

Happy Holidays! We're having such fun reviewing all the new titles coming from the publishers, just in time for library patrons to enjoy them over the long holiday break.

If you need help selecting titles for your collection, please give us a call and we will put together a list just for you. Our website contains more than 5,000 titles suitable for library circulation, and that number is growing every day.



There's an excellent article on gaming in a recent issue of *American Libraries* magazine. Sandy Farmer, a youth services librarian from the Houston Public Library, has a lot to say on the importance of making games available to their patrons:

Children and teens without access to video games are missing out on a part of their culture that is and will be relevant to them in the future. While older generations can sing the entire Gilligan's Island theme song, children today have entire conversations that take place using a cultural frame of reference that comes from video games. Many of our children and teens cannot understand why anyone would just want to watch television when they could participate in and make decisions about the storyline, where to go, and how the action should take place. To today's children linear storylines are boring and only relevant in school. Providing access to these game/stories became one of the missions of our youth services department. We wanted to be exciting, fun, and relevant to the young customers we see in our library every day.

You can read the entire article here:  
<http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/features/10192010/gaming-20>.



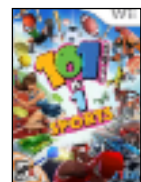
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From all of us at Thomas Klise/Crimson Multimedia, we wish you a wonderful holiday season with reduced library hours and increased family time!

We appreciate your business and look forward to working with you in the coming year.

*Molly*

Molly Klise, President  
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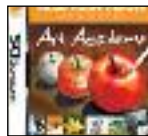
## 101-in-1 Sports Party Megamix

© 2010 ATLUIS

One hundred and one addictive sports games for Wii! Compete in your favorite sports alone or with up to three other people in the best sports gaming value for Wii! *101-in-1 Sports Party*

*Megamix* offers one hundred and one popular sports games basketball, soccer, hockey, football, and many more on a single disc, and all for an unbeatable, irresistible price! Gather your friends and loved ones and enjoy some addictive, family-friendly sports fun! Rated E10.

WI-AL100800      Wii      \$20



## Art Academy

© 2010 NINTENDO

*Art Academy* is an educational art game designed to teach the basics of painting, drawing, sketching, color theory, and beyond. *Art Academy* incorporates all 20 lessons from the previous two releases as well as 10 new lessons. The game features multiple modes, including one led by an in-game art tutor, as well as Free Paint mode that allows you to let your creativity flow freely. Additional features include: a wide variety of pencil and brush types, an in-game painter's color palette and the ability to save and frame finished work. Given a 92% rating by *Children's Technology Review*. Rated E.

DS-ND101201      DS      \$20



## Band-in-a-Box 2011

© 2010 EMEDIA

*Band-in-a-Box 2011* is here with over 50 great new features! The award winning *Band-in-a-Box* is so easy to use! Just type in the chords to any song (like C or Fm7b5), choose a musical style from the hundreds available, and click the [Play] button.

*Band-in-a-Box* automatically generates a full backing arrangement including RealDrums and RealTracks. That's right, LIVE audio recordings of actual musicians. *Band-in-a-Box* includes a "Plug-in" mode, allowing you to simply Drag-n-Drop tracks between *Band-in-a-Box* and your favorite sequencer (RealBand, Sonar, Reaper, ProTools, FL-Studio, Nuendo and more). Not Rated.

EM101200      Windows      \$129



## Brunswick Pro Bowling (Kinect)

© 2010 CRAVE

*Brunswick Pro Bowling* is a bowling simulation game for Xbox 360 that utilizes the motion capture and control capabilities of the Xbox 360 Kinect motion control system. The result is addictive gameplay that is both realistic

and entertaining for the whole family. Additional features include: detailed environments filled with interesting characters, multiple mode settings, character customization and even bumpers for kids, or others needing help staying out of the gutter. This game requires the Kinect system. Rated E.

XBK-CE101200      Xbox 360 with Kinect      \$50



## Commander: Europe at War

© 2010 GRAFFITI ENTERTAINMENT

*Commander: Europe at War* spans World War II, allowing the player to control the Axis or Allied forces throughout the entire European Theater. Can Germany's rise be stopped or will the jackboots of the SS march through London? This high-level, turn-based strategy game offers plenty of depth to satisfy seasoned wargamers while presenting an interface that's easily accessible to newcomers as well. Fans of strategic war games will find themselves completely at home as they try to hold the Maginot Line, march on Moscow, or clear the shipping lanes of Sea Wolves! Rating Pending.

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DS-GE101200      DS      \$20



## Donkey Kong Country Returns

© 2010 NINTENDO

Inspired by earlier games in the *Donkey Kong Country* series, *Donkey Kong Country Returns* is a new take on a beloved Nintendo franchise. This new iteration blends familiar actions, levels, and characters with a whole new graphical treatment and feel, as well as new control schemes and play options. Features include a co-op play option allowing you to team up as Donkey Kong and Diddy, radically different visuals ranging from nearly 3D treatment to others that appear in silhouette, two different controller schemes, and more. Rated E.

