

## **Mysterious Benedict Society Adventure for Tweens at the Library**

This one-hour program is aimed at children ages 8-12 and is recommended for kids who are comfortable reading. Kids who haven't read the MBS books are just as welcome as devout fans. The goal is to introduce kids to the series, translate Morse Code which leads them to library call numbers (sneaky Dewey lesson), and solve puzzles from Mr. Benedict's Book of Perplexing Puzzles, Elusive Enigmas, and Curious Conundrums.

### **Description of the program for marketing:**

Fans of the Mysterious Benedict Society are invited to participate in an adventure featuring secret codes, puzzles, and riddles. Join Number Two in learning Morse Code, how to make decoder rings, and hand-made marshmallow shooters. Pencils and disappearing ink pens will be provided.

### **Goodie Bag Contents:**

- Decoder ring made of cardstock and brass fastener (see pdf)
- Kaleidoscope (from Amazon)
- No. 2 pencil
- Invisible ink pen with UV light (Our library already had these, but they can be purchased from Amazon)
- Mini notebooks for writing secret messages (Amazon purchase)

### **Folder contents:**

- MBS Scavenger Hunt document (see pdf). You'll want to create your own clues using your library collection.
- Morse Code translation page (see pdf)
- A few easy puzzles from MBS Book of Perplexing Puzzles
- Rebus puzzles (see pdf)
- Morse Code secret messages and crossword puzzles from a paid learning unit:  
[https://suzyred.com/2010\\_The\\_Mysterious\\_Benedict\\_Society.html](https://suzyred.com/2010_The_Mysterious_Benedict_Society.html)

I will say that purchasing the suzyred.com learning unit is not necessary. We didn't get to that, but it was nice to send them home with puzzles they could finish on their own. It also features a nice Morse Code translation page.

I prepped the secret decoder rings ahead of time, but kids can make them during the program. Be sure to allow extra time.

### **Marshmallow Shooters**

<https://youtu.be/mu2uOtt2OeQ>

I used colorful craft tubes, balloons, and washi tape, but I recommend duct tape. The kids loved this. Warn them to not step on the marshmallows. Cleaning marshmallow goop off new carpet is a pain.

### **Schedule:**

10:00 Intros	10:20 Search for library books and puzzles
10:05 Go over secret decoder ring instructions.	10:40 Solve final riddle and find turnovers
10:10 Translate Morse Code to library call numbers	10:45 Make marshmallow shooters

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