

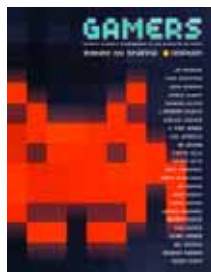


## CORE COLLECTIONS:

Circulating Games at the Library  
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# GAMING COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

1. Magazines
2. Strategy guides
3. Nonfiction about gaming
4. Fiction with gaming as a plot or subplot
5. Games!



## COLLECTION POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- Formats (Platform)
- Breadth & Depth
- Budget
- Ratings



## PLATFORM

- Console
  - Xbox / Xbox 360
  - Sony PlayStation 2/3
  - Nintendo Gamecube/Wii
- Handhelds
  - Nintendo DS (DS)
  - Playstation Portable (PSP)
- PC



## POLICY QUESTIONS

- Who is the collection for?
- What formats will you collect?
- What genres will you collect?
- What is your selection criteria?
- What resources will you use to select?
- Where will you purchase from?
- Is there a donation policy?
- How will the collection be classified/cataloged?
- Where will the collection be stored?
- How will it be displayed?
- What security measures need to be taken?
- What is the procedure for materials challenge?



## GAME REVIEWS

- Ask your patrons!
- *School Library Journal*
- *Voice of Youth Advocates*
- Gaming Magazines
- Gamer Dad - <http://www.gamingwithchildren.com/>
- Video Game Librarian - <http://www.videogamelibrarian.com/>
- Video Game Report Card by National Institute on Media & the Family - <http://www.mediafamily.org/>



## FINDING GOOD GAMES

- Replayability
- Plot
- Setting
- Character
- Graphics
- Soundtrack
- Customization
- Uniqueness



## SOUND



## PURCHASING GAMES

- From game stores
  - Game Stop, Game Crazy
- From library companies
  - Baker & Taylor, Thomas Kline/Crimson Multimedia, S&S Worldwide
- From retailers
  - Amazon.com, Comp USA, Best Buy, Circuit City, Wal\*Mart
- Direct from the publisher
  - Red Octane



## MODEL COLLECTIONS

### Rockridge

- Ages 13-18 year olds
- PS2 games
- 2 games/patron
- No holds/renewals
- 7 day free checkout
- \$1/day late fee
- \$50/replacement fee
- Genres: sports, adventure, racing, fighting, and shooters.

### Helen McGraw

- E, E10+ and T
- PS2 and PC games
- 14 day circ
- \$.25/day late fee
- game cost+\$5/replacement fee
- Genres: compilations, sports, racing games, platformers, unique and quirky titles



## PC GAMES FOR CHILDREN

- Finding Nemo (Disney/Pixar, 2005)
- Legend of the Crystal Skull  
(Her Interactive, Inc., 2008).
- Rollercoaster Tycoon 3 (Atari, 2004)



## PC GAMES FOR TEENS

- The Lord of the Rings II: The Battle for Middle-earth (EA, 2006)
- The Movies (Lionhead, 2005)
- Psychonauts (Majesco, 2005)



## PS3 GAMES FOR CHILDREN

- FIFA Soccer 08 (EA Games, 2007)
- Kung Fu Panda (Activision, 2008)
- Spyro: Dawn of the Dragon (Sierra, 2008)



## PS3 GAMES FOR TEENS

- Guitar Hero III (Red Octane, 2008)
- The Simpsons Game. (EA, 2007)
- Tiger Woods PGA Tour 08 (EA, 2008)



## WII GAMES FOR CHILDREN

- Boom Blox. (EA, 2008)
- Elebits (Konami, 2006)
- Super Paper Mario (Nintendo, 2007)



## WII GAMES FOR TEENS

- Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess (Nintendo 2006)
- MarioKart (Nintendo, 2008)
- Super Smash Brothers Brawl (Nintendo, 2008)



## XBOX 360 GAMES FOR CHILDREN

- Bionicle Heroes (TT Games, Inc, 2006)
- Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (EA, 2007)
- Viva Pinata (Microsoft, 2007)



## XBOX 360 GAMES FOR TEENS

- Beautiful Katamari. (Namco, 2007)
- Lego Star Wars: The Complete Saga (Eidos, Traveller's Tales, 2008)
- Project Gotham Racing 3 (Microsoft Game Studios/Bizarre Creations, 2005)



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