

## **Book-Themed Parties Report**

**Your party theme:** Chasing Vermeer

**Your name:** Molly Bernstein

**Date of the event:** December 12, 2008

**Short summary of the event:** Party based on mysteries, art, and forensic science.

### **How much time and how many staff were needed to:**

	# hours	# staff
Plan & prepare activities	25 hrs?	2 (+)
Set up	2.5 hrs	2
During the event (not including movie)	1.25 hrs	5
Clean up	1 hr	3-4

### **What were your favorite aspects?**

The variety/mix of activities based on art and mysteries and seeing the kids get involved in figuring stuff out, the detective's demo, the blue m&m's and decorations, reading the list of strange phenomena

### **What would you do differently if you did this party again?**

Scale down some activities, and/or allow more time for each. The detective's demo ran a bit longer than anticipated, so time at each table was quick. In anticipation of possibly more than 20 kids, we added a fourth table – which lengthened the program. Could have eliminated one table on the spot, so there was more time for each activity.

**Details and instructions for specific activities, crafts, etc.:** (Attach copies of activity pages, handouts, etc.)

Plan, handouts, etc. attached

### **Useful resources (websites, books, etc.):**

[www.scholastic.com/blueballiet](http://www.scholastic.com/blueballiet) - official book site

[www.adifferentplace.org/vermeer](http://www.adifferentplace.org/vermeer) - chasing vermeer themes, background info, and links

[www.ncartmuseum.org/education](http://www.ncartmuseum.org/education) - idea for power point art detective activity

[www.marthastewart.com](http://www.marthastewart.com) – decoder giveaway

[www.artic.edu/aic](http://www.artic.edu/aic) - Art Institute of Chicago: art images

[www.wormwoodchronicles.com/lab/raining.html](http://www.wormwoodchronicles.com/lab/raining.html) - Lists of Strange phenomena

Books:

Art Fraud Detective by Anna Nilsen