Activities for *King & Kayla and the Case of the Secret Code* by Dori Hillestad Butler

King and his human Kayla are a mystery-solving duo! Kayla makes lists of clues and King uses his keen dog senses to help her solve the case. In *King & Kayla and the Case of the Secret Code*, Kayla and King find a strange letter left on their doormat, but they can’t read it. The letters of the words are all scrambled up so that none of the words make sense. Together, with their friend Mason, Kayla and King work to unscramble the mysterious letter and find out who sent it to them.

You can check out the ebook at denverlibrary.org/downloads or put the book on hold at denverlibrary.org.

Stream our video online at youtube.com/denverlibrary and find the Book Explorers playlist. Then, try one of these activities to extend the experience.

**Make up your own secret code**

Did you know that you can make up your own secret code? It’s easy and fun! You can do this in several different ways. Write out the alphabet letters on a piece of paper. Then decide what your code will be: do you want to use numbers, letters, or drawings? Above each of the alphabet letters you’ve written down, give each letter a number, another alphabet letter, or draw a picture. Then, using your new code, write a message to give to a friend or family member. See if they can figure out your code! (Hint: Don’t lose your sheet with your special code. That is called your “key” which you can use to write more messages.)
Discussion Questions

Discussion questions are a great way to dive deeper into the story.

1. How does Kayla solve mysteries?
2. How does King solve mysteries? How can he help Kayla solve mysteries if he can only bark?
3. How would YOU have solved this mystery of the secret code? Would you have done things differently from Kayla?

Readalikes

If you liked reading about King and Kayla, there are several more books in the series by Dori Hillestad Butler. Or you may like these mysteries:

- **A to Z Mysteries:** *Colossal Fossil* by Ron Roy
- **Hamster Holmes:** *A Mystery Comes Knocking* by Albin Sadar
- **Pigsticks and Harold:** *and the Incredible Journey* by Alex Milway
- **Wallace and Grace:** *Take the Case* by Heather Alexander