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Dear Jan Stauber Grant Committee,

We are excited to report the completion of a week of programming in honor of Sherlock Holmes. We partnered our programming with the annual celebration of Teen Read Week, October 7-13. When we applied for the Jan Stauber grant, we knew that we wanted to offer a variety of programming that would attract all ages. So, working as a team, our youth staff planned a week of special guests, maker programs, book clubs, and movies. We also knew that we wanted to use the majority of the \$500.00 grant funds to increase the number of Sherlock Holmes and related books that we had in our collection. We especially wanted to add books to our children's and young adult collections. So, resourcing the Beacon Society and other booklists, we added over 30 books to our collection, including adult, young adult, and children's books in genres ranging from the classic literature to graphic novels. We were also able to purchase supplies to support our fingerprinting programs, family Lego contest, and movie events.

We kicked-off the week with special guest, Monica Schmidt presenting "Will the REAL Sherlock Holmes Please Stand Up." She presented twice, with an afternoon presentation for area high school students and an evening presentation that was open to the general public. Her presentation highlighted the differences and similarities between the literary Sherlock Holmes and the modern adaptations found in movies and television. Her knowledge and passion concerning Sherlock Holmes was an exciting way to start out our week of programming.

We followed this with a Family Lego Night with a Sherlock theme. Children were encouraged to build using detective and mystery as a theme. They also had the opportunity to sign up to win a Lego Detective Mini figure by making a suggestion for a book adventure for Lego Sherlock Holmes.

Other programming highlights included an afterschool fingerprinting program that our Kossuth County Sheriff's department participated in. Students got to learn about investigative skills used in solving crimes and enjoyed an afternoon tea in honor of Sherlock Holmes taking time for tea.

There were special activities for teens with a literary mystery solving maker day where students again worked with clues and did fingerprint matching and problem solving in the style of Sherlock Holmes. Following that activity, the teens had a discussion of *The Hounds of the Baskervilles* and finished by trying out the board game *221B Baker Street*.

Our youngest patrons were treated to a Mystery Story Time that featured books about detectives and mysteries. This extended beyond our weekly in-house story time event to outreach programs to the local daycares and preschools. The outreach programs included about 125 toddlers and preschool children.

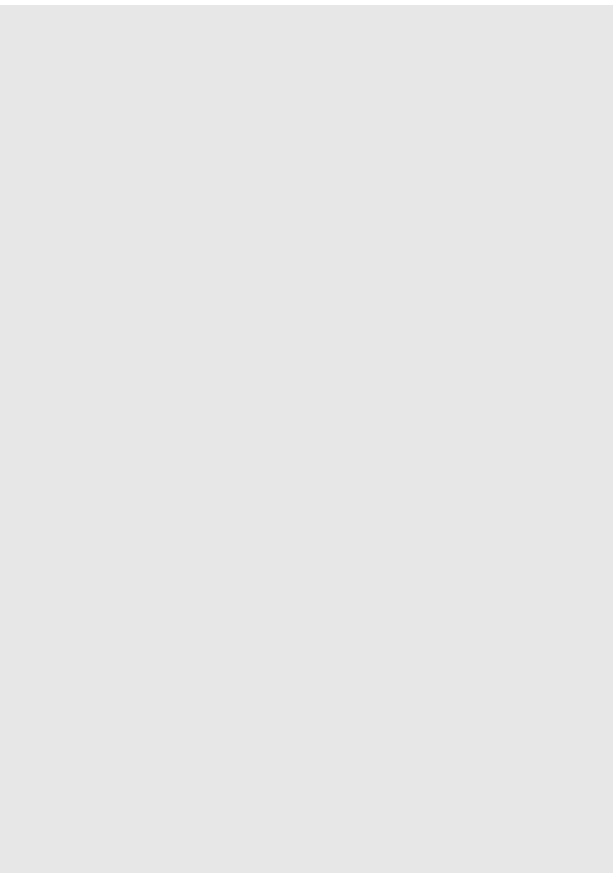
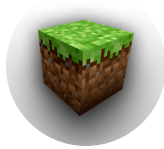
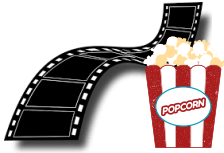
To finish up the week, we held two movie events. The first was *Young Sherlock Holmes* and was for the teens. The second was *The Great Mouse Detective* and was for families. Both were great viewing fun.

Our goal for this week of programming was to engage our community in fun, and interesting ways as we encouraged an increased awareness and interest in the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. I feel that we achieved this goal not only through the programs that we offered, but also through the promotional materials used to garner interest in our Sherlock Holmes Week. From posters, to radio announcements, to local TV announcements, to participation in our annual Band Day Parade, we tried to draw the community's attention to Sherlock Holmes and the special week of celebration taking place at the library. Throughout the week, we had close to 325 participants for various programs, and our entire community and visitors to Algona were encouraged to explore the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle through our parade advertising.

