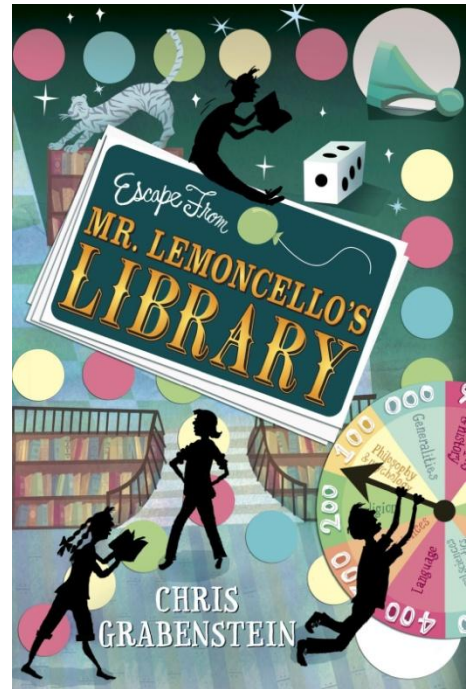


Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library
by Chris Grabenstein (Random House, 2013)

When Kyle learns that the World's most famous game maker has designed the town's new library and is having an invitation-only lock-in on the first night, he's determined to be there. But the tricky part isn't getting into the library – it's getting out.

Discussion Questions

1. Kyle's first essay is basically "Balloons. There might be balloons." Why do you think Mr. Lemoncello picked Kyle as one of the 12 winners with an essay like this?
2. When they are first getting their picture taken with Mr. Lemoncello, Mr. L asks Kyle his name and then says: "Ah, yes. The boy who proved what I've always known to be true: The game is never over till it's over." What do you think he means by this?
3. As one of the 12 winners Kyle gets a \$500 Lemoncello gift card. He decides to divvy up his gift card five ways and give each of his family members \$100.00. What does this gesture tell you about the kind of person Kyle is?
4. Once they are inside the library and getting an orientation Charles asks p. 58 "What will the winner win? After all, the prize is the most important part of the game." Kyle is not so sure he agrees. Why is Kyle not so sure?
5. On the statue of Mr. Lemoncello, there is the following quote: "Knowledge not shared remains unknown." What do you think that quote means?
6. When Haley gets her hand stuck in the book drop and starts screaming, Kyle runs to the rescue - p. 96. Charles says, "You should never help your competition." Do you agree or disagree?
7. Why does Haley "play dumb?"
8. 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.
9. On page 205 Kyle quotes Sherlock Holmes who says, "You see, but you do not observe." What do you think he means as it relates to the kids?
10. On page 208, Kyle quotes Sherlock Holmes who says, "It is a capital mistake to theorize before one has data." What does that quote mean?
11. Why did Haley decide to join Kyle's team?
12. There were several characters that changed during the course of the story. Which person do you think changed the most?
13. Mr. Lemoncello's library has many amazingly incredible features, such as the robots, the Electronic Learning Center, and the Wonder Dome. Which feature was your favorite? Do you think the Ferguson library should try out any of these futuristic library features?



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