

# Library Scavenger Hunt

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Scavenger hunts can be a fun activity in the Library. This article is an example of a Scavenger Hunt activity that was one of 6 rotations for an induction to a new Library via a Discovery Day for Year 7 students. Glimpses of the new Library can be seen at [Library Renovation Progress | READINGPOWER \(wordpress.com\)](#) The explorer theme was designed to match in with the Discovery Day concept.

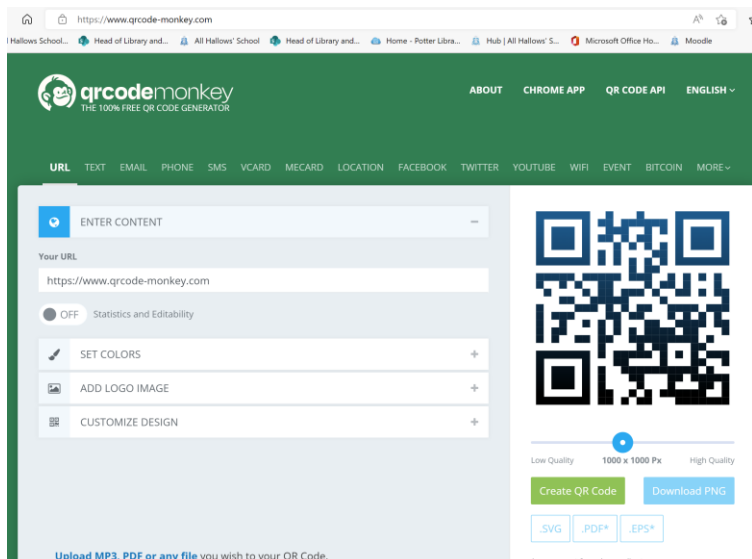
The rotations included:

1. Welcome, instructions and ice breaker activity
2. Lego algorithm
3. Fake News, misinformation and research skills
4. Tour, dots and Borrowing
5. Robotics, Coding and Spheros
6. QR code scavenger hunt
  - Lunch – esports and card and board games

This Scavenger Hunt activity occurred in a 50 minute lesson time. The aim for the activity was to familiarise students with the new Library.

QR codes were created in [QRCode Monkey - The free QR Code Generator to create custom QR Codes with Logo \(qrcode-monkey.com\)](#) which is free. I created a PDF with each clue in Microsoft OneDrive Files were shared so that anyone with the link can view but not edit. Then I obtained the URL for each OneDrive file and issued this in QRCode Monkey to create the QR Code. There are other options than QR Codes to create clues, but for this activity students were not permitted to use their phones at school.

This website was useful in creating the clues [Coded Alphabet - Secret messages - Treasure hunt 4 Kids](#) If phones are permitted, there are apps available that can create great scavenger hunts, such as [The Original Scavenger Hunt App | GooseChase](#) More ideas can be found at: Library Orientation as Puzzle Room by Trippe Reade [EJ1144132.pdf \(ed.gov\)](#)



We found glare from internal lights could make scanning a problem so the same code was placed in several places in the one location by sticking the code to the shelf and also on the back of books. This also helped if more than one group arrived at the same time. It also prevented any groups from hiding the code from other students.

Student groups generally took most of the lesson, but if any finished early, they perused the SORA digital magazines, comics, ebooks and audiobooks and were encouraged to read and borrow.

Students were very engaged in the Scavenger Hunt. Other variations for active Library learning include Escape Rooms and Who dunnit? mysteries.

The answers are shown below. For the student handouts, the answers are removed of course.

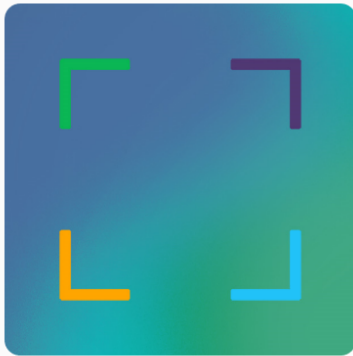
There is a lot of work to set up a Scavenger Hunt. The 240 students were divided into 120 each day. Thus, the Scavenger Hunt was done 10 times over the 2 days. It will be repeated at the start of 2023. While we will no doubt tweak the program, using this 20 times, makes it worth the time required in preparation. These Scavenger Hunts can be adapted for different age groups, purposes and themes.

