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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!

There's something fitting about celebrating Independence Day in the heart of summer. Long days, backyard barbecues, and sunshine make July one of the best months of the year. I'm looking forward to fireworks and watermelon and maybe a little golf over the holiday weekend. I hope you and your families have a safe and relaxing celebration as well.

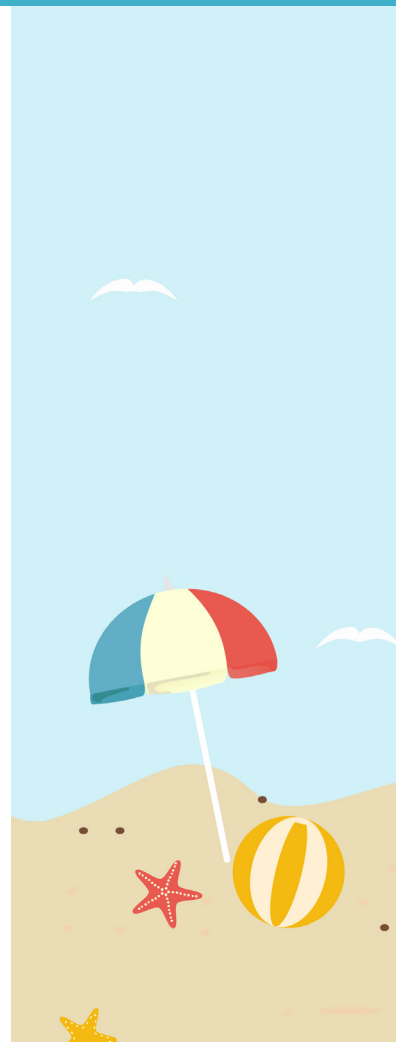
July is more than America's birthday. It also marks the beginning of a new fiscal year for many libraries. If you're starting fresh with a new budget, now is the perfect time to evaluate your video game collection and plan for the months ahead. Fortunately, there are plenty of exciting new releases arriving this month, from major franchise favorites to family-friendly adventures that are sure to circulate well.

Summer reading season is in full swing, and we know library staff are busier than ever with programs, events, and enthusiastic patrons filling your buildings. Video games continue to be an important part of keeping collections fresh and engaging, especially for teens, families, and reluctant readers looking for new ways to connect with their library. We're excited to help you discover the titles most likely to become your next circulation stars.

We're still on our summer schedule and are in the office Monday through Thursday. Email, of course, works any time, and we're always happy to help with collection development questions, title recommendations, standing orders, processing options, or anything else you may need.

Have a wonderful July, my library friends!

Molly Klise, President
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NEW RELEASE HIGHLIGHTS



ASSASSIN'S CREED: BLACK FLAG RESYNCD

One of the most beloved entries in the Assassin's Creed franchise returns with enhanced visuals, refined gameplay, and modern performance upgrades. Assassin's Creed: Black Flag Resynced puts players in the boots of pirate captain Edward Kenway as he sails the Caribbean during the Golden Age of Piracy. Players can explore bustling colonial cities, uncover hidden treasures, engage in thrilling naval battles, and build their own legendary pirate fleet.

The combination of open-world exploration, stealth-based missions, and ship-to-ship combat continues to make Black Flag a fan favorite. Whether patrons are revisiting a classic adventure or discovering it for the first time, this updated edition delivers dozens of hours of action and exploration. The game's strong name recognition and enduring popularity make it an excellent addition to circulating collections. Rated M.

P5-UB260701

PlayStation 5

\$60

XX-UB260701

Xbox X

\$60

PS5



COLLEGE FOOTBALL 27

The excitement of college football returns with College Football 27, bringing players closer than ever to the traditions, rivalries, and pageantry that define the sport. Featuring hundreds of teams, authentic stadium atmospheres, and expanded dynasty and recruiting modes, the latest installment allows players to build a championship program from the ground up or lead their favorite school to national glory.

Sports games remain some of the most heavily circulated titles in public libraries, and College Football 27 is expected to be one of the year's biggest releases. With local rivalries, familiar teams, and both single-player and multiplayer options, this title offers broad appeal for teens and adults alike while providing year-round replay value. Rated E.

P5-EA260731	PlayStation 5	\$70
XX-EA260731	Xbox X	\$70



PAW PATROL DINO WORLD

Three The Paw Patrol pups are back for another family-friendly adventure, this time exploring a prehistoric world filled with dinosaurs, challenges, and teamwork. In Paw Patrol Dino World, players join Ryder and the rescue team as they complete missions, solve simple puzzles, and help dinosaur friends across a colorful and accessible open environment.

Designed with younger players in mind, the game features easy-to-learn controls, positive messaging, and cooperative gameplay opportunities that encourage family participation. Rated E.

P4-UI260713	PlayStation 4	\$40
P5-UI260713	PlayStation 5	\$40
SW-UI260713	Switch	\$40
XX-UI260713	Xbox X	\$40



SPLATOON RAIDERS

Nintendo expands the colorful Splatoon universe with a brand-new adventure that takes players beyond the traditional ink-slinging competition the series is known for. Splatoon Raiders combines exploration, action, and cooperative gameplay as players venture into uncharted territory, uncover mysteries, and battle enemies using a variety of creative ink-based abilities.

The Splatoon franchise has become one of Nintendo's most popular modern properties thanks to its unique style, accessible gameplay, and broad appeal across age groups. With its vibrant visuals, imaginative world-building, and strong multiplayer components, Splatoon Raiders is poised to be a must-have title for Nintendo Switch collections. Rated E10.

S2-ND260717	Switch 2	\$60
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STARSHIP TROOPERS: ULTIMATE BUG WARS

Magic Inspired by the iconic science fiction universe, Starship Troopers: Ultimate Bug Wars throws players into massive battles against relentless alien insect hordes. Players command troops, deploy advanced weaponry, construct defenses, and coordinate large-scale operations as humanity fights to survive against overwhelming odds.

Combining strategic planning with intense action, the game offers both solo and cooperative experiences that reward teamwork and tactical thinking. Fans of science fiction, military strategy, and large-scale combat games will find plenty to enjoy, while the recognizable Starship Troopers license is likely to attract longtime fans of the franchise. Rated M.

P5-MX260718	PlayStation 5	\$40
S2-MX260718	Switch 2	\$40

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