



Gaming in the Library

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This pathfinder will be useful in finding information about how to start and conduct gaming programs in the library.

For an introduction to the topic, see:

- “Gaming for Librarians: an introduction,” by Heather Wilson. *VOYA* (Feb 2005).

Key Resources at a Glance:

- “Gaming in Libraries 2.0”, by Katherine Makens. *Young Adult Library Services* (Summer 2007).
- “I Can’t Dance Without Arrows: getting active @ your library with video game programs”, by Beth Gallaway and Alissa Lauzon. *Young Adult Library Services* (Summer 2006).
- “Getting your game on: a few great reasons to offer playtime,” by Jenny Levine. *American Libraries* (Jan 2007).

Resources

Books

- *Gamers...in the Library?!: the why, what and how of videogame tournaments for all ages*, by Eli Neiburger. (2007)
- *Gaming and Libraries: an intersection of services*, by Jenny Levine. (2006)
- *Don’t Bother Me Mom – I’m Learning*, by Marc Prensky. (2006)
- *Got Game: how the gamer generation is reshaping business forever*, by John C. Beck and Mitchell Wade. (2004)

Magazine Articles

- “Meet the Gamers,” by Kurt Squire and Constance Steinkuehler. *Library Journal* (April 2005).
- “Web, Library, and Teen Services 2.0,” by Kimberly Bolan, Meg Canada and Rob Cullin. *Young Adult Library Services* (Winter 2007)
- “Out of the Basement: the social side of gaming,” by Eli Neiburger and Matt Gullett. *Young Adult Library Services* (Winter 2007).
- “Carvers Bay (SC) Branch Library: gaming the way to literacy,” by Betha Gutsche. *Web Junction Article* (August 2006).

Search Aids

Search Terms

(Use for computer searches)

- Gaming in Libraries
- Gaming and Teens

Subject Headings

(Use in card catalogs and print indexes)

- Gaming
- Electronic Games
- Multimedia Library Services
- Electronic Games—Library Resources

Call Number

- 022 (Dewey Decimal)
- 794.8 (Dewey Decimal)

Indexes and Abstracts

- EBSCOhost
- First Search

Library catalogs

- Your local library catalog
- SILO - State-wide catalog
- World Cat - World-wide Catalog

Web Pages and Web Portals

- Game On: Games in Libraries Blog
libgaming.blogspot.com
- Gaming at the Library Success Wiki
www.libsuccess.org/index.php?title=Gaming
- Gaming in Libraries
www.gaminginlibraries.org
- Teen Lib Wiki: Gaming for Teens
yalibrarian.com/yalib_wiki/index.php?title=Gaming_for_Teens
- Photos of Gaming Events on Flickr
www.flickr.com/photos/tags/gaminginlibraries
- YPulse: media for the next generation
www.ypuse.com
- Entertainment Software Ratings Board
www.esrb.org
- Pew Internet Studies: Teens and Technology
www.pewinternet.org

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