

# Today's Presenter



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# SWITCHING IT UP!

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CREATING A VIDEO GAME COLLECTION  
FOR YOUR LIBRARY

- Why video games?
- Funding/resources
- Securing the collection
- Sustainability/the future

# WHY VIDEO GAMES?



Games  
available  
for  
checkout,  
Billings  
Public  
Library

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- Access to popular, expensive materials
- Appeals to every age demographic
- Collection circulates extremely well
- All regardless of your library's size

One more thing...

ALMONTE LIBRARY, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY, DES MOINES, IA

EAST BRUNSWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY, EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ

LARAMIE COUNTY LIBRARY, CHEYENNE, WY

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**Yeah, but...**



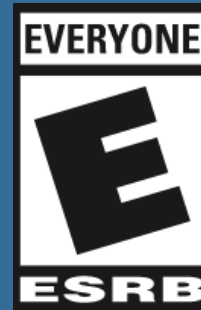
## RESOURCES

- Console we started with
- Which games to purchase
- How much money will you need



Image: [Three years later, the console wars are more confusing than ever](#)

1. Mario Kart 8 Deluxe – E
2. Animal Crossing: New Horizons – E
3. Super Smash Bros Ultimate – E10+
4. The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild – E10+
5. Super Mario Odyssey – E10+
6. Pokémon Sword and Shield – E
7. Pokémon Scarlet and Violet – E
8. Super Mario Party – E
9. The Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom – E10+
10. New Super Mario Bros Deluxe – E
11. Ring Fit Adventure – E
12. Pokémon Let's Go, Pikachu! and Let's Go Eevee! – E
13. Pokémon Brilliant Diamond and Shining Pearl – E
14. Pokémon Legends: Arceus – E
15. Splatoon 2 – E10+
16. Luigi's Mansion 3 – E
17. Super Mario 3D World + Bowser's Fury – E
18. Mario Party Superstars – E
19. Nintendo Switch Sports – E
20. Splatoon 3 – E10+
21. Super Mario 3D All-Stars – E
22. Super Mario Maker 2 -E
23. Monster Hunter Rise – T



Entertainment  
Software  
Rating Board  
[www.esrb.org](http://www.esrb.org)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_best-selling\\_Nintendo\\_Switch\\_video\\_games](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_best-selling_Nintendo_Switch_video_games)

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1. Marvel's Spider-Man – T
2. God of War – M
3. Uncharted 4: A Thief's End – T
4. The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt – M
5. The Last of Us Part II – M
6. Horizon Zero Dawn – T
7. The Last of Us Remastered – M
8. Ghost of Tsushima – M
9. Star Wars Battlefront – T
10. Gran Turismo Sport – E
11. Infamous: Second Son – T
12. Detroit: Become Human – M
13. Final Fantasy XVI Remake – M
14. Monster Hunter: World – T
15. Cyberpunk 2077 – M
16. FIFA 17 – E
17. NieR: Automata – M
18. Crash Bandicoot N. Sane Trilogy – E10+
19. Final Fantasy XV – M
20. Grand Theft Auto V – M

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1	Title	New Price	Pre-Owned Price	ESRB
2	Super Mario Bros. Wonder	59.99	54.99	E
3	Super Mario Bros. Wonder	59.99	54.99	E
4	Nintendo Switch Sports	49.99	44.99	E
5	Nintendo Switch Sports	49.99	44.99	E
6	Mario Kart 8 Deluxe	59.99	54.99	E
7	Super Smash Bros	59.99	54.99	E
8	Animal Crossing: New Horizons	59.99	54.99	E
9	Pokemon Legends: Arceus	59.99	54.99	E
10	Super Mario Party Superstars	59.99	54.99	E
11	Super Mario Odyssey	59.99	54.99	E
12		579.9	529.9	

