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March 2026 OUR 60TH YEAR

AS THE SNOW MELTS AND THE late-February releases are still arriving into our warehouse, we're already preparing for what's next. March is shaping up to be a circulation powerhouse for libraries.

Here's what's generating the most buzz:

- **Marvel Cosmic Invasion** – Superhero action with broad, multi-generational appeal. Marvel titles continue to be reliable performers in public library collections, and this one is poised to attract both teens and longtime comic fans.
- **MLB The Show 26** – A perennial favorite. Baseball season and this franchise go hand-in-hand, and year after year it's one of the most requested and highest-circulating sports titles on the shelf.
- **Monster Hunter Stories 3** – Story-driven adventure with a loyal following. RPG fans (especially those who grew up with earlier entries) will be lining up early.
- **WWE 2K25** – Wrestling titles remain strong in library systems of all sizes. This franchise has consistent demand, multiplayer appeal, and excellent replay value.
- **RollerCoaster Tycoon 3** – A classic that continues to find new audiences. Simulation and builder-style games circulate steadily, especially with patrons looking for creative, lower-intensity gameplay.

This month offers excellent game options across action, sports, RPG, wrestling, and simulation categories.

At the end of the month, we will head off to PLA in Minneapolis. Please add us to your schedule if you can. We would love to say "hello."

No more snow, please. Let's get moving onward to spring!

Molly

Molly Klise, President
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ARIANA & THE ELDER CODEX

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The Librarian Ariana's mission is to repair the Seven Hero Codices, which have been altered. Due to the terrible damages, magic has vanished from the world. By utilizing special Librarian magic that allows her to enter Codices, Ariana seeks to mend the books to bring back magic. Can Ariana safely repair each tome and unravel the mysteries hidden within the Library? Rated E10.

P4-IF260301	PlayStation 4	\$40
P5-IF260301	PlayStation 5	\$40
SW-IF260301	Switch	\$40



CRIMSON DESERT

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During a brutal attack by the Black Bears, Kliff loses his Greymane comrades, his family in all but name. Amid the turmoil that grips the continent of Pywel, where countless stories unfold along diverging paths, he sets out to find the scattered survivors, rebuild the fallen Greymanes, and reclaim the homeland they once called their own. Rated M.

P5-PL260302	PlayStation 5	\$70
XX-PL260302	Xbox X	\$70



DEAD OF DARKNESS

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In 1985 England, private investigator Miles Windham follows a lead on the mysterious death of his daughter to Velvet Island. But once he arrives on the island, he soon realizes that the residents are behaving strangely. In fact, there is a growing hostility towards the investigator that feels as though it's becoming stronger by the minute. It doesn't take long for the situation to escalate, and Miles finds himself in a struggle for his own survival. Rated M.

P5-SP260303	PlayStation 5	\$35
SW-SP260303	Switch	\$40



ÉTRANGE OVERLORD DELUXE EDITION

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Étrange von Rosenberg is falsely accused of assassinating the king and is executed. Waking up in hell, she decides she'll just have to take the whole place over! Rated T.

P5-KO260305	PlayStation 5	\$50
SW-KO260305	Switch	\$50



FATAL FRAME II: CRIMSON BUTTERFLY REMAKE

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Experience the definitive version of the chilling classic, completely overhauled to deliver a deeper and more intense survival horror experience in the Minakami Village. To confront the spirits lurking in the shadows of Minakami Village, players will be able to rely on new Camera Obscura features such as focus, zoom and filters. The filters will help players to unravel the mysteries around them by changing filters depending on the situation or wraith they encounter. Rated M.

P5-KO260306	PlayStation 5	\$50
S2-KO260306	Switch 2 (Game-Key Card)	\$50
XX-KO260306	Xbox X	\$50



FEAR THE SPOTLIGHT

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The séance went terribly wrong. Amy has disappeared, and the school has transformed into a nightmarish version of its former self. Play as Vivian to uncover a dark hidden past while attempting to save both you and your friend. Rated T.

