



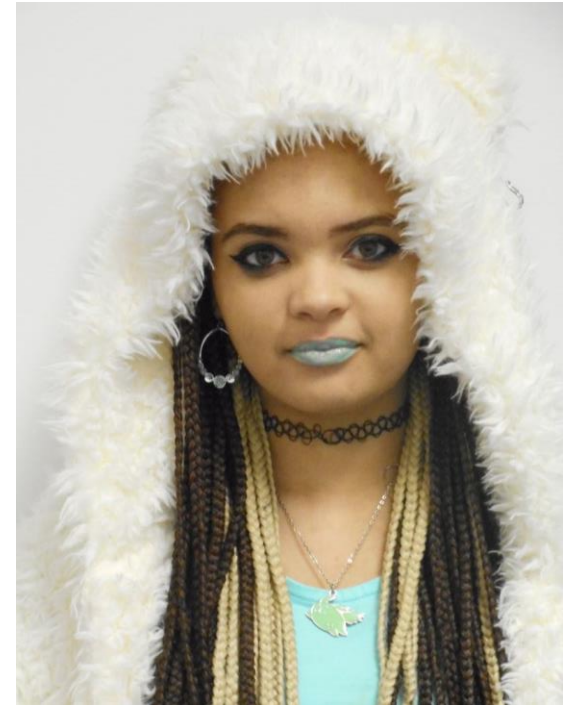
The Body in the Library

POWHATAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY TEEN MURDER MYSTERY EVENT

VIRGINIA ANDERSON

Overview of the Murder Mystery

- ▶ The idea was introduced by a member of our group.
- ▶ We created a story and developed our characters.