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### **Scavenger Hunt Lesson Plan**

- ✓ Teach students how to install and use QR codes. We use QR Reader – T.A.P. Tag Tech from the Windows Store which students can install on their Windows tablets. After scanning the QR code, they should either solve the clue or click Download so the clues are saved in their Download file. I believe with Windows 11, the device camera will read QR codes, so then there will be no need to install a QR code reader
- ✓ Show students how to access SORA magazines on their tablet
- ✓ Divide students into groups – we had 8 groups of 3. Discuss some strategies and rules.
- ✓ Hand out pencils and print outs of a Library Map that is labelled with the locations students need to find somewhere on the map, plus a Clues sheet (see the 8 clues below). Students are given one Help pass per group, where they can get hints to help them out
- ✓ Read the diamond instructions below to students
- ✓ Release groups to explore the Library, find and scan the codes, and solve the 8 challenges to find the 8 answers
- ✓ When students finish collecting the codes, they return to the starting point. When finished deciphering the clues they ask the teacher to check answers. Answers must be spelt correctly
- ✓ Take 5 minutes at the end to debrief the whole class. Ask the fastest Team what strategies they used to win. Then ask other Teams what challenges they faced and how they overcame these



## QR Reader - T.A.P. Tag Tech

T.A.P. Tag Technologies LLC

3.7 ★

Average

7

Ratings



3+

Age Rating: IARC. 3+

Fast, Free, and Easy to use! Scan a QR code and we will open the content! With T.A.P. Tags, you can open additional content by using different color...

### Scavenger Hunt: How to be a Great Explorer

Explorer Team Starting Number	
Explorer Team Members	
Time	

#### Explorer Team Members

In order to make Discoveries, you need to learn to be Explorers. Some of you may already have Explorer skills. Others may need more training, but everyone can be a great Explorer and make great Discoveries.

Which Team will be the best at Exploring and complete all the challenges fastest?

To be a great Explorer you need 8 key skills and abilities. Your challenge is to Discover what these are.

Each Team member has one "Ask a Question" pass.

- ❖ **All QR codes are on LEVEL 1 ONLY** If code is hard to scan, look underneath or back of book
- ❖ **Download the QR codes ( see Download button top left).**
- ❖ **Number 4 does not have a QR code**
- ❖ **Check the hints on the back of the map and Clues page** (These are the anthem and alphabet codes below)
- ❖ Each Team starts at their matching number: Team 1, starts at QR code 1, Team 2 starts at QR code 2 etc and then continue moving through the QR codes in order

1.To be a great Explorer, you need to find your way and not be lost. Where's Wally? is written by author Martin Handford. Go to the Picture Book area, and search near H for Handford. The QR code is on the top of the shelf above where Where's Wally can found when shelved by author. **Find the code and download**

ANSWER 1	Curiosity
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2.To be a great Explorer, you almost always need to work with others and problem solve. Playing board games is a great way to learn to work as a Team. Find where the Library games are stored. Spot the QR code where the games are stored. **Find the code and download**

ANSWER 2	Team Spirit
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3.To be a great Explorer, you need good practice, training and planning. Finding out as much as you can before- hand is a great strategy. Go to the Magazines area. Find the magazine that says on the cover: **VIRUS** They kill us by the millions. But without them life is impossible." Look underneath or on the back of the magazine for the QR code. **Find the code and download**

ANSWER 3	Preparation
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4.To be a great Explorer, you need to be physically and mentally prepared. Go to The Cave to answer this clue which needs you to use your tablet. Go to [Sora - Home \(soraapp.com\)](https://soraapp.com) Click Explore. In **Preferences, choose Magazines as your Format**, then click Apply. Search for “womens health Australia.” Click the cover with only one girl on it. In the middle column it says reading the magazine will **boost** what? Starting with an “f” and ending with an “s.” 7 letters. **WORK OUT NOW**

ANSWER 4	Fitness
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5.To be a great Explorer, you need to be resilient and not give up. Go to the new books display. Look top left of the New Book area. There you will find a book written about evil Library staff. Find the QR code on the stand behind the book. There is a hint on the back of this sheet. **Find the code and download**

ANSWER 5	Grit
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6.To be a great Explorer, you need to focus on the important elements of the problem. While most non-fiction books are on Level 2, there are some high interest non-fiction books on Level 1 in the Junior Non-fiction area. Look at your map; go to the shelves in the corner of The Breakout Space, Research Area 1.4, in the furthest corner of the Library in Level 1 on the Piazza side. Find a book in this section that means: “very intelligent.” This word is also used at the Apple Shop – it is where you go for help. Look under the book. **Find the code and download**

ANSWER 6	Attention to detail
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7.To be a great Explorer, you need to expect what is often unexpected. Head to the Graphics Novel section. To find it look at you map and go to the Manga section; turn so you are facing the back of Research Area 1.3. Look under Girl On Fire for the QR code. **Find the code and download**