P5-PM260307	PlayStation 5	\$25
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GHOST MASTER: RESURRECTION

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Ghost Master: Resurrection is a puzzle strategy game where players command a legion of ghosts to scare humans. The game combines elements of strategy, puzzle-solving, and resource management. Classic characters, plus fan-requested characters from the original game which are available for the first time, in addition to brand new characters, locations, game modes and more! Rated T.

P5-UI260308	PlayStation 5	\$40
SW-UI260308	Switch	\$40
XX-UI260308	Xbox X	\$40



JOHN CARPENTER'S TOXIC COMMANDO

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In the near future, an experimental attempt to harness the power of the Earth's core ends in a terrifying disaster: the release of the Sludge God. This eldritch abomination begins terraforming the area, turning soil to scum and the living ... to undead monsters! Rated M.

P5-PL260337	PlayStation 5	\$40
XX-PL260337	Xbox X	\$40

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LIL GATOR GAME: GATOR OF THE YEAR

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There's a buddy atop every hill in this open-world, movement-focused adventure and they all seem to need help! Bop cardboard baddies, brave serene hills and forests, and scale sheer rocks that only a kid would dare! Rated E.

P5-SL260336	PlayStation 5	\$35
SW-SL260336	Switch	\$35



MEGA MAN STAR FORCE LEGACY COLLECTION

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Join Geo Stelar and Omega-Xis as they take on threats across the universe in this epic adventure.

Combining fast-paced, grid-based combat with a unique card-driven battle system, the Mega Man Star Force Legacy Collection offers thrilling action and storytelling that defined the series for a generation of fans. Rated E.

P5-CP260347	PlayStation 5	\$40
SW-CP260347	Switch	\$40



MLB THE SHOW 26

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Step up and take control of how you leave your mark in the biggest, most immersive MLB The Show yet.

Discover improved Road To The Show mechanics, deeper Franchise experiences, thrilling Diamond Dynasty modes, enhanced customization options, and true-to-life on-field action. Rated E.

P5-SO260338	PlayStation 5	\$70
SW-SO260338	Switch	\$60
XX-SO260338	Xbox X	\$60



MONSTER HUNTER STORIES 3: TWISTED REFLECTION

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Two nations, Azuria and Vermeil, are on the brink of ruin as a crystal encroachment spreads across the land. A mysterious egg hatches two Skyscale Rathalos, legendary monsters tied to a prophecy of destruction from a war that took place 200 years ago. Players take on the role of the heir to Azuria, the kingdom's sole Rathalos Rider and leader of the Rangers. Rated T.

P5-CP260311	PlayStation 5	\$70
S2-CP260311	Switch 2 (Game-Key Card)	\$70
XX-CP260311	Xbox X	\$70

ALSO AVAILABLE

STELLAR INTERFACE

P5-VG260319	PlayStation 5	\$35
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SWORN DELUXE EDITION

P5-UI260320	PlayStation 5	\$35
SW-UI260320	Switch	\$35

TAITO MILESTONES 4

SW-CL260343	Switch	\$40
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THE HOUSE OF THE DEAD 2 REMAKE

P5-MI260322	PlayStation 5	\$40
XX-MI260322	Xbox X	\$40

TRAIN SIM WORLD 6

P5-MX260327	PlayStation 5	\$60
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VIRTUA FIGHTER 5 R.E.V.O. WORLD STAGE 30TH ED.

S2-SG260335	Switch 2 (Game-Key Card)	\$50
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NEOPETS: MEGA MINI GAMES COLLECTION

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The Cozy Compilation Game from Neopets is designed to bring together the most beloved characters and experiences in a fun, engaging format, with enhanced gameplay and pick-up-and-play accessibility for newcomers. Rated E.

P5-UI260312	PlayStation 5	\$30
SW-UI260312	Switch	\$30



OTOME DAOSHI: FIGHTING FOR LOVE

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Shunlin lives in the thriving martial arts kingdom of Kayu where she's a Daoist priestess in training. This year is especially important as the Tournament of Valor will decide the strongest fighter in the country. On the day of the tournament, however, a horde of assailants appears at the arena and attacks the spectators. Rated T.