Perfect starter games for  
small Switch collection

1	Purchased Titles	Purchase Price	ESRB Rating	42	Monster Hunter Rise	31.99	T
2	Animal Crossing: New Horizons	50.99	E	43	Monster Hunter Stories 2: Wings of Ruin	27.99	E10+
3	Animal Crossing: New Horizons	45.99	E	44	Need for Speed: Hot Pursuit	27.99	E10+
4	Crash Bandicoot N. Sane Trilogy	24.99	E10+	45	New Pokemon Snap	41.99	E
5	Dark Souls: Remastered	43.99	M	46	Ni no Kuni: Wrath of the White Witch	19.99	E10+
6	Darksiders: Genesis	18.99	T	47	Nintendo Switch Sports	49.99	E10+
7	Destroy All Humans!	13.99	T	48	Nintendo Switch Sports	49.88	E10+
8	Disco Elysium: The Final Cut	31.79	M	49	Octopath Traveler	36.99	T
9	Donkey Kong Country: Tropical Freeze	42.99	E	50	Ori: The Collection	43.49	E
10	Donkey Kong Country: Tropical Freeze	42.99	E	51	Outer Worlds	18.99	M
11	Dragon Quest XI: Echoes of an Elusive Age Definitive Ed	49.99	T	52	Paper Mario: The Origami King	41.99	E
12	Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim	49.94	M	53	Paw Patrol: On a Roll!	15.99	E
13	Everspace Stellar Edition	18.99	T	54	Persona 5 Strikers	29.99	M
14	Fire Emblem: Three Houses	49.99	T	55	Plants vs. Zombies: Battle for Neighborville Complete B	19.88	E10+
15	Hades	29.98	T	56	Pokemon Legends: Arceus	45.99	E
16	Hollow Knight	32.99	E10+	57	Pokemon Legends: Arceus	59.99	E
17	Hyrule Warriors: Age of Calamity	42.99	T	58	Pokemon: Shield	59.99	E
18	Hyrule Warriors: Definitive Edition	59.99	T	59	Pokemon: Sword	46.99	E
19	Just Dance 2022	26.99	E10+	60	Shovel Knight: Treasure Trove	38.99	E
20	Kirby and the Forgotten Land	59.99	E10+	61	Sonic Colors Ultimate	33.88	E
21	Kirby Star Allies	38.99	E10+	62	Splatoon 2	42.99	E10+
22	Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild	37.99	E10+	63	Spyro Reignited Trilogy	24.99	E10+
23	Legend of Zelda: Link's Awakening	42.99	E10+	64	Stardew Valley	32.99	E10+
24	Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword	40.99	E10+	65	Subnautica + Subnautica: Below Zero	18.99	E10+
25	LEGO: DC Super Villains	19.99	E10+	66	Super Mario 3d World: Bowser's Fury	49.99	E
26	LEGO: Harry Potter Collection	19.99	E10+	67	Super Mario Maker 2	52.99	E
27	LEGO: Ninjago Movie Videogame	16.99	E10+	68	Super Mario Odyssey	50.99	E10+
28	LEGO: Star Wars: The Skywalker Saga	59.99	E10+	69	Super Mario Party	49	E
29	LEGO: The Incredibles	18.99	E10+	70	Super Mario Party	37.99	E
30	Luigi's Mansion 3	52.99	E	71	Super Smash Bros Ultimate	50.99	E10+
31	Luigi's Mansion 3	43.99	E	72	Super Smash Bros Ultimate	45.99	E10+
32	Mario and Sonic at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020	37.99	E10+	73	Tony Hawk Pro Skater 1 and 2	32.99	T
33	Mario Golf: Super Rush	49.94	E	74	Trials of Mana	37.99	T
34	Mario Kart 8 Deluxe	50.99	E	75	Triangle Strategy	59.99	T
35	Mario Party Superstars	59.99	E	76	Witcher III: Wild Hunt Complete Edition	59.99	M
36	Mario Tennis Aces	49.49	E	77	Xenoblade Chronicles	39.99	T
37	Mega Man X Legacy Collection 1 & 2	20.99	E10+	78	Xenoblade Chronicles 2	54.99	T
38	Metroid Dread	59.99	T	79	Yoshi's Crafted World	39.99	E
39	Minecraft	29.99	E10+				
40	Minecraft Dungeons: Ultimate Edition	39	E10+				
41	Minecraft Dungeons: Ultimate Edition	39.99	E10+				

Initially purchased Switch games,  
Billings Public Library

## ALA's [Games and Gaming Round Table](#) (GameRT)

- [National Gaming Survey – 2024](#)
- GameRT [Game On! Grant](#) (apply by March 1, 2024)
- On Facebook, [League of Librarian Gamers - ALA GameRT](#)



GameRT Information on ALA's website



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## Game On! Grant

The Games and Gaming Round Table of the American Library Association is proud to sponsor its annual grant program to enable libraries to develop gaming programs or collections for their public. Through the Game On! grant, \$1000.00 will be available to be awarded either as one grant of \$1000 or two of \$500 each to assist a library (or libraries) in developing gaming programs or collections for their communities.

ALA members in good standing currently employed at a public, school, academic or special library in the United States or Canada are eligible to apply. Libraries will need to illustrate a plan for a sustainable gaming program or collection created with the funds as well as financial need and institutional support for the proposed project.

