# April 2016



April is the cruelest month. There, I said it. While I was at PLA in sunny Denver, my sweet teenager was battling the icy streets of Connecticut. Please, winter, let's call it a day.

Speaking of PLA, that is - without a doubt -- my favorite conference. From PLA president, Vailey Oehlke, dancing her way into the Opening Session to "I'm Coming Out", to Anderson Cooper's smart and funny remarks, to the meetings and exhibits and warm breezes of downtown Denver, it was a terrific week. I'm in awe of my savvy, sassy, thoughtful library customers.

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I was also inspired by Sari Feldman's presentation and video introducing ALA's new public awareness campaign, Libraries Transform. In previous newsletters, I've talked about how much public libraries have meant to me throughout my life. My mother took us to the library weekly throughout my childhood. I continue to visit the library regularly, and I never would have been able to afford to keep my daughter knee deep in books as she tore through the children's and then the YA shelves of our local library. Libraries do transform us and, now, we use them in ways that we never would have imagined way back when. Wifi! Career development! Passports! DVDs! Board games! Videogames! Who knew? Visit the Libraries Transform website to learn more about the campaign: http://www. ilovelibraries.org/librariestransform/



Just look at all the libraries that have already signed on to participate. Well done!

We are still working on our new website, and it should be wow-ing us all in just a few more weeks. Really. I promise. In the meantime, please shoot me an email if you'd like to follow up on any of the conversations we began at PLA. We can set up your standing order, or send you some locking cases, or discuss your processing issues.

Happy April!

Celebrate NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK April 10-16, 2016 TRANSFORM



#### Assassin's Creed Chronicles © 2016 UBISOFT

Follow three legendary Assassins in their journeys of revenge, retribution and redemption in a stunning reimagining of the Assassin's Creed universe. Slav from the shadows, master the art of parkour, and take the leap of faith in this series of action-adventure platform games presented as a collection of spectacular living paintings. Assassin's Creed Chronicles takes players to three distinct civilizations and periods throughout history including the Ming dynasty at the start of its downfall, the Sikh Empire as it prepares for war in India, and the aftermath of the Red October revolution. Rated T.

PV-UB160401 PlayStation Vita \$30

## **Battle Worlds: Kronos**

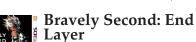


© 2016 NORDIC GAMES Battle Worlds: Kronos brings classic turn-based strategy to the big screen,

\$20

with complex hex-field tactical gameplay. Easy to learn, but hard to master. The planet is once again torn by war, for the succession of a new emperor. Its destiny is in your hands! More than 50 different infantry, ground, naval and airborne units, as well as buildings, many of which can be upgraded to obtain new capabilities. Rated E10. \$20

P4-NG160409 PlayStation 4 Xbox One X1-NG160409



© 2016 NINTENDO

In this standalone adventure, Agnés Oblige has been imprisoned, and as a knight in her service, it's up to the hero, Yew, to save her! Form the ultimate team and strategy, then risk it all in this fast, fresh RPG. Rated T. 3DS-ND160408 3DS \$40

#### **Dark Souls III** © 2016 NAMCO



As fires fade and the world falls into ruin, Dark Souls III continues the saga. Fans and newcomers alike will get

lost in the game's hallmark rewarding gameplay and immersive graphics. Now only embers remain ... Rated M.

P4-NM160407 X1-NM160407

PlayStation 4 \$60 Xbox One \$60



# **DiRT Rally: Legend** Edition

© 2016 Square Enix DiRT Rally is the ultimate rally experience. It captures the essence of what makes rally unique, that sense of trying to remain in control of your emotions as you hurtle along dangerous, undulating roads at breakneck speed, aiming to squeeze everything out of your car whilst knowing that one crash could irreparably harm your stage time. Every stage tests you differently, as you race on the edge of control across varying surfaces in a range of environments such as snow, ice, tarmac and dirt and as you tackle a variety of weather types. As the car suffers attrition, you need to account for mechanical damage whilst your dedicated rally team tries to keep you competitive with time-limited repairs. Rated E. P4-SE160406 PlayStation 4 \$60 X1-SE160406 Xbox One \$60

#### Ether One © 2016 SOEDESCO



*Ether One* is a first person adventure that deals with the fragility of the human mind. There are two paths

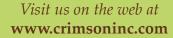
in the world. First, there is a story exploration path, free from puzzles, where you can unfold the story at your own pace. There is also a deeper, more adventurous path in which you can complete complex puzzles to restore life changing events of the patients history in order to help the validation of their life. Rated E10. P4-SD160405 PlayStation 4 \$20



### Langrisser Re: **Incarnation - Tensei** © 2016 Aksys

After a 15 year absence, the legendary RPG series makes its triumphant return to the gaming fold! Wield the mighty sword Langrisser as you journey through a massive world at war. Define the path before you by lending your talents to one of three factions and secure your place as your faction's greatest hero by executing strategic supremacy over your enemies. Rated T. 3DS-AK160406 3DS

\$40



Molly Klise, President Thomas Klise/Crimson Multimedia

# LICHDOM

# Lichdom: Battlemage

© 2016 MAXIMUM GAMES In this fierce, first person spellcaster, you play as "Dragon," a scorned mage out to seek revenge

on Shax, the evil overlord who destroyed your family. Using an arsenal of unlimited spells as your only form of weaponry, you must fight off hordes of evil cult members, monsters, and demons summoned from the abyss in a mission to avenge your loved ones. Rated M. \$50

