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OTHER RESOURCES

Coding Resources C

https://blockly.games/

Blocky teaches coding through block programming puzzles where users drag and drop blocks of code to complete challenges. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

http://www.code.org/

Code.org has many Hour of Code projects and includes interactive tutorials and projects for school age kids from block coding to Javascript, HTML, and CSS.

https://www.codeforlife.education/

Code for Life provides resources to gamify coding starting with Blockly and then moving on to

Python.

https://www.codemoji.com/

With Codemoji.com, kids use drag and drop emojis to learn the foundations of web development in HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.

https://www.crunchzilla.com/code-monster

Codemonster by Crunchzilla offers 59 simple coding lessons taught by a blue monster. The screen presents two boxes side-by-side—children code in one box and the result of their code is displayed in the other box.

https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/makecode

Microsoft's MakeCode has tutorials and other coding resources in various programming languages. Allows users to mod Minecraft.

https://robocode.sourceforge.io/

Robocode is a programming game where the goal is to develop a robot tank to battle against other tanks in Java. The robot battles are running in real-time and on-screen.

https://scratch.mit.edu/ and www.scratchjr.org

Scratch and ScratchJr offer block programming resources for ages 5-16 where kids can program interactive stories, games, and animations using block programming.

https://www.stencyl.com/

On Stencyl, kids use Scratch's block interface to create games that can be published to Web, Windows, Mac, and Linux.

https://classic.csunplugged.org/activities/

If you want to learn computer science and coding concepts without a screen, then Unplugged is your answer, with a variety of printable PDF's and worksheets.

Level Up at Your Library - Music Playlist 🗛

"The Name of the Game" by ABBA (1977)

"Pinball Wizard" by The Who (1969)

"Video Games" by Lana Del Ray (2012)

"Poker Face" Lady Gaga (2008)

"Quit Playing Games (with My Heart)" by Backstreet Boys (1996)

"Pac-Man Fever" by Buckner & Garcia (1982)

"Super Mario Theme Music" (aka "Ground Theme") by Koji Kondo (1985)
"Nintendo Game" by Alessia Cara (2018)
"Let the Games Begin" by AJR (2015)
"Play the Game" by Queen (1980)
"Little Games" by Yardbirds (1967)
"Games People Play" by The Alan Parsons Project (1980)
"All Work and No Play" by Van Morrison (2002)
"Level Up" by Ciara (2018)

Level Up – Binge Boxes 🗛

Create Binge Boxes themed around video games, expanding on the skills, worlds, and mythologies utilized for the game's creation.

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Rock Band Box-

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Any of the Super Mario video games

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Final Fantasy Box

Any of the Final Fantasy video games

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Or any of the Final Fantasy graphic novels

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High Fantasy books

Can use titles from J.R.R. Tolkien, Brandon Sanderson, or more options can be found online: <u>https://bookriot.com/best-high-fantasy-books-of-all-time/</u>

Dungeons & Dragons Starter Set or Dungeons & Dragons Essentials Kit

https://dnd.wizards.com/products/starter-set

https://dnd.wizards.com/products/essentials-kit

Kingdom Hearts Box

Any of the Kingdom Hearts video games

Disney

- Many Disney characters are featured in Kingdom Hearts, so you could choose to feature ones that appear in Kingdom Hearts worlds or elsewhere. Some examples are: Alice in Wonderland, Tarzan, Hercules, Aladdin, Pinocchio, The Little Mermaid, The Nightmare Before Christmas, Peter Pan, and Winnie the Pooh.
- Mickey Mouse and crew are featured in Kingdom Hearts as well, so choosing to feature some movies with them would be great for this binge box too. Some possibilities can be found online: <u>https://screenrant.com/great-movies-tv-shows-featuring-mickey-friends/</u>

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GAMES & GAMING

10 Great Games Beyond Dungeons & Dragons

D&D has become so synonymous with Tabletop Roleplay Games that it can often be hard to find other games that might be a better fit for your patrons. While it might be a standard, D&D can often limit the styles of play, and it requires a large amount of background knowledge to successfully run a campaign. That learning curve can limit play time and leave patrons frustrated with their gaming experience. Not only that, D&D can be a difficult game to introduce to younger players. Listed below are 10 great games for any library program or collection for a variety of ages!

Magical Kitties Save the Day All Ages

Number of players: 2-6

Recap: You are a magical kitty; what more could you ask for? This game is a true go-to for playing with kids. It is fun, fast, and character creation is really straightforward. The rules are easy to understand, but don't limit you too much. And you are a magical kitty trying to save your hometown and not have your powers discovered. So relatable!

Hero Kids

Ages 4-10

Number of players: 2-5

Recap: A simple combat and adventure game designed for younger players interested in the fantasy setting of D&D without the overwhelming math, character creation system, and slower game play. Quick to learn, this game is designed with young gamers in mind!