The application period will take place from January 1 to March 1 of each year, and the grant winner will be announced at GameRT's ALA Play event at the ALA Annual conference in June (followed by a press release after the conference).

## Administered by: Games and Gaming Round Table

### Eligibility

- Applicants must be a member of ALA (personal or organizational); ALA member ID required on application
- Applicants must be employed with a public, school, academic, or special library
- No library should receive the Game On! Grant more than two times in a five year period.
- Institutions represented by the Game On! Grant Jury are eligible to apply, but Jury members must recuse themselves from the discussion and voting or decline the nomination if they have a conflict of interest.

### Evaluation Criteria

Candidates must submit an electronic application, explaining why they are interested in the grant

## Top Switch game circulations, Billings Public Library

Top Circulating Home Location Titles - Date Range		
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3	<b>Page 6:</b>	
4	Item Collection: GAME	
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6	Catalog Title	Number of Transactions
7	Nintendo Switch sports.	117
8	Pokémon legends : Arceus /	89
9	The Legend of Zelda: breath of the wild.	76
10	Luigi's Mansion 3.	73
11	Super Mario odyssey.	71
12	Minecraft dungeons.	69
13	Animal Crossing: new horizons.	65
14	Super Smash Bros. Ultimate.	62
15	The legend of Zelda: skyward sword HD.	59
16	Metroid dread.	58
17	Just dance 2022 /	55
18	Nintendo Switch	55
19	Donkey Kong country : tropical freeze.	48
20	Kirby and the forgotten land.	44
21	Final fantasy XII : the Zodiac age /	43
22	Hyrule warriors /	42
23	Hyrule warriors: age of calamity.	40
24	Pokémon shield /	40
25	Immortals Fenyx rising /	39
26	LEGO Harry Potter collection.	39
27	Super Mario 3D world + Bowser's fury.	39
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30	Subnautica ; + Subnautica: below zero /	38
31	Astroneer.	37
32	Mariokart 8 deluxe.	37
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34	Crash Bandicoot /	36
35	Dragon Quest XI S : echoes of an elusive age.	36
36	Everspace : stellar edition /	36
37	LEGO DC Super villains.	36
38	Super Mario Maker 2.	36
39	Darksiders: genesis /	35
40	Pokémon sword /	35
41	Stardew valley.	35
42	Super Mario Party [Nintendo Switch] /	35
43	The elder scrolls V: Skyrim.	35
44	Xenoblade chronicles.	35
45	Dark souls. Remastered.	34
46	Hollow knight.	34
47	The LEGO Ninjago movie videogame.	34
48	Disco Elysium : the final cut	33
49	Fire emblem : three houses.	33
50	Mario & Sonic at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.	33



