

Announcements

Games @ the Library/Jeux @ la bibliothèque 2020

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APLA's Games at the Library will take place from October 18 – October 24, 2020. We understand that due to Covid-19, hosting a game themed event at your library is more challenging than ever before, so we have provided a list of games below that can be played in smaller groups while maintaining social distance. Feel free to get creative but keep it safe by adhering to federal and provincially mandated guidelines.

We believe it is important, now more than ever, to provide opportunities to community members to practice self-care through fun experiences and to connect with community in safe ways. Self-care and connection are two important mental health practices during these unprecedented times.

Due to Covid-19, ballots will be filled out on behalf of participants by library staff. Ballots will then be scanned and sent as an email attachment to games@apla.ca. Tally sheets can be scanned and set as an attachment to this address as well, library staff also have the option of answering all tally sheet information in the body of the email. Please ensure that all ballots are legible and scanned so that they are easy to print and cut out.

This year, the prize is a \$175 online gift card to EB Games, which is redeemable in store or online on their website. The library at which the winning participant played will be notified, and the online gift card will be sent directly to the winner's email address provided on the ballot.

The Nova Scotia Community College Graphic Design class of 2020 designed the new logos and editable posters for APLA's Games @ the Library. All promotional items are available only through the website this year since the file types are too large to send via listserv. Updates to the website are pending, however a listserv will be sent out announcing when the materials are available.



List of games that may work in your library

Free games available on websites:

- Skribble: <https://skribbl.io/>
- Chess: <https://play.chessbase.com/en>

Free apps on phone or tablet:

- Angry birds 2
- Gardenscapes
- Threes! Freeplay (iOS) or Threes! Free on Android
- Two dots
- Words with Friends 2

Socially distanced games:

- Washer toss / Ring toss / Bean bag toss
- Yard badminton / ping pong
- Toy/lawn bowling
- Mini golf / croquet
- Freeze/ Statue/ Simon says / I Spy
- Don't drop the egg relay
- Scavenger hunt/ treasure hunt
- Charades /Trivia / Bingo