

Online Book Club

The Mystery of the Missing Dinosaurs

Bring It To Life!

1. Make a list! Divide the book club into two teams. Ask each team to make a list of all the things they can remember about Chicago. That includes food, places to go, sports teams, museums, things to do—just everything that comes to mind! The team with the longest list is the winner!
2. Build a city! Construct a three-dimensional Chicago using miniature objects, cardboard, toothpicks, cotton ball clouds, grass, etc. You could even make an edible version and eat it during your book club meeting!
3. Express Yourself! Uncle Michael and his wife have special license plates that say “Mr. Bones” and “Mrs. Bones” because he loves dinosaurs so much. Ask each book club member to design a personal license plate and present it to the group.
4. Have a pizza party! Chicago is well known for lots of great food, including deep-dish pizza. Ask for a parent volunteer to bake a deep-dish pizza, or order one from a local restaurant. Brainstorm about why everyone loves pizza so much, and why you can find such a variety of ethnic food in Chicago.





Fact or Fiction

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Write Fact or Fiction next to each sentence below.

- _____ 1. Uncle Michael could only send numbers, not letters, from his phone.
- _____ 2. The father of Lee and Lana works at the Field Museum.
- _____ 3. Christina received messages from Uncle Michael on her lap top computer.
- _____ 4. Uncle Michael did not recognize the man who came to speak to him in the room where he was being held captive.
- _____ 5. Christina and Lana told Lana's father about the messages Christina had been getting from Uncle Michael.
- _____ 6. Uncle Michael hid the batteries from his pager so the rat-faced man thought his pager didn't work.
- _____ 7. Grant was afraid to ride the Ferris wheel at the Navy Pier.
- _____ 8. Christina noticed a man in a dark hat and coat watching the kids at the Navy Pier.
- _____ 9. The Sears Tower in Chicago is the second tallest building in the United States.
- _____ 10. Together, Lana and Christina figured out how to match up the number clues sent from Uncle Michael to letters on a telephone keypad.

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Talk About It!

1. Who was your favorite character? Why?
2. What did you think happened to Uncle Michael when his truck was found near the Field Museum, but he and the dinosaur bone were missing?
3. What was your favorite part of the book? Why?
4. You learn a lot about Chicago by reading this book. If you visited there, what would you like to see and do?
5. There are a lot of clues in this mystery. Which ones did you think were hard to figure out, and which ones were easy?
6. What was the scariest part of the book? Why?
7. Did you think that Clyde the Curator was the bad guy? Why or why not?
8. What do you like most about reading mysteries?



Write a letter!

Christina, Grant, Mimi, and Papa love to hear from their friends. Write a letter to your favorite Carole Marsh Mysteries Character. Mail your letter to:

Carole Marsh Mysteries
PO Box 2779
Peachtree City, GA 30269



Dear _____,

A series of horizontal lines for writing the body of the letter.

Sincerely,