## SECURING THE COLLECTION

- Dummy case method
- Checkout/check-in process



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Games available for checkout,  
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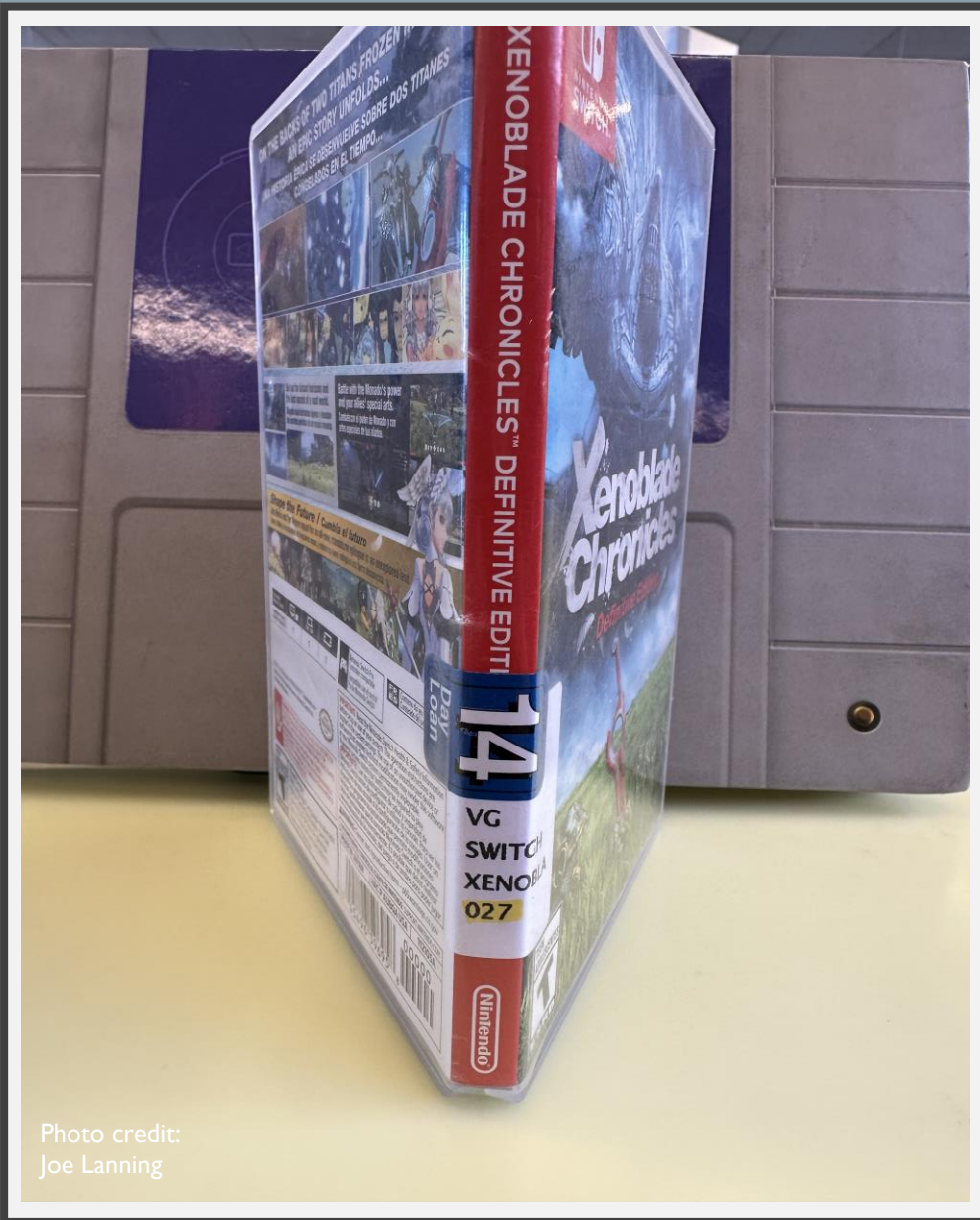


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Switch game case and cartridge case, Billings Public Library