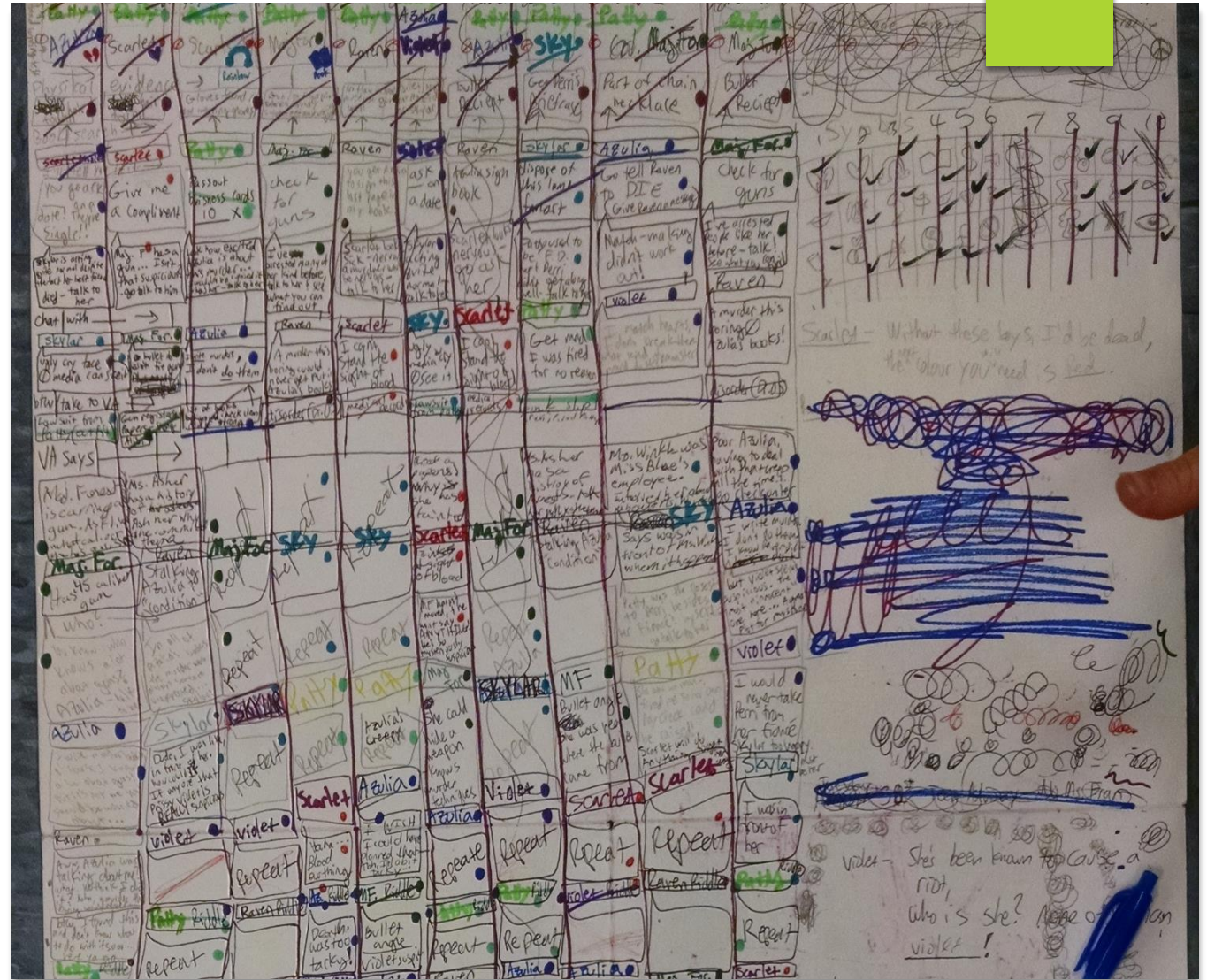
Patty Mint

Planning

- ▶ Map
- ▶ Character development
- ▶ An alternative to planning a mystery event
<https://www.thebalance.com/free-murder-mystery-games-1357635>

The Map

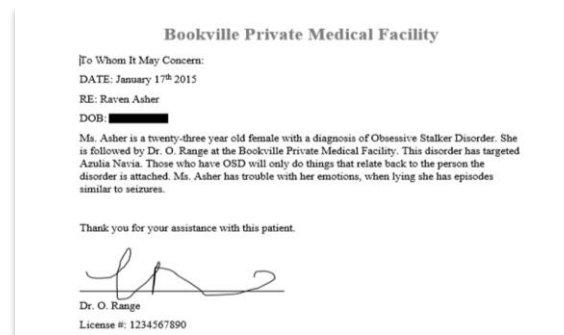
- ▶ This is the map.
- ▶ There are ten pathways for a maximum of thirty participants.
- ▶ Each clue is laid out with lists of eliminations and clues/leads.
- ▶ This helped us organize and lay out all of the clues for the final event.



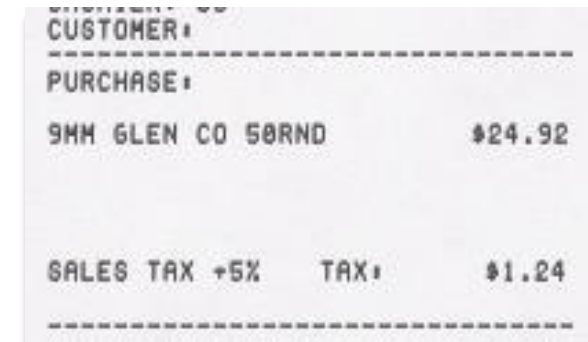
Clues



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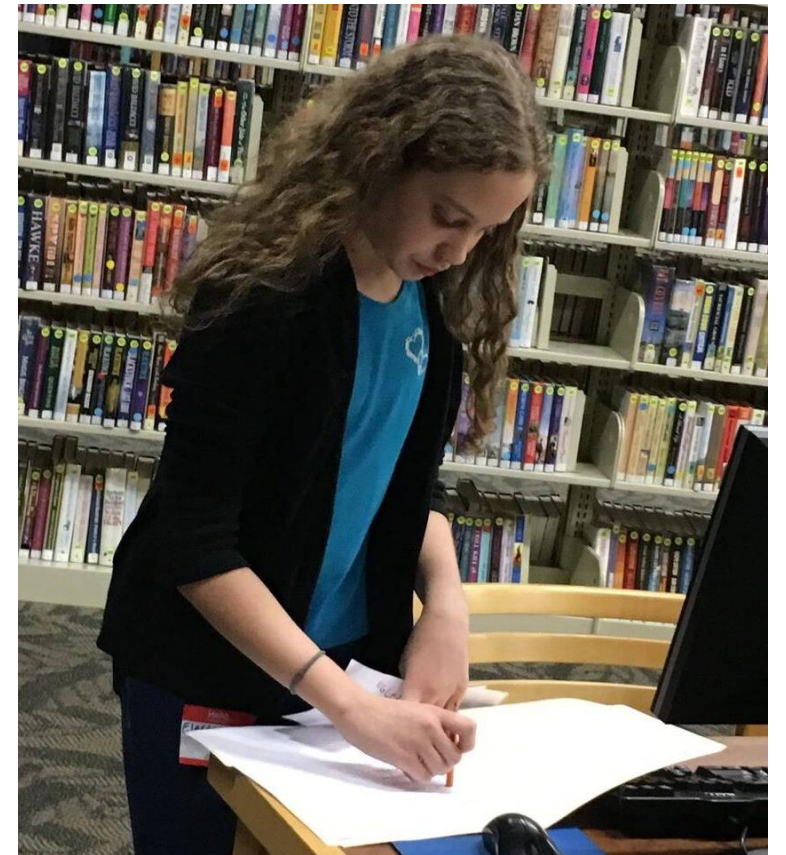
Doctor's Note