WI-ND101108      Wii      \$50



## DJ Hero 2

© 2010 ACTIVISION

*DJ Hero 2* will transform living rooms into nightclubs all over again with an entirely new music-gaming experience. Friends and families can become mix masters and singing sensations to experience hit music like they've never heard it before.

With a host of new DJ and vocal multiplayer modes, including innovative DJ Battles, and 80+ mixes featuring the biggest dance, pop and hip-hop hits, *DJ Hero 2* delivers the new standard in music gaming. Rated T.

P3-AC101200      PlayStation 3      \$60  
WI-AC101200      Wii      \$60  
XB-AC101200      Xbox 360      \$60



## Horrible Histories: Ruthless Romans

© 2010 GRAFFITI ENTERTAINMENT

Follow Rasmus on his quest to become a gruesome gladiator.

Explore ancient Rome and meet a host of horrible characters, play mad mini-games, and find out how to fight like a gladiator. Fight your way to the greatest duel of all in the cruel Colosseum and become Rome's latest hero! Do you have what it takes to become the most ruthless Roman of all? Rating Pending.

DS-GE101201      DS      \$20



## Jakers! Let's Explore

© 2010 GRAFFITI ENTERTAINMENT

Based on the *Jakers!* characters from the hit animated children's series comes a new interactive adventure.

Explore the village of Tara, Raloo Farm, and the countryside of rural Ireland in this all new adventure game for children aged 3-6. Choose to play as Piggley, Dannan, or Feryy using simple point-and-click controls to interact with the world. *Jakers! Let's Explore* is divided into several individual "stories" each with its own varied objectives designed to entertain while also teaching simple positive morals. Each story is intended as an individual play session of about 30 minutes though new stories can be started as soon as one is completed. Rated E.

WI-GE101202      Wii      \$30

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## Just Dance 2

© 2010 UBISOFT

The original *Just Dance* game got the world dancing like never before, and now the #1 best-selling music/rhythm game is back with *Just Dance 2*. This time around it will be just as easy to keep the party going with an all-star tracklist more than 45 strong, plus downloadable songs from different genres, as well as the hottest dance moves of today. In addition, *Just Dance 2* pushes the envelope even further with more accurate movement recognition by the Wii Remote, allowing better dancers to reap the rewards of their superior skill, without putting the game out of reach of beginners. Rated E10.

WI-UB101109      Wii      \$40



## Kirby's Epic Yarn

© 2010 NINTENDO

*Kirby's Epic Yarn* blends classic gameplay with new abilities, functionality, and introduces an amazing new look based on animated yarn and a world of cloth and textiles. The creative approach is woven directly into the gameplay and allows the ever-morphing Kirby to take on a variety of new forms. It's a one-of-a-kind platformer that lets players explore high and low for hidden objects, experience fun adventure, and even join with a second player in a co-op play mode. Given a 98% rating by *Children's Technology Review*. Rated E.

WI-ND101107      Wii      \$50



## Learn Science: Grades 1-4

© 2010 DREAMCATCHER

Practicing your skills and honing your knowledge of facts can be fun with *Learn Science*. This collection of science games can be synced with syllabuses for grades one through four, making it easy to ensure problems are just hard enough to keep students both interested and motivated. Rated E.

DS-DC101200      DS      \$20



## LittleBigPlanet 2

© 2010 SONY

Join Sackboy in a completely new platforming adventure, spread across 50 levels. Craftworld is in trouble. An evil force is threatening to suck up everyone and everything, including Sackboy, into the void.

Only an intervention by a rebel organization known as "The Alliance" saves our hero. And with that, Sackboy decides to lend his creative platforming powers to the cause. Along the way he'll discover new abilities, gadgets, gameplay rules, and innovative tools to get the job done. Rated E.

P3-SO110100      PlayStation 3      \$60



## Mr. Bean

© 2010 NINTENDO

Collect various pickup objects and weapons while progressing through the game and help Mr Bean to fight off the enemy using a fly spray, a saucepan, or rotten eggs! Rummage through Mrs. Wicket's garden using a pickaxe to dig out hidden treasure and test your speed in super-fast frantic play, catching frogs in the net! Knock down the breakable walls and discover six exciting secret maze areas! Once inside, use a compass to navigate your way around. Rated E.

DS-ND101200      DS      \$20  
WI-ND101200      Wii      \$20

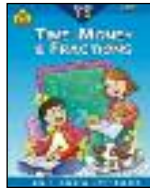


## Sid Meier's Pirates!

© 2010 2K GAMES

*Sid Meier's Pirates!* is an action-adventure game that places players in the role of an up-and-coming privateer looking to get rich and make a name for himself in the pirate infested waters of the historical Spanish Maine. Features include a variety of pirate-themed actions including ship customization, mini-games ranging from sword fighting and ship combat, to dancing and lock-picking, treasure hunting, ongoing relations with the ladies of the surrounding towns, and conflicts with representations of some of the most famous real pirates of the era. Given an 86% rating by *Children's Technology Review*. Rated E10.