SW-AK260339	Switch	\$50
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PATH OF MYSTERY: A BRUSH WITH DEATH

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Take on the role of first year college student research assignment Akazawa who has joined the Mystery Research Club. The Club's first research assignment leads them to Narumizawa to investigate the 30-year-old murder case of a famous landscape artist. Rated T.

SW-AK260346	Switch	\$40
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PLEASE BE HAPPY

© 2026 GS2 Games

Born as a fox in the forest of Korea, Miho carries with her the memory of a traveler who showed her kindness and spoke of home. Now more human than fox, Miho has spent a long time searching for her person. Despite her years spent observing humans, she still has a lot to learn about their culture and society. She's made a living so far as a thief, her heightened senses allowing her to easily take advantage of people. She's also seen a lot of the worst of what mankind has to offer. It's only after meeting Juliet, the owner of a small library, and Aspen, an aspiring novelist, that Miho starts to understand kindness. Rated E10.

P5-GS260340	PlayStation 5	\$35
SW-GS260340	Switch	\$40



VOIDWROUGHT

P5-SP260344	PlayStation 5	\$35
SW-SP260344	Switch	\$35

VOLGARR THE VIKING II

SW-AV260334	Switch	\$40
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WARPLANES WWI SKY ACES + WW2 DOGFIGHT

P5-GS260325	PlayStation 5	\$30
SW-GS260325	Switch	\$35

WILD WEST LEGACY ULTIMATE EDITION

P5-GS260326	PlayStation 5	\$40
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WWE 2K26

P5-TK260345	PlayStation 5	\$70
S2-TK260345	Switch 2	\$70
XX-TK260345	Xbox X	\$70



POKEMON POKOPIA

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Play as a Ditto that has taken the appearance of a human! Find and befriend your fellow Pokémon and carve out a life for yourself by learning their moves to shape the land. Use Bulbasaur's Leafage to make wild grass grow, keep it healthy with Squirtle's Water Gun, and more. As nature flourishes, more Pokémon will appear for you to meet and learn from! Rated E.

S2-ND260333	Switch 2 (Game-Key Card)	\$70
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ROLLERCOASTER TYCOON 3 COMPLETE EDITION

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Build the park of a lifetime and rediscover the critically acclaimed rollercoaster simulation bestseller. Feel the thrill of a genre-defining classic, complete with two huge expansion packs. Whatever you want to create, RollerCoaster Tycoon 3 gives you the tools and freedom to build the amusement park of your dreams. Rated E10.

P5-UI260316	PlayStation 5	\$30
SW-UI260316	Switch	\$30



SONIC RACING: CROSSWORLDS

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Race across land, sea, air, space, and time in Sonic Racing: CrossWorlds! Warp through Travel Rings into new dimensions where something new awaits around every twist and turn. Speed to victory solo or as a team in a variety of offline and online modes and compete against players from around the world. Build the ultimate machine to match your racing style, unlock gadgets to gain the upper hand, and unleash powerful items for the win! Rated E.

S2-SG260342	Switch 2 (Game-Key Card)	\$70
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STAR WARS: DARK FORCES REMASTER

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Players assume the role of Kyle Katarn, a defector of the Galactic Empire turned mercenary for hire. Katarn joins the Rebel Alliance's covert operations division tasked with infiltrating the Galactic Empire, where he discovers the secret Dark Trooper Project. The development of this powerful new series of Imperial battle droids and power-armored stormtroopers stands to strengthen the Empire's grip on the galaxy unless Katarn and the Rebel Alliance intervene. Rated T.

P5-AT260317	PlayStation 5	\$30
SW-AT260317	Switch	\$30



STARBITES DELUXE EDITION

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Join Lukida and her allies as they uncover the truth beneath the sands of Bitter! Hop on your Motorbot and ride toward freedom in the brand-new RPG Starbites! On Bitter, a desert planet ravaged by the aftermath of an interstellar war, a young salvager named Lukida seeks to escape to the stars, but a sudden attack by a giant robot sets events into motion that will change her life—and the fate of Bitter—forever. Rated T.

P5-KO260318	PlayStation 5	\$50
SW-KO260318	Switch	\$50
S2-KO260318	Switch 2 (Game-Key Card)	\$50