Receipt

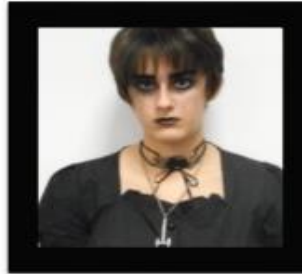
Creating Storyline and Clues

- ▶ Backstories
- ▶ Types of clues
 - ▶ Tweets
<http://simitator.com/generator/twitter/tweet>
 - ▶ Texts
<http://www.fakephonetext.com>
 - ▶ Receipts
http://www.fakereceipt.us/sales_receipt.php



Suspect Sheet

Suspect Sheet: Raven Asher



Height: 5' 8"

Weight: 125 pounds

Age: 23

Relationship Status: None

Relationship to Perri: Worked for her but was fired after 2 weeks.

Criminal Record:

Numerous Traffic Violations
Breaking and Entering
Violating Probation
Violating Restraining Order (3 times)

Current Job: Unemployed

Former Jobs: Assistant to Perri Winkle,

Education: Kicked out of Bookville High School

Other Items of Note:

- Loves Azulia Navia's books, Ms. Navia has a standing restraining order against Ms. Asher. Ms. Asher has violated it several times.
- Ms. Asher is well versed in the use of various weaponry

Example of Suspect's Handwriting:

This is an example of the suspect's handwriting.

Suspect's Signature:

