

Episode title: Melina, the Spy, and the Secret Code

Episode launch date: June 3 Program name: Let's Talk About Spies and Spying! Program Magician: Kimberly Behan

Subject

Today we will be learning about observation and note-taking by talking about the world of spies! This story time is meant to be a companion to our first episode of *Page Flippers Take on the World*, in which an eight-year-old girl wants to be a spy. We'll sing songs and read three books, play games, and make a craft.

Summary of Episode

Melina (she/her) is an eight-year-old girl who loves reading, drawing, and pretending to be a spy. She joins the Page Flipper Club at Brooklyn Public Library and learns about fun spy book from the librarians and the Whoa Gizmo. Then, she interviews Lauren Wilkerson, a real author of a popular spy novel for adults. Afterward, Melina saves the day by cracking the code of a secret message meant for the librarians.

Recommended Podcast Clip

- Find and charge (if necessary) your speaker and the device from which you'll play the *Page Flippers* clip this can be played at any point during the program, or not if the group isn't into it!
- The clip will appear as a "bonus" episode on the podcast feed (you can find it on <u>Spotify</u>, <u>Apple Podcasts</u>, <u>Stitcher</u>, <u>RadioPublic</u>, <u>Google Podcasts</u>, etc.)
- Clip summary: Librarians Sheneatha and Rachel are trying to get the Magical Mephisto to perform for Summer Reading, but he keeps disappearing! They find a note from him written

in secret code, and Page Flipper Melina saves the day by cracking the numbers to read the message from the elusive Mephisto.

Storytime Guide

- 1. Welcome Song "Hi, hello today we're spies, today we're spies, today we're spies. Hi hello today we're spies, let's go solve a mystery" (in tune of London Bridge)
- 2. Page Flippers talking points
 - Today's story time is all about spies!
 - This program is a companion to our new BPL podcast for kids. That podcast is called Page Flippers Take on the World, and it's designed to teach kids ages 4 to 10 about the world of work, with lots of jokes and fun songs.
 - We'll give out postcards at the end of the program with a QR code so you can listen at home.
- 3. Book: I Spy in the Sky by Edward Gibbs
- 4. Play a few rounds of "I Spy" (I Spy with my little eye something blue)
- 5. Book: Lyric McKerrigan, Secret Librarian by Jacob Sager Weinstein
- 6. Dance Party to "Spies" by Marky Monday (<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p8Ds8XU7NGk</u>)
- 7. Book: Pete the Cat: Secret Agent by James Dean
- 8. Craft: Make and design a spy notebook. All good spies must have a notebook to write down everything they see. Provide participants with a premade notebook made from cardstock and blank pages stapled together. Then they are to design the cover of their spy notebook with markers/crayons/stickers.
- 9. Closing song: Mission Impossible theme song. Tell participants that their mission, if they choose to accept, is to go out to the world and write down everything they see in their notebooks and then play the Mission Impossible theme song.
- 10. Resource share
 - Hand out Page Flipper postcards so families can listen at home.
 - Share this book list with families, all about architecture and engineering! You can even create book bundles from this list. https://www.bklynlibrary.org/search?booklist=571563