

suspect list

#### tara miller

Tara is a library regular, but is not a local – in fact, she spends her entire day in the library researching.... well, no one really knows what she is researching! A mysterious person, Tara keeps to herself, but was recently joined by Julia Lynch. Tara is quiet and respects most library rules, although she is never seen without a cup of coffee at her side – a transgression the library staff tend to overlook, considering the generous donations she has made to the library since she started her daily research.

### natalya hall

Presumably a patron of the library, Natalya is a mystery. She has been at the library all day, and her reasons for being there are unknown. Natalya is precise in her movements, and her clothes and demeanour indicate that she is classy woman of the world. She keeps to herself, and when she does answer questions, she tends to keep her answers vague.

# paige zimmerman

A reporter for a local news and interests blog called City Beat, Paige is a woman who always gets her story! Her articles and content appeal to the more intellectual in the city, however her readership is not restricted to local readers; she has many readers world-wide, thanks to her gripping and far-reaching theories. Tenacious and outgoing, Paige keeps her blog posts focused on positive, and occasionally mysterious, happenings in the city and around the world.

# julia lynch

Self-proclaimed psychic Julia Lynch runs a business giving intuitive readings. While some are skeptical of her abilities, Julia's skills are recognized world-wide, and she is one of the most reputable psychics in the business. She also lends her services to the police for missing persons cases – a fact that gives credibility to her "gift", as she has helped the police close three of the four cases on which she consulted. Julia is a peaceful woman with a kind smile who loves helping others. She is not a local, and just flew into town yesterday on "private business".

## clary weaver

Head librarian Clary Weaver works in the library, as she has for many years now. A strict, hard-nosed woman, Clary is a stickler for the rules, and is quick to eject any "troublemakers" or "hooligans" from the library when called for. There is not much that goes on in the library that Clary doesn't know about, and she is as much a fixture in the library as the shelves of books.

### candice vulpes

Historical author Candice Vulpes is visiting the library on a book tour, promoting her book, titled "The Way of the Antiquities". While she isn't actually booked in for a reading and signing today, she has come to the library to speak with the patrons one-on-one. According to the bio on the dust jacket of her book, Candice is a writer, historian and philanthropist, raising money and helping children all over the world. She also has a PhD in medicine, and while she does not regularly practice medicine, she does work with Doctors Without Borders in her spare time. Candice, is outgoing and charismatic, and carries a copy of her book.

#### cat gruen

Mild-mannered and easy going, Cat (short for Catharina) Gruen takes everything in stride – she has to, or she would go mad, working with the ensemble of characters she does. Thanks to them and her eccentric patrons, the life of a library director is never dull! Having been in the director position for a few years now, Cat runs a tight ship, making her library one of the best around for miles. She is rarely seen without a clip-board that holds a lengthy to-do list.

### spencer williams

Cafe manager Spencer Williams is outgoing and charismatic. She spends her day slinging coffee for local residents and patrons of the library, and over the years has become good friends with the library staff and regulars alike. A pillar of the community, Spencer hosts a monthly fundraising evening in the cafe with live music and varying themes, with all proceeds going to help fund library initiatives. Spencer spends a lot of her free time inside the library, claiming it is her place of solace – where she comes to recharge. She is charming and intelligent, and her kind demeanour instantly puts those she meets at ease.

#### beatrice farmsworth

Childrens author Beatrice Farmsworth is a local celebrity. Having written and illustrated over 20 children's books over the past ten years, Beatrice's creations have struck a cord with children worldwide. Luckily for this library, she is fiercely loyal to her home town, and comes in at least once every few months to read her books aloud in the kids section of the library. The events that feature Beatrice Farmsworth draw quite the crowd! Beatrice is a happy-go-lucky author who loves meeting her fans, however she is a bit territorial about the library, and has requested that library director Cat Gruen not allow any other authors inside the library on the days when Beatrice is in attendance.

## charlene slythe

A patron and avid reader, Charlene came to the library today to do what most people do: check out some books. She is friendly and charismatic and excited to be part of the investigation. Charlene knows a lot about literature, and specifically the missing Sardonic Manuscript.

# gabby slythe

Library patron Gabby Slythe is the sister of Charlene Slythe. She is young, outgoing and very intelligent, and knows a lot about the missing Sardonic Manuscript. She claims she is in the library to discover new literature and refresh her bedside reading pile.

# ciara gravenhurst

Local museum curator Ciara Gravenhurst is a serious woman who enjoys peace, quiet and intellectual conversation. When she wants to 'cut loose', she spends an afternoon at the library, which, for her, is a wild change of pace. Ciara is soft-spoken, but when she does speak sharply and is usually peering at others over the rim of her glasses.