Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library Chris Grabenstein Reviewed by: Anagha Kondury, 14 Star Teen Book Reviewer of Be the Star You Are! Charity www.bethestaryouare.org

For 12 years, the town Alexandriaville, Ohio has had no public library. Until now when Luigi Lemoncello, the eccentric and ingenious billionaire game designer, has helped construct the new one. Kyle Keely is a huge fan of Mr. Lemoncello and when he realizes that 12 students are going to be selected to be the first to go in, he knows he has to be one of them. The library lock-in is a night filled with lots of excitement, entertainment, food, and of course games. However, the next morning when the kids wake up to leave, the doors are still locked. The games aren't over yet. In this challenge, Kyle and the others have 24 hours to use what they have in the library to get out. Working together or not it's up to them. And don't forget, Mr. Lemoncello always drops lots of clues and puzzles in his games, so be on the lookout.

I enjoyed it and had a lot of fun reading this book. I like that the author encourages reading and emphasizes why it is important throughout the book. Books were the key to solving the puzzles and clues to help them escape from the library. At the end of the book, there is a list of books to read that were referenced in the story. Another thing which makes the book fun is the clues and puzzles are shown and the reader can figure it out themselves as if they were escaping the library. Teamwork is another theme represented throughout the book showing why it is important to work together and use everyone's ideas to succeed.

I would recommend this book for 4th through 6th graders to read or ages 9-11. The reading level for this book is 4.5. This is definitely a book I would buy. My 4th-grade teacher did a read aloud with this book and I liked it so much I bought it to read again. Time and again I am captivated by the wonders of Mr. Lemoncello's library and I enjoy solving the little clues and puzzles in the book.

If you enjoyed this book I would recommend reading:

(Mr. Lemocello's Great Library Race

Mr. Lemoncello's Library Race

Mr. Lemocello's All Star Breakout Game) in which Kyle and his friends face new challenges created by the mastermind, Mr. Luigi Lemoncello.

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