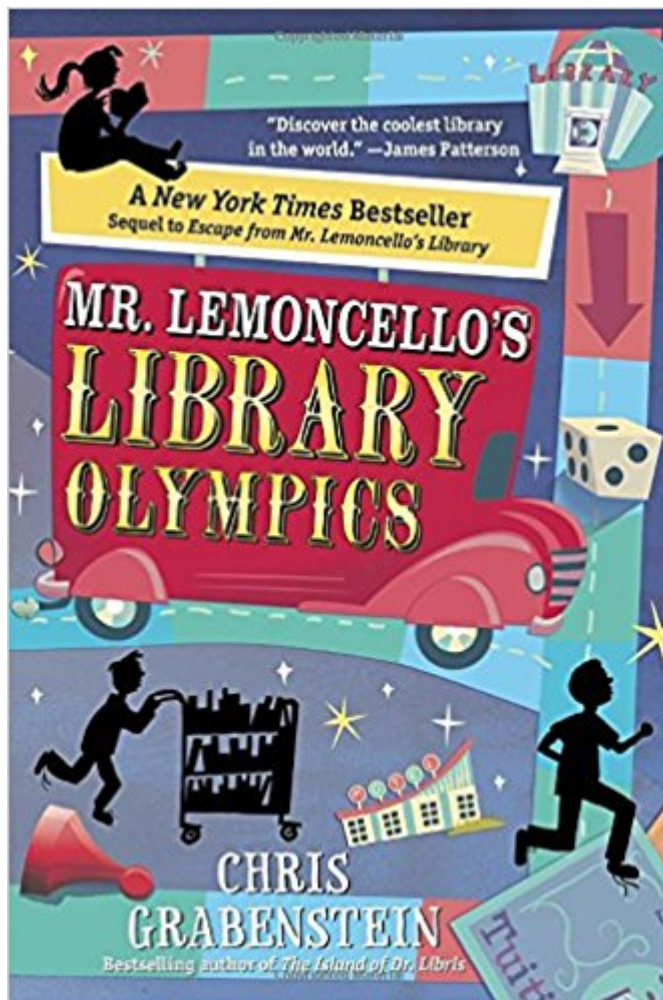


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# Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics



## Synopsis

The New York Times bestselling, puzzle-packed sequel to the award-winning *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein, coauthor of *I Funny*, *Treasure Hunters* and other bestselling series with James Patterson! Welcome, boys and girls, readers of all ages, to the first-ever Library Olympics! Kyle and his teammates are back, and the world-famous game maker Luigi Lemoncello is at it again! This time Mr. Lemoncello has invited teams from all across America to compete in the first-ever LIBRARY OLYMPICS. But something suspicious is going on . . . books are missing from Mr. Lemoncello's library. Is someone trying to censor what the kids are reading?! Now it's not just a game—can Mr. Lemoncello find the real defenders of books and champions of libraries? In between figuring out mind-boggling challenges, the kids will have to band together to get to the bottom of this mystery. Packed with puzzles, clues, and thrilling surprises, this is a deliciously fun, action-packed sequel to the New York Times bestselling *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*. Let the games begin!

Praise for *Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics* • An ILA-CBC Children's Choice Award • “Discover the coolest library in the world.” • **JAMES PATTERSON** “This sequel is just as much of an adventure as the first entry. Lots of action and quirky humor will lead kids to do just what libraries encourage them to do: keep reading.” • **The Washington Post** “This action-packed sequel is sure to delight. Another winning love letter to libraries and librarians that is sure to leave readers looking at their own library in a new light.” • **Booklist** “Dewey like this? Of course, and so will upper-elementary and middle school readers and gamers alike.” • **Kirkus Reviews**

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 4-6 •After receiving a million requests from fellow book lovers, billionaire game maker Luigi Lemoncello launches a Library Olympics open to kids all over the country to challenge the reigning literature-loving champions of Alexandria, OH. The sequel to *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* (Random, 2013) pits teams of four middle schoolers from seven different geographical regions against the reigning hometown favorites, led by Kyle Keeley. The games feature a duodecimalthon of 12 challenging library-related games, from solving Dewey-related rebus puzzles to identifying banned books, all taking place in the ultra-modern, technologically advanced Lemoncello Library. The grand prize is an all-expenses paid college scholarship, plus bragging rights. Before long, however, mysterious events threaten to jeopardize the Olympics and the library itself •books are disappearing from the shelves, and some groups or individuals may be to blame, as not everyone is a fan of the sparkling new library. Kyle and his teammates must band together with the rival teams to outwit those intent on bringing Lemoncello and the library down. Dewey Decimal aficionados, bibliophiles, and gamers will all find something to savor while trying to decipher the clues in this fast-paced sequel. At the end of the book, Grabenstein challenges kids to find quotes from banned books within the novel and to read the extensive list of titles mentioned throughout the story. VERDICT This is a successful blend of mystery, adventure, and suspense, with a sizable cast of characters, in a wholly satisfying sequel that easily stands alone. •Michele Shaw, Quail Run Elementary School, San Ramon, CA --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

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What an awesome book! I'll read anything by Chris Grabenstein, whether it's one of his excellent mysteries for adults or one of his wonderful books for middle-graders like his hilarious Mr. Lemoncello library mysteries. This book has a large cast of lively and varied characters and features games, many references to real books (including quite a few banned books), and a puzzling mystery plot (with some twists I definitely didn't foresee). It champions "freedom of speech, freedom of expression, and freedom of fun," as Mr. Lemoncello puts it. This is a book that can be enjoyed by kids and grownups alike, as its humor appeals to all ages. It's the second book in a series, but it stands very well on its own.

One of the few books that I would definitely re-read! I loved everything about it like Mr Lemoncello's quirky personality and all the colourful adventures that the characters journey through. Highly

recommend.

We read it as part of a mother/daughter book group. We read escape from Mr. Lemoncello's library for an earlier book group and the girls were desperate to read this one. Overall a huge hit. For the girls reading well above grade average they could read it on their own. For those at grade level(2nd and 3rd) they read it along with their parent. Content is appropriate for young advanced readers.

The book was really great. You never knew what was going to happen. You should definitely read this great book.

great book for my 6th grader

Love this book! I love the first one in the series even more! Both books are a wonderful celebration of reading and libraries! A great read for kids (and parents too). I have been recommending this book to everyone I know. My 8 year old daughter loved it! I enjoyed reading it with her. Great characters and lots of fun!

My kids love these books! So nice to find a book series that appeals to boys and girls.

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