WI-TK101202      Wii      \$20



## Time, Money & Fractions 1-2

© 2010 2K GAMES

Learning about time, money, and fractions can be challenging for many children. This program will build a child's confidence and skills through detailed instructions and clear examples. Children practice adding coins, counting coins, telling time, and more. The program gives audio guidance, instant grading, progress tracking, and ample positive reinforcement, and it randomizes problems with each use, providing endless activities. Not Rated.

SZ101202      Hybrid      \$16



## TouchMaster: Connect

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*TouchMaster: Connect* contains brand new and addictive games based on classic puzzle, card, strategy, and action games that are perfect for hours of on-the-go fun. Post high scores to your Facebook or Twitter pages and compete with your friends to see who's the puzzle master. You can also earn achievement badges in this ultimate pick-up-and-play game that's meant for everyone! Rated E.

DS-WB101200      DS      \$20



## TRON: Evolution

© 2010 DISNEY

*TRON: Evolution* is an immersive 3rd person action game that pulls players onto the digital grid of TRON. Explore TRON's cities using free running mobility, navigate among unique rebel factions, and fight an epic battle against a dictator's seemingly unstoppable army as the powerful System Monitor. Seamlessly connect from single player story mode into 10 person multiplayer battles with martial arts inspired light disc combat and thrilling light cycle chases. Rated E10/T (depending on platform).

DS-EA101200      DS      \$30  
EA101200      Windows      \$40  
P3-DY101200      PlayStation 3      \$60  
WI-DY101200      Wii      \$50



## Yogi Bear: The Video Game

© 2010 D3 PUBLISHER

The 100th anniversary of Jellystone Park is fast approaching, and land developers want to shut it down! *Yogi Bear: The Video Game* lets players become "smarter than the average bear" while exploring the park as Yogi. Belly slide, zip-line, bungee, and sneak through majestic levels, all the while rescuing protected animals and finding a way to save Jellystone Park from shutting down forever!. Rated E.

DS-DP101200      DS      \$30  
WI-DP101200      Wii      \$40



## Yu-Gi-Oh! 5D's Duel Transer

© 2010 KONAMI

Duel with more than 4,500 of the most up to date Yu-Gi-Oh! cards. Introducing 20 characters to duel and interact with in Free Duel or battle through Story Mode to be immersed in the world of *Yu-Gi-Oh! 5D's*.

Compete in single player action or 2 player mode with anyone anywhere in the World via Wi-Fi connection. Completely original honeycomb mapping system for a linear and non-linear play path through 13 duelist stages. Rated E.

WI-KO101201      Wii      \$40



## Zumba Fitness (Kinect)

© 2010 MAJESCO

*Zumba Fitness* is an exercise game and program that taps into the Zumba dance-exercise craze that has swept the nation. Surprisingly challenging, and addictively fun, the 30 heart pounding Zumba routines that make up *Zumba Fitness* create a fun but result-producing workout. Additional features include four-player support, including a two-on-two co-op option; multiple skill levels along with a training level; multiple in-game instructors, and venues. Rated E.

XBK-MJ101101      Xbox 360 with Kinect      \$50

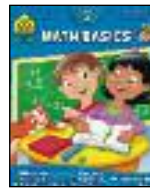
## TEACHER'S CORNER



### Math Basics 2

Remind your child that math can be fun! Help young learners get away from empty entertainment by engaging in *Math Basics 2*. Reinforce basic math skills such as adding, subtracting, grouping, and multiplying. Principles and Standards for School Mathematics, published by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), was used as a guide in creating this program. Fun computer graphics, and digital scorekeeping make learning a joy for second graders.

SZ101200      Hybrid      \$16



### Math Basics 3

This program teaches and reinforces the math concepts that third graders need to practice the most. Activities focus on understanding and comparing numbers through 9,999, adding and subtracting two-digit, three-digit, and four digit numbers, learning multiplication and division facts, multiplying and dividing by one-digit numbers, and applying number concepts and skills using tables, charts, line plots, and graphs. The program gives audio guidance, instant grading, progress tracking, and ample positive reinforcement. The program randomizes problems with each use, providing endless activities. Plus, engaging games offer an important break between exercises. Colorful graphics, silly sound effects, and funny animations make learning fun.

SZ101201      Hybrid      \$16



### Big Spelling 1-3

How can 26 letters spell big success? When a child recognizes and understands letter combinations it gives reading and writing a huge boost. You can tell it when they can spell it! The proven activities in *Big Spelling 1-3* will help a child be successful in school by teaching spelling patterns, word recognition, letter sounds, and more. With focus on essential first, second, and third grade spelling skills and over 300 pages of practice, a child will work and learn for many happy hours.

SZ101203      Hybrid      \$16