ANSWER 7	Prepare for emergencies
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8.To be a great Explorer, it helps to have a sense of humour to achieve your goals. Head to the Comedy section in the Fiction Lounge area. Use the QR code to find the last answer. Return your sheet to the Library counter to record your time. **Find the code and download**

ANSWER 8	Vision
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J		W	
K		X	
L		Y	
M		Z	

# THE VIKING ALPHABET



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
15	3	8	6	10	13	4	20	7	12	24	16	23

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
18	25	11	21	17	5	14	9	26	22	27	19	0



Australians all let us rejoice,  
 For we are young and free;  
 We've golden soil and wealth for toil;  
 Our home is girt by sea;  
 Our land abounds in nature's gifts  
 Of beauty rich and rare;  
 In history's page, let every stage  
 Advance Australia Fair.  
 In joyful strains then let us sing,  
 Advance Australia Fair



## UNSURE? ASK A QUESTION

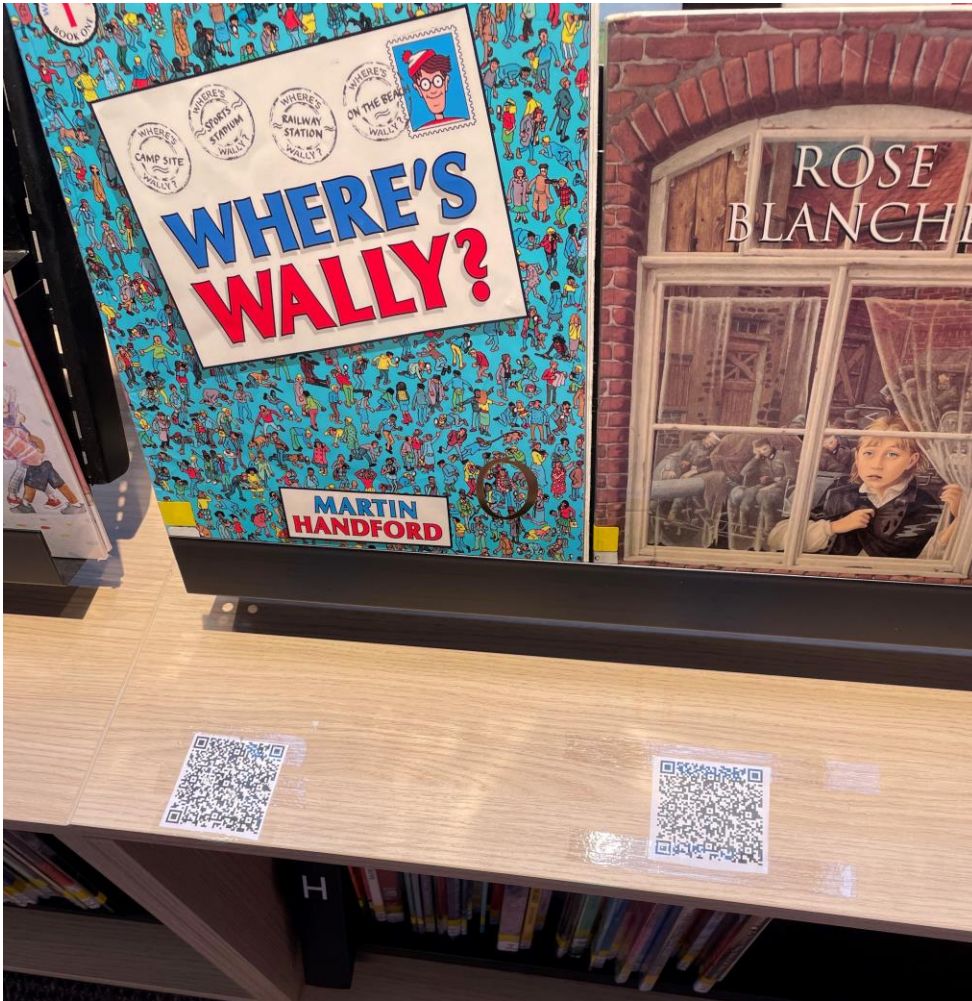
This voucher allows your group one free request of help from the Level 1 Library Counter.

Hand this voucher to the Counter staff before asking your question. They will not give you the answer, but they will assist as much as they can.

