



Library Games: Positive & Practical Know-How

*"I've got 'em in the door, but they can't all
play PS2 at one time. What do I do now?!!"*

-Mrs. B's sentiment after the library's 1st gaming afternoon in Centreville, Virginia

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Multiple Consoles

Ideal situation - not always feasible

- 3 Consoles = 3 to 12 Players
(multiplayer games & use of splitters)
- Most libraries = 1 to 2 consoles
- Most games = 1 to 2 player



Video Game Consoles: 7th Generation

2004-present

PS3



Xbox
360



Wii



Price (at launch)	\$299.99 - \$499.99	\$399.99 - \$599.99	\$249.99
Availability	Newest Consoles!! In-store & online purchase Still on many wish lists Less likely to find a loaner		
Games (top selling)	Halo 3	Resistance: Fall of Man	Wii Sports Wii Play
Backwards Compatibility	Most PS2 titles, all Original PS titles (EU & AU versions may lack chip)	Select 394 Xbox titles; hard drive required (software updates available)	All Nintendo GameCube titles; Some Virtual Console Downloads

Video Game Consoles: 6th Generation

1998-2006

PS2



Xbox



Gamecube



Price (current)	\$129.99	\$149.99	\$49.99
Availability	Very few stores still carry Easily found on eBay, craigslist, etc. Many people own - easy to get a "loaner"		
Games (top selling)	Grand Theft Auto Metal Gear Kingdom Hearts	Halo 2	"Mature" titles Failed to emphasize connectivity of Gameboy Advanced and lost younger audience
Backwards Compatibility	PlayStation	N/A	GB, GBC, and GBA (using Game Boy Player)

What To Do... While Others Play



- Watch others play
- Give advice to current players
- Talk to friends
- Wander around (uh-oh!)



Bring out the Board Games!

- ✓ Bring games from home

- ✓ Build a *non-circulating* library collection

Budgeted library program expense

Donations from local stores

Friends request

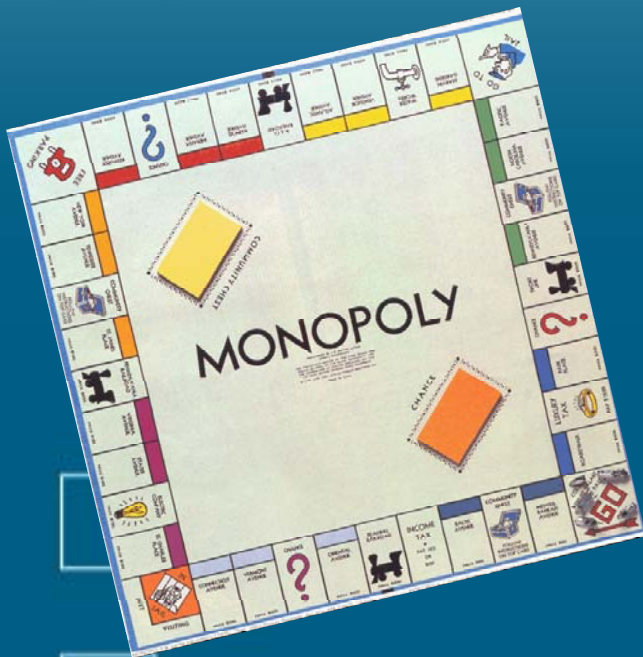
Monopoly™ Tournament

PLAYATHON™ Fundraiser

Monopoly™ Tournament

What You *Have To Do*:

- Contact Hasbro® for more information
<http://www.hasbro.com/games/kid-games/monopoly/>
- Register using appropriate forms
- Host tournament
- Send copies of flyers, press releases, etc., and a short summary of the event to Hasbro® post event



Monopoly™ Tournament

What You *Get for Your Library*:

- + Monopoly™ Kit
 - + Description of the program
 - + Style guide & tip sheet
 - + Score sheet
 - + Free Monopoly™ board game(s)
 - + 3 additional games for use as prizes
- + FUN program!



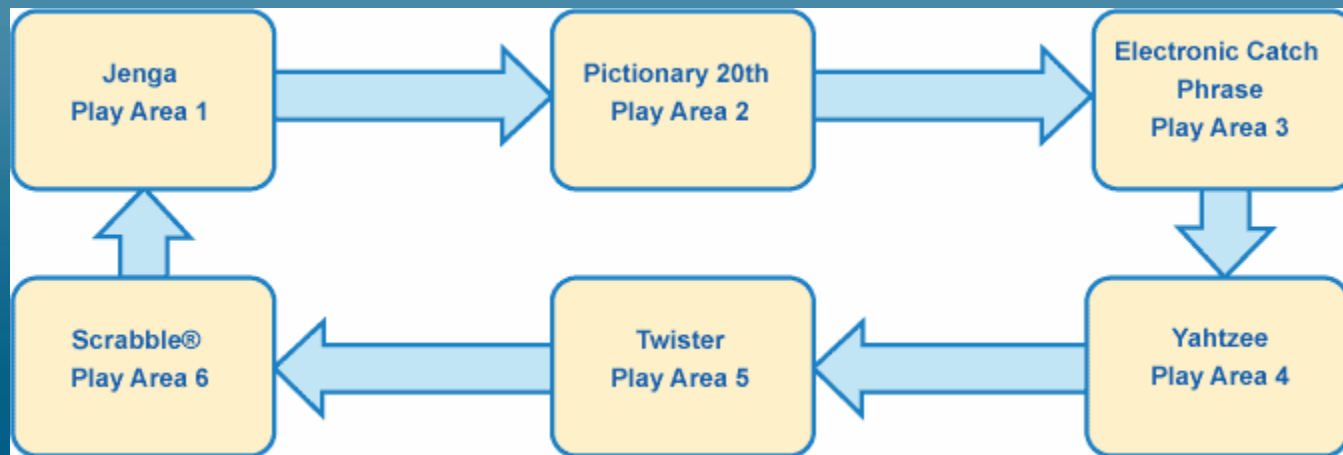
Host a PLAYATHON™



Kit for ages 13+

- A *fundraiser* that supports your library AND adds games to your collection at a fraction of the cost!
- Purchase a PLAYATHON Kit from Hasbro® (\$79.99)
 - 8 activities/games
 - CD with templates to help with promotion

Sample PLAYATHON Layout



Approximate Program Time = 2 hours

Participants may solicit flat pledges or a specific pledge from donors/sponsors for each 15 minutes.

Related Programs

Guest Speaker: Video Game Designer

- Career in game design
 - Education + experience
 - Game Tester opportunities
- Information about future games will be limited
 - Corporate 'Secrets' - competitive intelligence

Speaker Sources

Video Game Companies

<http://www.GameDev.net>

Game Developer Magazine (<http://www.gdmag.com>)

Game Developer Conferences (<http://www.gdconf.com>)



Related Programs

Guest Speaker: Board Game Designer

- Invite as guest gamer or host separate event
 - Education on board game publication process
 - Teens can “test” board game

Speaker Sources

Board Game Designers Forum (<http://www.bdgf.com>)

Local game stores

Gaming organizations



Resource Handouts

Video Game Resources



Board Game Resources

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