The Cloud Dungeon

Ages 7+

Number of players: 2-6

Recap: A papercraft RPG, *The Cloud Dungeon* is all about making and customizing unique characters. You and your friends may be greedily hunting for gold, but maybe the real treasure was the paper knights you made along the way! The tactile elements of this game make it especially good for young gamers.

Kids on Bikes

Ages 8+

Number of players: 2-6

Recap: Have you ever wished you were a character in *Stranger Things* or *The Goonies*? Then you need to play *Kids on Bikes*! A rules-light system based around those coming-of-age adventures that made us all wish we were in a Stephen King novel, even if we were a little scared. If you like the play style, you can also check out the studio's similar games *Kids on Brooms* and *Teens in Space*!

Honey Heist Ages 10+

Number of players: 2-6

Recap: A one-page RPG, in *Honey Heist* players are bears (in hats!) trying to pull off a major heist and claim honey as their own. This is a shockingly simple game that is sure to lead to laughs, and maybe some true drama! Plus, you get to pretend to be a bear, which is something we all need more of in our lives.

Monster of the Week

Ages 13+

Number of players: 3-5

Recap: Inspired by shows like *The X-files, Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, and *Supernatural*, *Monster of the Week* is a fast-paced game that revolves around the intersection of our daily lives and the things that go bump in the night. Great for people who are interested in the roleplay elements, with the war-game elements of D&D really taking the backseat.

Coyote & Crow

Ages 13+

Number of players: 2-4

Recap: A fantasy/sci-fi RPG set in a future where the Americas were never colonized, but where climate change still threatens the world. Developed by a Native team, this game is pushing boundaries, has some incredibly fun mechanics, and is an amazing vehicle for storytelling!

I'm Sorry Did You Say Street Magic

Ages 14+

Number of players: 2-6

Recap: Run without a game master, this single session game is focused on city building. Rather than being a daring fighter or a raging barbarian, players work together to build a city and flesh it out in all of the vivid details that make it feel real, before setting into motion events that could change everything. Great for people new to roleplay games or just people looking for a change of pace, this game will wrinkle your brain in all the best ways.

Alice is Missing

Ages 16+

Number of players: 3-5

Recap: This silent roleplay game is told entirely through text messages and follows key characters when they discover their fellow teen Alice has disappeared. This game has a quick set up and a really set time limit—just be warned, you might need the tissues close by!

Dead After Dinner

Ages 16+

Number of players: Up to 8

Recap: Mystery fans can tell you the best family dinners end in murder, and this *Knives Out*-style roleplay game makes for an amazing gaming experience. Imagine *Clue*, but starring a totally miserable family all out for blood! This game is also easy to get started with, so you can really get into the investigation.

3D Printing for Board Games 🕰

We've all lost a game piece and had to use whatever household objects we had lying around. Nobody wants the insult of having to play as a paperclip when playing *Monopoly.* Lost game pieces happen at least three times as fast in libraries, and even quicker in youth. Are the children eating them? It's one of the library's great mysteries! With a 3D printer and this list of Thingiverse links, make missing game pieces a thing of the past. Now, if someone would make a missing puzzle piece printer, we'd be all set!

Gaming Pieces

Chess

- Standard Chess Set with individual piece files thingiverse.com/thing:34017
- Pokémon Chess Set thingiverse.com/thing:2369887
- Star Wars Chess Set Revised thingiverse.com/thing:3578609
- Minecraft Chess Set thingiverse.com/thing:143991

Dice and Accessories

- Balanced Die thingiverse.com/thing:147883
- Polyhedral Dice Set for DnD thingiverse.com/thing:3472349
- Facets Dice (D4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 20 and Damage %) thingiverse.com/ thing:3166789
- Another Dice Tower thingiverse.com/thing:2839354

Common Game Pieces

- Sorry Pieces thingiverse.com/thing:737811
- Pandemic Game Pieces thingiverse.com/thing:2122908
- Pawns Lovecraft Collection thingiverse.com/thing:18100

Games

Fully Printable Games

- Tic Tac Toe thingiverse.com/thing:5790641
- Blitz (Catapult game) thingiverse.com/thing:1719132
- Miniature Miniature Golf thingiverse.com/thing:24670
- Balance Tetris thingiverse.com/thing:6390018

Boards

- Battle Ship (fits in an Altoids container) thingiverse.com/thing:2770543
- Catan-Style Board thingiverse.com/thing:2525047
- Pocket-Tactics thingiverse.com/thing:41740

Accessories

- Magic the Gathering Card Holders thingiverse.com/thing:122723
- Settlers of Catan Piece Holders thingiverse.com/thing:44470
- Stackable Trays for Game Pieces thingiverse.com/thing:2564922/files
- Playing Card Box thingiverse.com/thing:38001

Puzzles

- Interlocking 3D Puzzle thingiverse.com/thing:39468
- Simple Dino Puzzles thingiverse.com/thing:1163973
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Chiptune/8-bit/16-bit Music from Arcade and Console Games **T**

Chiptune is the music created for or in the style of old arcade and original console gaming. Early arcade and video games didn't have the memory to add multi-instrument music. They often relied on basic computer programs that issued varying sounding beeps. Manipulating these programs became an artform that bore a genre that has gone far beyond early gaming inspiring several generations while playing.

