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HAPPY OCTOBER!

Is your library draped in cobwebs and stocked with candy corn? Are your scariest books on display where patrons can't miss them? I'm already frightened just thinking about the leftover Halloween candy that will call my name until the bowls are empty. I'd better book my dental appointment now.

October isn't only the spookiest month of the year; it also brings a terrifying number of new video game releases. While our minds are on libraries, game publishers have their eyes on retail and the coming holiday season, so new titles arrive in droves this month. We carry them all! Five are featured in this newsletter, and the complete list is available to customers at www.crimsoninc.com. Simply log in and click "Monthly New Releases."

If you spot titles you'd like to add to your collection, don't wait to place your order. Pre-orders help us reserve stock for you, and with some titles already sold out, the early birds get the games. We buy deep, but once a title is gone, it can vanish like a ghost.

Wishing you all a delightfully spooky month filled with good games and, of course, plenty of candy corn.

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NEW RELEASE HIGHLIGHTS



BLUEY'S HAPPY SNAPS

When Bluey and Bingo dig up an old instant camera that once belonged to Dad, a family outing turns into a photo hunt across Brisbane. Players guide the sisters through places fans will know from the show, including the park reached by ferry in "Spy Game," the riverside spot where the ibises cause trouble in "Ice Cream," and the hilltop view from "The Sign." Every picture goes into a scrapbook that kids can decorate and arrange however they like.

In keeping with the series, the game keeps pointing children back toward real-world play, offering suggestions for games to try once the screen is off. A second player can join in on the same console. There are no in-game purchases and no online features, which makes it an easy recommendation for families with young children. Available October 15 for Nintendo Switch, Switch 2, PlayStation 5, and Xbox X. Rated E.

P5-BA261004	PlayStation 5	\$40
SW-BA261004	Switch	\$40
S2-BA261004	Switch 2 (Game-Key Card)	\$40
XX-BA261004	Xbox X	\$40



DRAGON'S DOGMA 2: DARK ARISEN

A dragon has claimed the hero's heart, and with it, a destiny: the one it has chosen, known as the Arisen, is bound to hunt the beast down. Along the way, the Arisen recruits Pawns, uncanny companions who travel and fight alongside them, and becomes entangled in a kingdom's power struggles and in a centuries-old pattern of dragons and the champions they mark. Much of the story bends to the player's decisions, from who travels in the party to how each conflict is resolved.

This expanded edition adds a new chapter set in Norgan, a frozen northern land deserted long ago. There the Arisen allies with a mysterious figure named Eir to learn why a fallen dragon refuses to die. Back in the main kingdom, newly uncovered ruins hold a series of trials guarding treasures left behind by earlier Arisen. Available October 9 for PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X, and Nintendo Switch 2. Rated M.

P5-CP261011	PlayStation 5	\$50
S2-CP261011	Switch 2 (Game-Key Card)	\$50
XX-CP261011	Xbox X	\$50



HALLOWEEN: THE GAME

Haddonfield, Illinois, October 31, 1978. Porch lights are on, kids are in costume, and nobody suspects that Michael Myers has come back to town. Drawing directly on John Carpenter's classic film, the game revisits that night with familiar characters such as Laurie Strode and Dr. Loomis. Players can take the part of the masked killer or of the residents scrambling to keep one another alive long enough for help to arrive.

The game is built mainly for groups: in each match, one person plays Michael and as many as four others band together as townspeople trying to outlast him. Solo players have a five-part story campaign told through Michael's eyes. Available October for PlayStation 5 and Xbox Series X. Rated M.

P5-UI261014	PlayStation 5	\$40
XX-UI261014	Xbox X	\$40

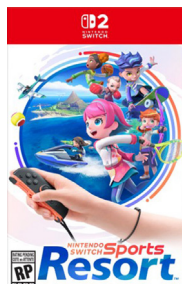


STAR WARS: GALACTIC RACER

The Empire has collapsed, and while the new government works to restore order, the galaxy's lawless fringes have found a new craze in high-speed racing. Out of this frontier boom comes the Galactic League, an illegal circuit bankrolled by criminal organizations, where a single race can make or ruin a pilot.

Players step into the role of Shade, a solitary driver who enters the League with personal scores to settle. Shade's chief obstacle is Kestar, a cutthroat competitor who sees the League as a path to power. The competition moves across planets both new and familiar to fans, with pilots behind the controls of speeders, speeder bikes, and podracers, and because the campaign reshuffles its events with each attempt, the story plays out differently every time. Available October 6 for PlayStation 5 and Xbox X. Rated E10.

P5-PL261032	PlayStation 5	\$60
XX-PL261032	Xbox X	\$60



NINTENDO SWITCH SPORTS RESORT

Players who remember Wii Sports Resort will be happy to return to Wuhu Island, the sunny holiday destination from that 2009 favorite. This time the whole island can be roamed freely: by small plane overhead, by motorboat along the coast, or by skateboard through town. Players design their own characters before heading out.

The game has no story; the appeal is physical play with friends and family. Twelve activities use motion controls, among them tennis, bowling, golf, basketball, archery, and boxing, plus two new additions, skateboarding and thumb wrestling. It's a strong choice for library game nights, senior programs, and events that bring different generations together. Arrives October 22 exclusively for Nintendo Switch 2. Rated E10.

S2-ND261031	Switch	\$60
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