Intro

Welcome to Library Detective Squad Boot Camp, gumshoes. You've all been recruited for the biannual Murder Mystery Challenge. Your task: find a fugitive hiding out in 1921.

We'll use the resources we have now to track down the alleged criminal so we can go back in time to solve the crime. (Time traveling is a thing now.)

PRIZES: If you solve all four required clues accurately, you'll qualify for the 2nd and 3rd place prizes and will get an email of completion. If you also solve the bonus clue, you'll qualify for the 1st place prize!

• First place: catered lunch, $20 Amazon gift cards, and the envy of your classmates
• Second place: catered lunch
• Third place: $10 Barnes & Noble gift cards

!!! KEEP THIS PAGE OPEN !!! You'll have to answer all required questions and press submit in one go to qualify for the prizes! Open all links in a new tab.

Enter your team number again, please: *

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Note: all answers to this Challenge may be published in aggregate, but teams and students will not be identified.

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Research the case in the New York Times

First, you'll need to find the New York Times article about the crime to get up to speed. We're looking for one William Grubb who committed a crime on May 1, 1921, then disappeared.

1. Find this article using the New York Times Historical File. The link to this resource is on the Library homepage.
2. Search for "William Grubb" (with quotes).
3. Find the article dated May 2, 1921.

Read through the article to get all the facts (you'll need them!), then fill in the answer field with the article's title.

USE THE HINTS! [Link to hints](http://www.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/sasp/hints.html#1) (using hints won't effect your score)

**What's the title of the article about the crime?**

| WAR VETERAN SLAIN, JEALOUS MAN FLEES: Truck Driver Shot Dead and Companion Felled in View of Sunday ... |

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Clue #2 of 4

Find a journal article by searching for keywords

Looks like Detective Miele, Grubb's former employer, wants to help us. She asks you to do one thing first: look at an online Library Subject Guide called "Crime in New York 1850-1950." It's a weird request, but just go with it.

Miele says:
1. Look in this Subject Guide for the "most popular database available" in the Library.
2. Search in that database for 'criminal justice libraries' in one field, and 'New York' in the other field.
3. Limit your results to scholarly (peer-reviewed) articles.

You might be familiar with the first result that pops up. It should be from 2007 and written by someone with the name Egan. (Keep the article open — you'll be referring back to it.)

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What's the title of this journal article? *

| Educating for Justice: A History of John Jay College of Criminal Justice |
| The Lloyd Sealy Library of John Jay College of Criminal Justice: Academic Library, Special Library, or Both? |
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Clue #3 of 4

Find a book mentioned in an article's bibliography

Great job so far, private eyes. "You seem like you're worth your salt," Miele says. "Here's all I can tell you about Grubb: take a look through Egan's article and find endnote #12."

The endnote refers to a book held at the Lloyd Sealy Library. According to the librarian, the 2008 edition of this book was the last one Grubb checked out before the murder, and it might lead you to his hideout.

1. Find the book title in the endnote.
3. Find the book's call number (in the Stacks). Write it down — you'll have to find it for the next clue.

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Clue #4 of 4

Find the book in the stacks

Hunt down that book from the previous clue. It's somewhere on the shelves in the Library. (Look high and LOW!)

**Leave the clue holder on the shelf!** Take ONE of the looseleaf clue pages from inside the clue holder. If the clue holder or pages aren't there, tell the librarian at the Reference Desk upstairs.

The clues on the page will tell you where Grubb is hiding.

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In which borough is Grubb hiding? *

Brooklyn

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Bonus: Cite a book correctly for a chance to win lunch

Well done, detectives! You've done great. We can take it from here... unless you want to prove your mettle.

(This is a bonus clue! If you don't want to answer, skip this question and go to the next page — but you won't get a chance to win the big prize: a tasty lunch in the Faculty Dining Room.)

Ready for the big one? Put the following information about a book into proper APA citation format:

Publisher location = Tuscaloosa
Book title = Enlightening Research
Publisher = Writers Organization
Publish date = 1921
Book’s author = Irene Perez

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Cite this book using APA style.


Now find the hidden message in the citation. (Disregard "1921"). Where exactly is Grubb hiding?

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Good job, gumshoe! Now SUBMIT your answers!

Click SUBMIT below to finish the Challenge!

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE
City and County of New York, Part V.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

against-

WILLIAM GRUBB

Before
HON. OTTO A. ROSALSKY,
Judge

and a Jury.

3651
New York, January 11, 1922.

The defendant is indicted for murder in the first degree.

Indictment filed May 27, 1921.

Congratulations, detectives! You found Grubb—now he'll be brought to trial.

Click SUBMIT below to turn in your answers

Well done, detectives! We caught Grubb. He'll be put on trial, and justice will be done. The Lloyd Sealy Library has the actual transcript from Grubb's trial. All the characters we met today testified (except the dead man).

You did a lot today — you're well on your way to becoming a top-notch researcher.

We'll be in touch, gumshoe. You'll hear from us soon about the winners of this year's Murder Mystery Challenge. Thanks for your hard work!

****Click SUBMIT below to turn in your answers****
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Thanks! You're all finished up.

FACT: this crime really did happen, and the Lloyd Sealy Library at John Jay has the verbatim transcript of William Grubb's 1922 trial. He was convicted of murdering George Corcoran and was sentenced to prison time at Sing Sing. Decades later, the descendants of Grubb and Corcoran met by chance at the Lloyd Sealy Library! Read more about their encounter on page 11: http://www.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/newsletter/spring2010/Spring2010.pdf

Now go celebrate a job well done!
—Lloyd Sealy Library

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