Raven Asher

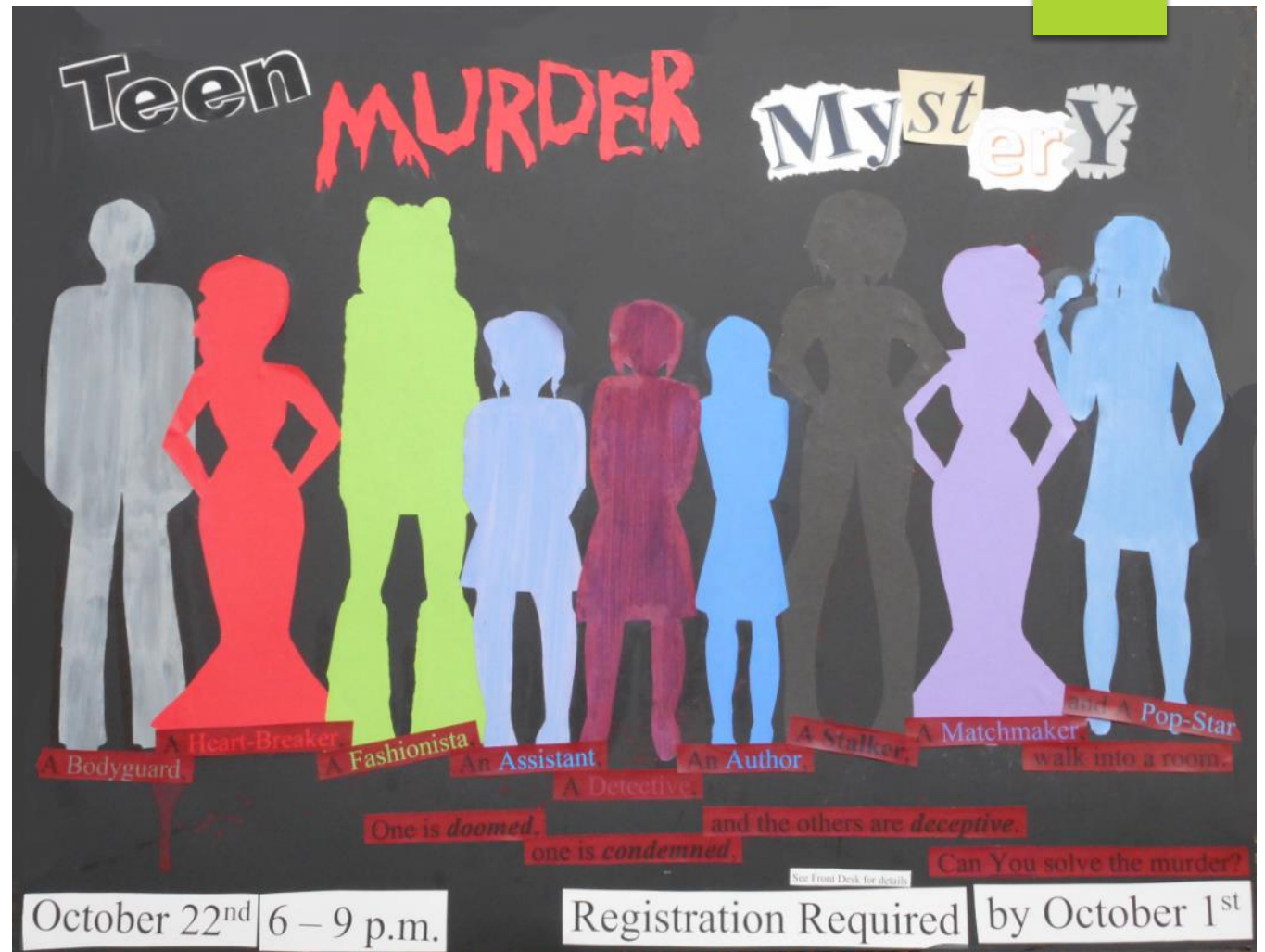
Advertising

- ▶ Posters
- ▶ Word of mouth
- ▶ Local newspaper



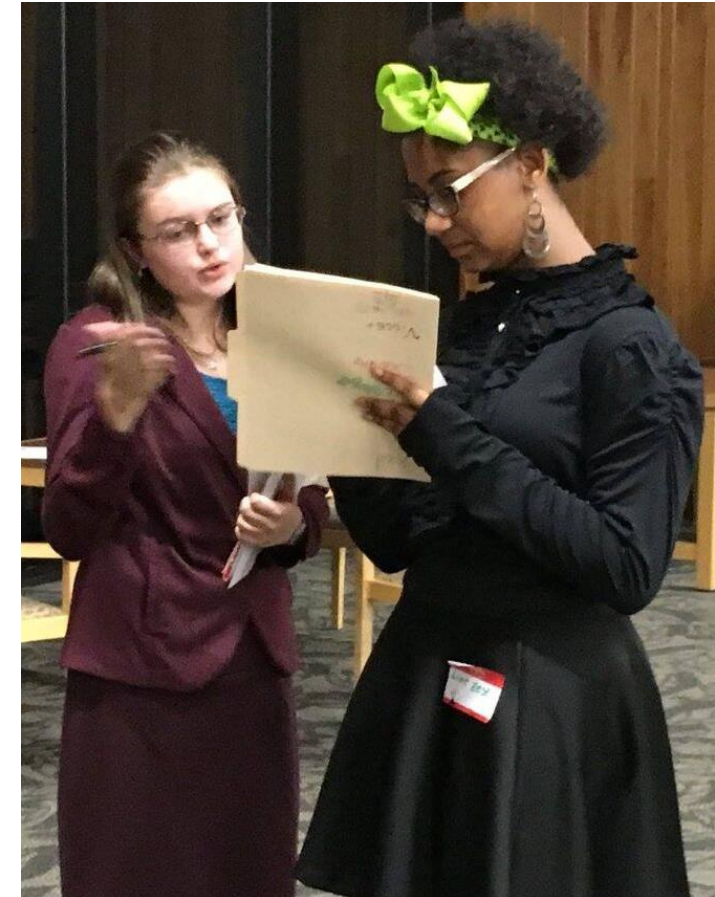
Poster

- ▶ The poster we created showcased all of the main characters and added to the suspense!



