Roadblock Envelope
- Roadblock Instructions
- Pencil
- Detour Envelope
- Detour Instructions

Preparation

1. Visit Library and complete the Host's Checklist
 - Place clues in books unlikely to be borrowed
 - Choose locations for assembly, finish mat
2. Print and bundle Roadblocks, extra cipher keys
3. Print and bundle Detours, Detour Penalty Sheets
4. Print and bundle Wildcard mats
5. Prep Finish Mat