Chiptune Artists

Founders/Original Video Game Composers

- Yellow Magic Orchestra
- Jeroen Tel
- Martin Galway
- Toshio Kai
- Nobuyuki Ohnogi
- Yuriko Keino

Current Chiptune Artists

- Anamanaguchi
- Disasterpeace
- Bit Shifter
- Chipzel
- I Fight Dragons
- Unicorn Kid
- Dubmood
- Stardew & Chill

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Cooperative Board Games C F

These cooperative board games teach kids to work together toward a common goal, and are still enjoyable for adults. They are great picks for a family game night everyone can enjoy! Age recommendations are from the game publishers; younger children who are familiar with board games may still enjoy these suggestions!

The Aquicorn Cove Board Game. (Renegade Game Studios.) Ages 8+, 2-4 players, 30-60 minutes.

In Aquicorn Cove, players work together to rebuild their small fishing village after a devastating storm, while maintaining a balance with the natural world. Luckily, the waters of their cove are home to the beautiful and benevolent Aquicorns, who can help them learn to live in harmony with the ocean. To win, the villagers must feed and grow their village and help restore the health of the reef and the aquatic ecosystem.

Detective Charlie. (Iello USA.) Ages 7+, 1-5 players, 25 minutes.

Detective Charlie is a cooperative game. Each player takes turns moving Detective Charlie with the die and interrogating witnesses. They will help you clear suspects until only one is left: The culprit!

Karuba Junior. (HABA USA.) Ages 4+, up to 4 players, 10 minutes.

Together, the players head off on an exciting search for treasures in the jungle on the island of Karuba! Will they manage to arrange the tiles so that they reach all the treasures before the mean pirates raid the island? They'll need to work together, and be careful of tigers that block the paths. With skill and a bit of luck they'll be faster than the pirates!

Kraken Attack! (Iello USA.) Ages 7+, 1-4 players, 25 minutes.

Beware! The tentacles of a terrible kraken just burst through the waves! Everyone on deck, grab your swords, guns, and cannons! In *Kraken Attack!*, you use pirate skills, repair damage to the ship, and choose the best weapons possible to stay afloat and keep the kraken at bay!

Little Red Riding Hood. (Iello USA.) Ages 7+, 1-5 players, 20 minutes.

Work together to get Little Red Riding Hood to Grandma's cottage before the Wolf! In one game mode, players work together. In another mode, one player is the Wolf!

Magic Maze Kids. (Sit Down! Games.) Ages 5+, 2-4 players, 15 minutes.

Work together to save the king! In this game, you don't control a specific character; instead, any player can move any pawn at any time, but you can only move them in a direction depicted on an Action tile in front of you. That means everyone needs to cooperate in order to move the pawns where they need to go!

My First Castle Panic. (Fireside Games.) Ages 4+, 1-4 players, 20 minutes.

In *My First Castle Panic*, a group of monsters is racing out of the woods and coming right at your castle! Players need to catch all the monsters before they smash the castle flat. Send out your brave defenders to match the color and shape of the space where a monster is to catch it. But watch out! The monsters move closer to the castle every turn, and more monsters keep coming!

Mysterium Kids: Captain Echo's Treasure. (Libellud Games.) Ages 6+, 2-6 players, 20 minutes.

This is a cooperative game specially designed for kids. It helps develop children's concentration and imagination. In turn, play as the ghost or as treasure seekers and try to find which illustrated card corresponds to the location of the treasure, all the while guided by the tambourine's sounds only!

Outfoxed! (Gamewright.) Ages 5+, up to 4 players, 15 minutes.

Mrs. Plumpert's prized pot pie has gone missing, and now it's a chicken chase to crack the case! Move around the board to gather clues, and then use the special evidence scanner to rule out suspects. You'll have to work together quickly because the guilty fox is high-tailing it toward the exit! Will you halt the hungry hooligan before it flies the coop... or will you be Outfoxed?

Unlock! Kids. (Space Cow.) Ages 6+, 1-4 players, 20-60 minutes.

Unlock! is a cooperative card game inspired by escape rooms that uses a simple system that allows you to search scenes, combine objects, and solve riddles. Play *Unlock!* to embark on great adventures, while seated at a table using only cards. Unlike other *Unlock!* games, this version does not require an app to play.

Zoo Run. (Iello USA.) Ages 4+, 1-5 players, 20 minutes.

With *Zoo Run*, you can choose cooperating or competing or both! Free the animals from the zoo before the zookeeper arrives, and celebrate their releases with an exciting race to the city! In both cases, create the most animals by combining your cards to win the game!

Nintendo Switch Co-op Game-ography 🖸 🗊 🗗

Overview:

Games aren't just solitary experiences. These Nintendo Switch games allow gamers to play cooperatively with friends in-person (and some online).

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