How everything fit together

- ▶ Each clue, as part of the storyline, was put in separate folders.
- ▶ Practice makes perfect!
- ▶ We included two informative skits
 - ▶ Intro skit
 - ▶ Concluding skit



The Actual Event

01

Opening skit

02

Folders with clues were handed out to participants

03

Worked through clues while interacting with characters

04

Ballots were cast and final skit performed

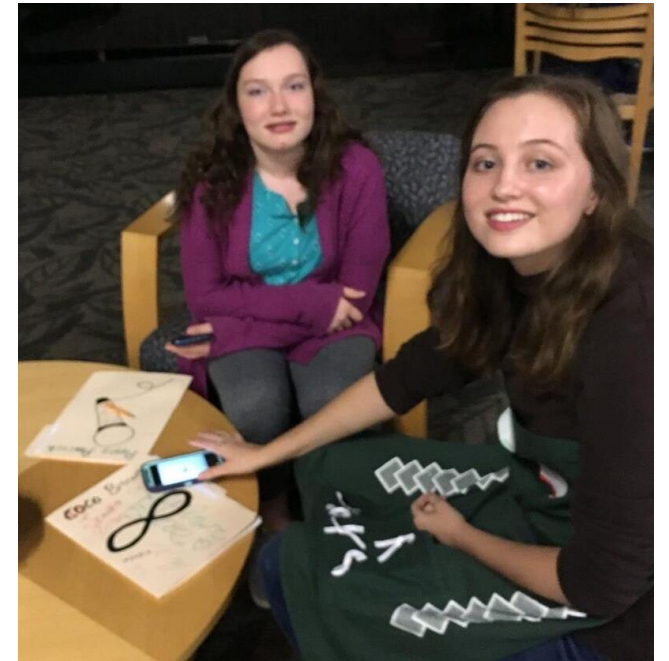
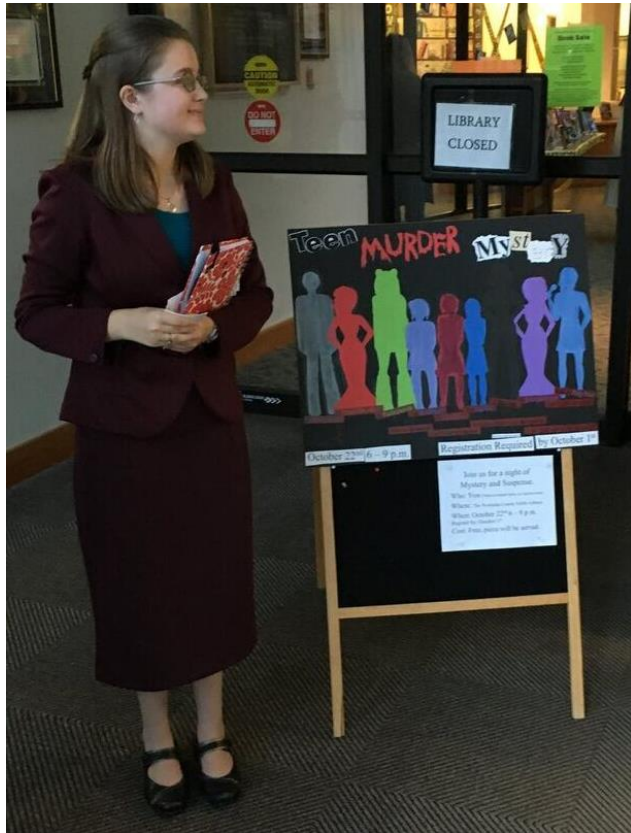
Parting Tips

- ▶ A lot of time was spent on this event and creativity abounded!
- ▶ Be clear and consistent with clues.
- ▶ For planning shortcuts, check out ideas on thebalance.com

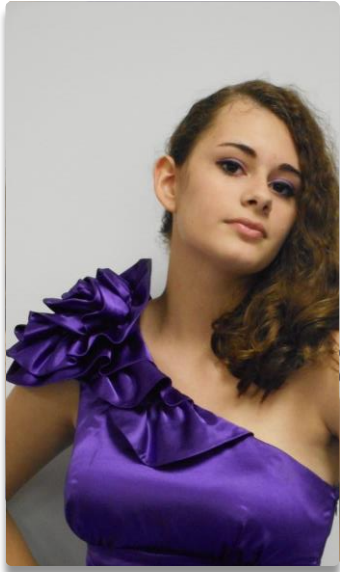


Colonel Sterling Silver

Pictures from the event



A round-up of the usual suspects



Violet Rose



Dr. White



Scarlett Rose

Questions

- ▶ Please ask them!



Online Survey

▶ tinyurl.com/th2017vla

