
Somerville Reads 2022

Welcome to the Somerville Reads Citywide Scavenger Hunt!

Starting September 22nd, follow clues to secrets hidden around Somerville and rack up points for entry into our prize-packed raffle, featuring generously gifted with goodies from participating Somerville businesses!

How to Play

- This booklet is the score sheet for our Citywide Scavenger Hunt clues.
 - Inside are clues related to Somerville History, the library, community partners, and the book *Tuesday Mooney Talks to Ghosts* - our Somerville Reads choice and the inspiration for this scavenger hunt.
 - To get credit for clues you've solved, present proof to a librarian at either the Central Library reference desk, the West Branch reference desk, or the circulation desk at the East Branch. There, we'll stamp your clue sheet.
 - There's no limit on how many clues you can submit at once, but submissions must be received by October 22nd at 5PM.
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Discovery at the Library

1. Check out something from the Library of Things.
2. Check out a museum or cultural pass from the library.
3. At either the library or a local bookstore, find a book with a raven on the cover and snap a picture.
4. Check out a book from a display at any Somerville Public Library branch.
5. Check out/order any media featuring Vincent Price from the library.
6. Check-out or place a hold on a book from the Tuesday Mooney Read-Alike Curated Booklist.
7. Borrow one "New" item from the library.
8. Download the library's Minuetman app and set up your library card on it.

Solve the Riddle

1. Find the park named for the midnight riding silversmith, in the heart of winter.
2. Find the park named for a flag-raiser on Mount Suribachi and tell us what it is.
3. Martha Conant plays her beech harp in the Symphony, and she is still listening. What am I?
4. On the Marshall's Street, and Mother and Child's roots run deep. What am I?
5. Once a windmill, they stole my flashpowder, so I stoked the flames of revolution. What am I?
6. Named thrice for a person of local renown, who fought to ensure we all had a home, locate in this place bright wall or gilt crest, and you will have passed this test. What am I?
7. At the foot of spring's hill, I once was a park, named like my climbing cousins, but now only an acorn remains. What am I?
8. Solve the display cipher (East Branch).
9. Solve the display cipher (Central Library).
10. Solve the display cipher (West Branch).

Somerville Reads Events

1. Attend the Adult Story Time program @ Aeronaut Brewing.
2. Attend the Getting Spooky craft program @ the Central Library.
3. Attend the Divination Salon in the Central Teen Room (teens/tweens only).
4. Attend the Researching Your Family History: Genealogy 101 program @ the Central Library.
5. Attend the Death Cafe program @ East.
6. Attend the Somerville Reads Costume Party @ the Central Library.

Ghostly Guessing

(Clues from Tuesday Mooney Talks to Ghosts)

1. Take a photo inside the building where Ned first introduces himself to Dorry.
2. Take a photo of the instrument depicted on the building where Tuesday and Archie discover the ciphers and secret mural.
3. Take a photo of the comic books that inspired Dorry's costume at Vincent Pryce's wake.
4. Show us a photo of the animal representing the nickname of Dex's new love interest.
5. Take a photo of the street sign where Tuesday Mooney's Somerville apartment is located.
6. Show us a photo or video of the artist Dex dresses up as for Vincent Pryce's wake.

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1. Find a statue in either Union or Davis Squares and pose with it.
2. Davis Square and Porter Square were both part of Arts on the Line, a program devised to bring art into the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) subway stations in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Find/photograph a piece of art from this project, then return to the library with the title and artist's name.
3. Take a photo of your favorite Elfland building.
4. Visit one of the Somerville Arts Council's Street Art Project locations and pose with a mural.
5. Celebrate the life of Somerville inventor Archibald Query by making something using his iconic, fluffy confectionery spread. Then, come to the library and tell/show us what you made!
6. Find out where the Goddess of Winter Hill lives and tell us her address.
7. Find the building named after a ship commissioned by Governor Winthrop in the 1600s that hosts the annual Herring Run and Paddle Race. Return to the library and tell us the name of the building.
8. Go to the headquarters of Somerville Community Access Television and ask for a button. Once you have it, return to the library and show a librarian.
9. Find Somerville's only fitness, wellness & co-working space and take a picture of yourself striking your favorite yoga pose outside of their studio.
10. Visit the Clubhouse where the winners of the Skylark and Jack Gaughan Awards are chosen and find the clue posted in their window. Then, return to the library and tell us what the clue was.
11. Find the home of the Bow St Session and tell us what your favorite drink on the menus is.
12. Find Somerville's intersectional feminist queer bookstore and take a picture of yourself sitting on their iconic purple couch.
13. Take a picture with the Prospect Hill Monument Leaning-Tower-of-Pisa style.
14. Find the winner of the 2017 Eisner Spirit of Comics Retailer Award and take a picture there with a comic featuring your favorite superhero or villain.
15. Stop by Somerville's premier paint & sip experience and take a picture of the spooky sign situated somewhere along the sidewalk (only available during their business hours when the weather isn't rainy).
16. Head to either of Somerville's community grocer locations founded by Matt and Heather Gray in 2017 and grab fresh ingredients for your favorite autumn dish. Then, stop by the library and share your recipe (+ a picture of what you made!).
17. Find what's left of George W. Emerson's foray into cucumber-brining and take a picture.
18. Find the Somerville building designed by Edward Lippincott Tilton which features a number of bucrania (cow-like skulls) on the exterior facade and tell us what's inside.
19. Attend an event OR buy food/a beverage at the former home of the Massachusetts National Guard and show us your receipt or a selfie from the event.
20. Climb to new heights at a special kind of gym on Tyler Street--once you've found it, take a picture of the *Tuesday Mooney*-themed clue in their Community Event Space.
21. Find the Union Square ice cream shop with the pink flamingo in their window and snap a photo with it.
22. Find the art studio and shop founded by Courtney Drake in 2017 on Washington Street and tell us who it's named after.
23. Solve the anagram "TOMB WREAK" for the name of this former storage building turned award-winning Somerville destination. Then, go to the location and then bring us a receipt or a selfie from your visit.
24. Take a photo of the Hunter's Moon.

How to Win Prizes

- Each clue is worth one point. For every five clues solved, you'll get one raffle ticket for a prize of your choosing.
- Cash in your points for tickets at the Central Library Reference desk. We will draw the winners on October 23rd.
- If you are unable to check in clues or pick up tickets in person, email to Tim at tbuckingham@somervillema.gov with your name and clue submissions.

The Library Ciphers

Scattered throughout the libraries are our many Raven friends! Each one hides a piece of the puzzle to solve the three ciphers located at our Central, West, and East branches.

And then perhaps, another puzzle? Maybe more? How deep does it go?

Can't make it to any/all of our library branches? Our cipher hunt is replicated across our website! You can navigate through the pages of somervillepubliclibrary.org and find the full code - or as much as you need to break the cipher.

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Central Library Cipher: _____
