

It's a Mystery to Me!
Celebrating the Birthday of Donald Sobol (b. October 4, 1924)



Description of Program:

You are invited for a time of sleuthing and mystery as we celebrate the 85th birthday of author Donald Sobol and the 46th anniversary of the *Encyclopedia Brown* series.

Activities/ Games:

Solve a Mystery - Select a mystery from one of the Encyclopedia Brown titles and solve together. Or visit, <http://kids.mysterynet.com/>, for more mysteries to solve.

Encyclopedia Brown Trivia - Give each participant a copy of the trivia at the following website: <http://www.kidsreads.com/funstuff/trivia/brown-triv.asp>. Award small prize for each correct answer.

Mystery Drawing - Create teams and select one person from each team to be the official sketch artist. Find caricatures from drawing books and give a copy to each team. The team must then guide the sketch artist to recreate the picture by giving clues. Set the sketch time and begin. (Important! The sketch artist should not see the actual picture before time is called.) The team with the sketch that looks most like the original, wins.

Craft:

Detective Kit - Create a detective kit that contains the following items:

Magnifying glass
Sunglasses or Eyebrow, Moustache and Glasses Disguise

(www.orientaltrading.com)

Note pad

Pencil

Invisible Ink (<http://www.kid-craft-central.com/invisible-ink.html>)

Detective Badge (<http://www.umma.umaine.edu/downloads/BadgeTemplates.pdf>)

Food:

Decorate the outside of brown paper lunch bags with question marks. Place treats (candy, a small bag of chips and juice boxes) inside the bags, tape shut and distribute to each participant.

More information or questions?

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