Clue 1

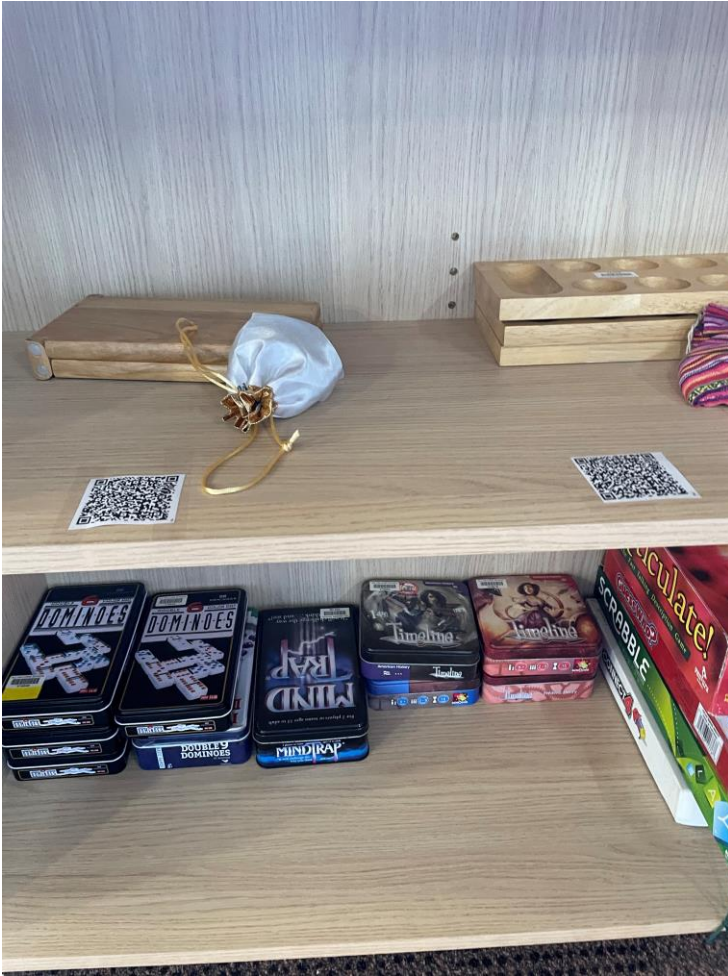






Clue 2

Rearrange the letters to find this skill needed to be an Explorer. Meat Stirip



### Clue 3

P\_\_\_\_\_n The word means: the action or process of making something ready for use or service or of getting ready for some occasion, test, or duty. Unscramble A A E I O N P P R R T



#### Clue 4

Does not have a QR code. Students need to use SORA app.

#### Clue 5

\_\_\_ The word you need is in the Australian National Anthem, in the 4th line; it has 4 letters. When you rearrange the second and third letter you spell a word that means courage and resolve.



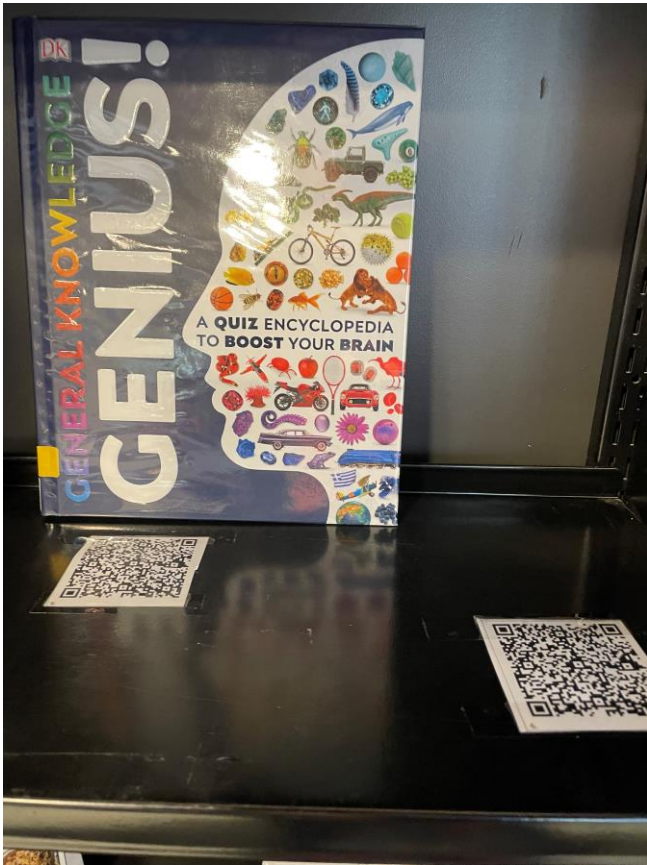


Clue 6

Answer is 3 words long: Rearrange these letters: noitnetta ot liated It means the “action of dealing with or taking special care of someone or something.”

Clue 7





Clue 8

26 7 5 7 25 18