P4-MX160403 PlayStation 4 X1-MX160403 Xbox One

# Nights of Azure © 2016 KOEI

Nights of Azure is a tragic tale of two friends faced with impossible decisions that will test their loyalty

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to their quest and to each other. Set on an uncharted island that floats in the North Sea, Nights of Azure paints a picture of a land where nights are tormented by azure-blooded demons. In this kingdom of Ruswal, very few people leave their homes after the sun has set, let alone have the strength and skill to take on these powerful monsters. One of the best among these brave few is the protagonist, Arnice, a knight of great skill and power, who is assisted by her friend and priestess Lilysse in a quest to rid the land of demons. However, they soon find out that the solution to the island's problems might not be as simple as defeating enemies in battle. Rated T. \$60

P4-KO160415

PlayStation 4

#### **Ouantum Break** © 2016 MICROSOFT

From the creators of Max Payne and Alan Wake comes Quantum Break, a revolutionary entertainment

experience that blurs the lines between television and gaming. Quantum Break is an action-packed, fast paced game in which you bend and shape time in order to survive. Master unique powers, bending and warping time to outmaneuver and outwit the enemy. Epic moments of destruction, captured in time, become your playground. Rated M. Xbox One \$60

X1-MS160411

Ratchet & Clank © 2016 Sony

Join Ratchet, Clank, Captain Qwark, and new friends as they battle to save the Solana Galaxy

from the evil Chairman Drek. With an hour of new cinematics (including footage from the film), Ratchet & Clank takes a deeper look at the characters' origin stories and modernizes the original gameplay. Explore the galaxy in a game that features new planets, new and updated gameplay segments, all-new bosses, all-new Clank gameplay, all-new flight sequences, and much more! Battle your enemies with an out-ofthis-world arsenal, including new weapons and fan-favorite tools of destruction. Rated E10. P4-SO160412 PlayStation 4 \$40



### **SEGA 3D Classics** Collection © 2016 Sega

With over a half million units in combined sales worldwide, SEGA's digital series, 3D Classics, brings gamers back to the glory days of the beloved SEGA hardware systems. Popular titles from the Master System, Genesis, Mega Drive, and Giga Drive are remastered with full stereoscopic 3D. Four of the nine classics are available on 3DS for the first time! This compilation package takes the series' fantastic offerings and packs it with additional exclusive content for unbeatable value! Rated E10. 3DS-SG160413 \$30

3DS

# Star Fox Zero



© 2016 NINTENDO Fox, Falco, Peppy, and Slippy are back in a new adventure. Playerscontrol their Arwing

spaceship and see the view from the cockpit, while the TV shows the overall context of the full battlefield. The game includes a new Walker transformation for the Arwing, a new Gyrowing vehicle, and the return of the Landmaster Tank. Rated E10. \$60

WU-ND151104 Wii U

# Stranger of Sword City

© 2016 NIS America Your flight crashes after passing through a mysterious portal. As the sole survivor, you awaken to an unfamiliar land lit by stars you've never seen. This land is Escario, the city of swords. Quickly marked as the Chosen One, the Stranger of Sword City, you must defend this place, and choose your allegiances carefully as you scour the land for a way home. Rated T.

PV-NI160414 **PlayStation Vita** \$40



## **Tales From the** Borderlands © 2016 2K Games

Experience the story of Rhys and Fiona, unwilling partners on a quest

for greatness. The Hyperion 'suit' and the con artist embark on an adventure to recover cash they both think is theirs. The unforgiving world of Pandora throws up some roadblocks. Rated M.

PlayStation 3	\$30
PlayStation 4	\$30
Xbox One	\$30
Xbox 360	\$30
	PlayStation 4 Xbox One

# Terraria



© 2016 505 Games Welcome to Terraria! Explore vast and vibrant worlds with your friends, and face the treacherous

perils of Terraria including hundreds of twisted foes, magical creatures, and mighty final bosses. Dig to literally the ends of the earth and then craft with what you discover to make amazing armor, weapons and other items. Build fantastic dwellings with only your imagination as your limit. The world is your canvas! Rated T. WU-FG160416 Wii U \$30



## **Uncharted 4: A Thief's** End

© 2016 Sony Several years after his last

adventure, retired fortune hunter, Nathan Drake, is forced back into the world of thieves. With the stakes much more personal, Drake embarks on a globe-trotting journey in pursuit of a historical conspiracy behind a fabled pirate treasure. His greatest adventure will test his physical limits, his resolve, and ultimately what he's willing to sacrifice to save the ones he loves. Rated T. \$60

P4-UB160408 PlayStation4



# **Zombie Vikings Ragnarok Edition** © 2016 VISCO

Embark on a dead funny adventure with the Zombie Vikings. A putrid

posse sent on a mission through the most epic of worlds to retrieve Odin's lost eye. Play as the most fearsome Vikings ever raised from Norse soil - Gunborg, Seagurd, Hedgy and Caw-kaa. Hack through the gingerbread swamps of Molgaga! Cruise through the intestines of the Midgaard Serpent! Fight giant poultry! Rated T. PlayStation 4 P4-VS160416 \$20

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