The major impact that I see for the library is the expansion of our Sherlock collection. As a result of that expansion, and the focused week of programming, we have impacted our patrons and community by drawing attention to literature related to Sherlock Holmes. From the very youngest patrons who attended our Mystery Story Time to the adults who heard the presentation by Monica Schmidt, we have promoted the reading of mysteries and particularly Sherlock Holmes.

Thank you again, for supporting us through grant funds as we continue to promote Sherlock Holmes and work to keep him alive in the hearts of readers, both young and old.

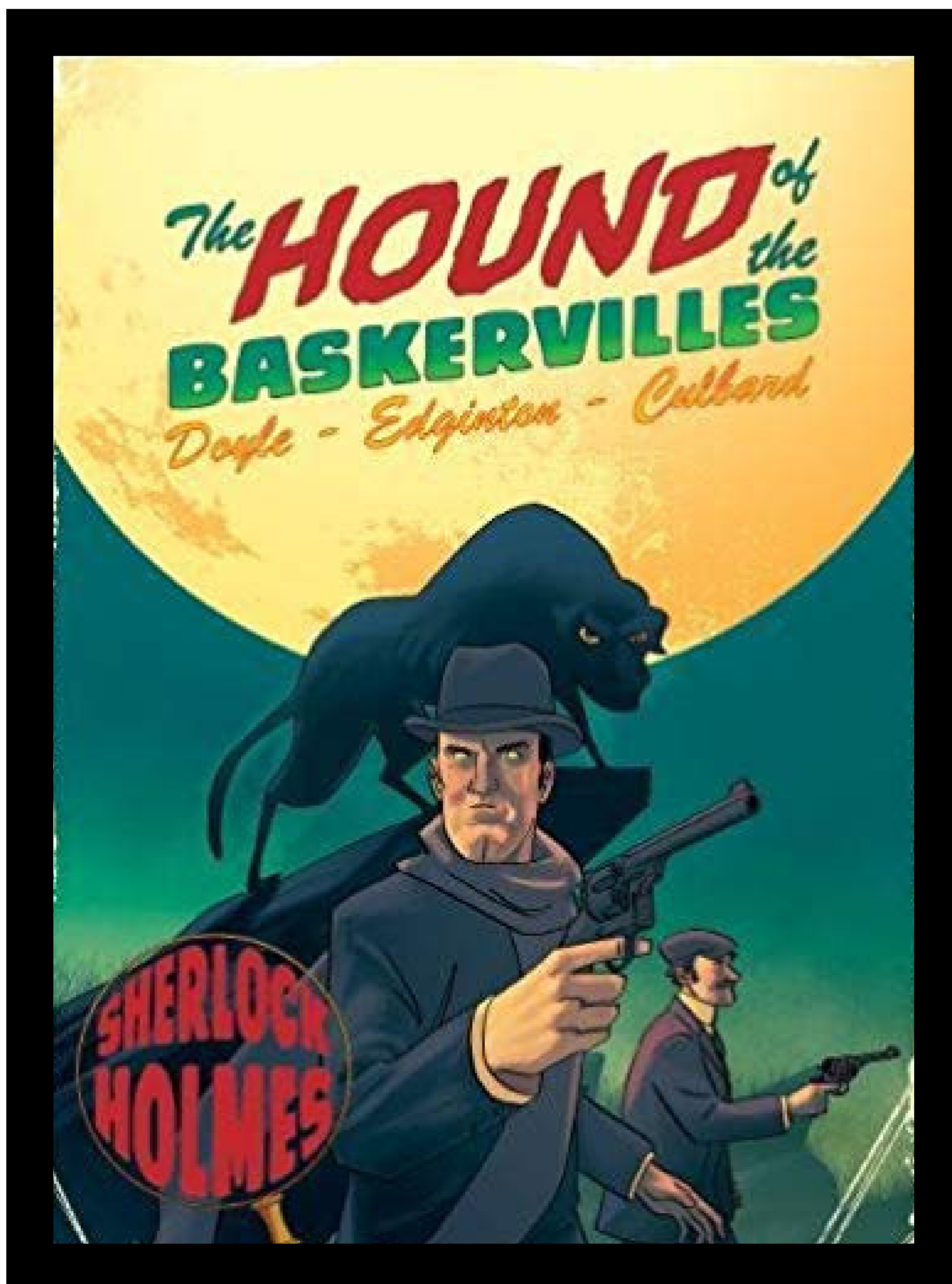
Sincerely,
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Teen Book Club

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Thursday
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5pm



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Teen Maker Day

Thursday
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4pm

**Literary
Mystery Solving
We'll supply
the tools;
you supply the
imagination!**

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