

A Book Swap Treasure Hunt

The whole premise of Treasure Island is a good ole fashion treasure hunt, to find the gold where “X” marks the spot. In our Treasure Island adventure we are also looking for treasure but this time it’s the treasure of more reading.



Treasure Hunt Preparation:

Decide on six different spots where you would like to hide clues. We love to have a combination of indoor/outdoor treasure hunts but you choose where you want the clues to be placed.

For each spot think of a funny rhyme that would give a clue to where something is without saying it.

For this hunt we picked these six places: a backpack, piano, tree, balloon, fruit tree, and a picnic table.

Now design a map with the various places marked on the map and then put a number 1-6 on it. This will help younger friends find their way easier. Decide where you want to place the treasure, and then “X” marks the spot on the map. Print out copies of your map, one for each guest or pair of hunters.

I print out a chart with the clues on them so I could easily cut and then place them in the designated areas. Once printed, I put the number of the hiding place on the other side of the clue. Here is a sample for this treasure hunt. The actual clues are on larger portions of paper.

I'll hold your books from there to here. I'll hold any type of your school gear.	You don't need to pound my keys to make them flat. They already are.
Oak, Maple, Ash, and Birch are all types of this.	Peaches and pears, not a pea come from this type of tree.
With helium you rise, a delight to our eyes. Red, yellow or blue, every possible hue.	Unscramble the letters: ccniip belta (Hint: outside lunch)

Put the clues in their places. You won't be able to set the treasure chest until all of the guests have arrived.

Time to Hunt Treasure

Everyone in my family loves a good treasure hunt. Since we are jumping into a book for this hunt, we've decided that the best treasure is more books.

Invite some family and friends over for this fun event. Ask everyone to bring a slightly loved and read book or two along. As they come in, have them place their books in the treasure chest. Once all of the guests have arrived have someone not in the treasure hunt set the treasure in its spot. While they are doing this, it's time to set some ground rules.

Set the Ground Rules

- If dividing into teams, decide who gets to read the clues. Everyone should get a turn.

- You must go through all of the clues before you can go to “X” marks the spot.
- Remember to take only one book.

Ok you are ready to hunt for treasure. Have fun!



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