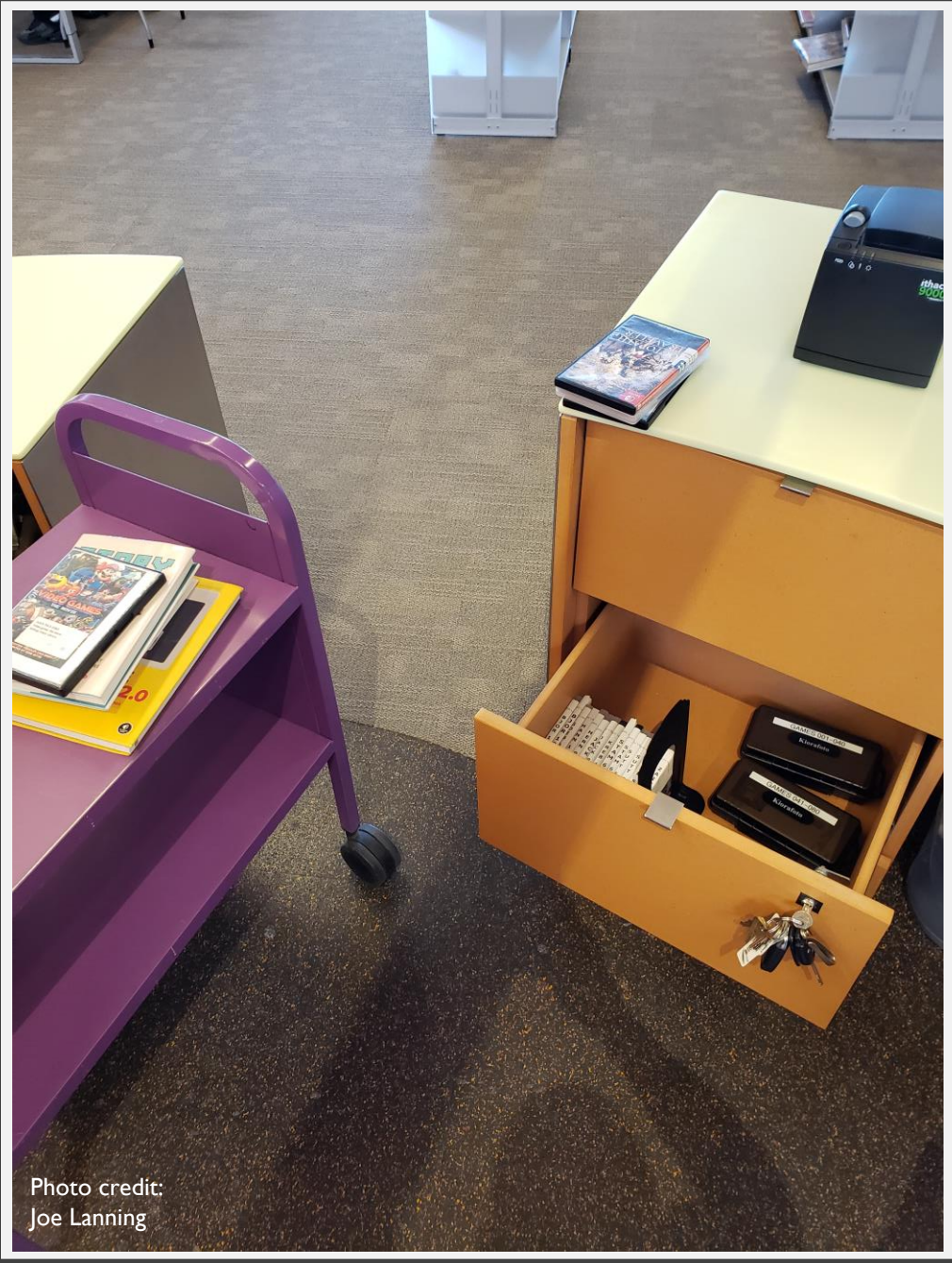


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Locking drawer with  
cartridge cases and holds,  
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Cartridge case, Logan Public Library, Logan UT



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## Billings Public Library, Switch Console, replacement parts pricing sheet

### Nintendo Switch Console Kit #1 Replacement Charges:

1 Nintendo Switch Console: \$299.99

1 256GB SanDisk Extreme Plus  
Micro SDXC card: \$54.99

1 DEVASO carrying case: \$49.99

1 Nintendo Switch dock/charging station: \$59.99

1 Left & 1 Right JoyCon| Controller \$79.99 (pair)

2 JoyCon Straps: \$7.99 (each)

1 JoyCon Grip: \$19.99

1 Power Cord: \$29.99

1 HDMI Cable: \$7.99

\*includes 13 digital games pre-loaded\*



## Nintendo Switch Console Kit User Agreement Form

DUE DATE / STAFF INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

### Nintendo Switch Console Overview

- Nintendo Switch Console Kits can be checked out for 14 days.
- Nintendo Switch Console Kits can be placed on hold but are unable to be renewed.
- Checkouts must be conducted at the main branch. Due to the size of the Nintendo Switch Console Kits, we are unable to conduct book locker holds
- Only One (1) Nintendo Switch Console Kit per library card.
- Kits are to be returned to the Second Floor Reference Desk. Returns to the book drops, bookmobile, COT, or other desks will not be accepted.
- Contents of the kit will be inspected in front of patron before being checked out and when returned to ensure items are present and in good condition.
- Patron will be informed of replacement part costs at the time of check out.
- Patron's account will be BARRED at overdue date (15 days checked out) until the Nintendo Switch Console Kit is returned.
- Nintendo Switch Console Kits accrue late fees. The late fee is \$1.00 every day the kit is overdue, to a maximum of \$10.00.

### Nintendo Switch Console Use Agreement

By signing this form, you agree to the terms and conditions outlined in this agreement when using the Billings Public Library Nintendo Switch Console Kit.

I agree (please initial):

\_\_\_\_\_ To abide by the Billings Public Library Nintendo Switch Console Kit Overview agreement stated above.

\_\_\_\_\_ To pay for overdue, damaged or missing Nintendo Switch Console Kit parts as outlined and priced.

\_\_\_\_\_ That I have gone through kit contents with a library staff member at the time of checkout.

*I have read the entire document and my signature below indicates my agreement with the above statements.*

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Library Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_ Patron Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Switch Console Agreement Form, Billings Public Library



2 VIDEOS



## DEVASO Carrying Case for Nintendo Switch Travel Case, Professional Deluxe Waterproof Case Soft Lining Hard Case for Nintendo Switch OLED Model Console, Controller and Other Accessories (Green&Blue)

Visit the [DEVASO Store](#)

**Platform :** Nintendo Switch

4.8  1,639 ratings

50+ bought in past month

\$48<sup>99</sup>

FREE Returns 

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Color: **Green&Blue**



DEVASO carrying case for Nintendo Switch,  
[amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)



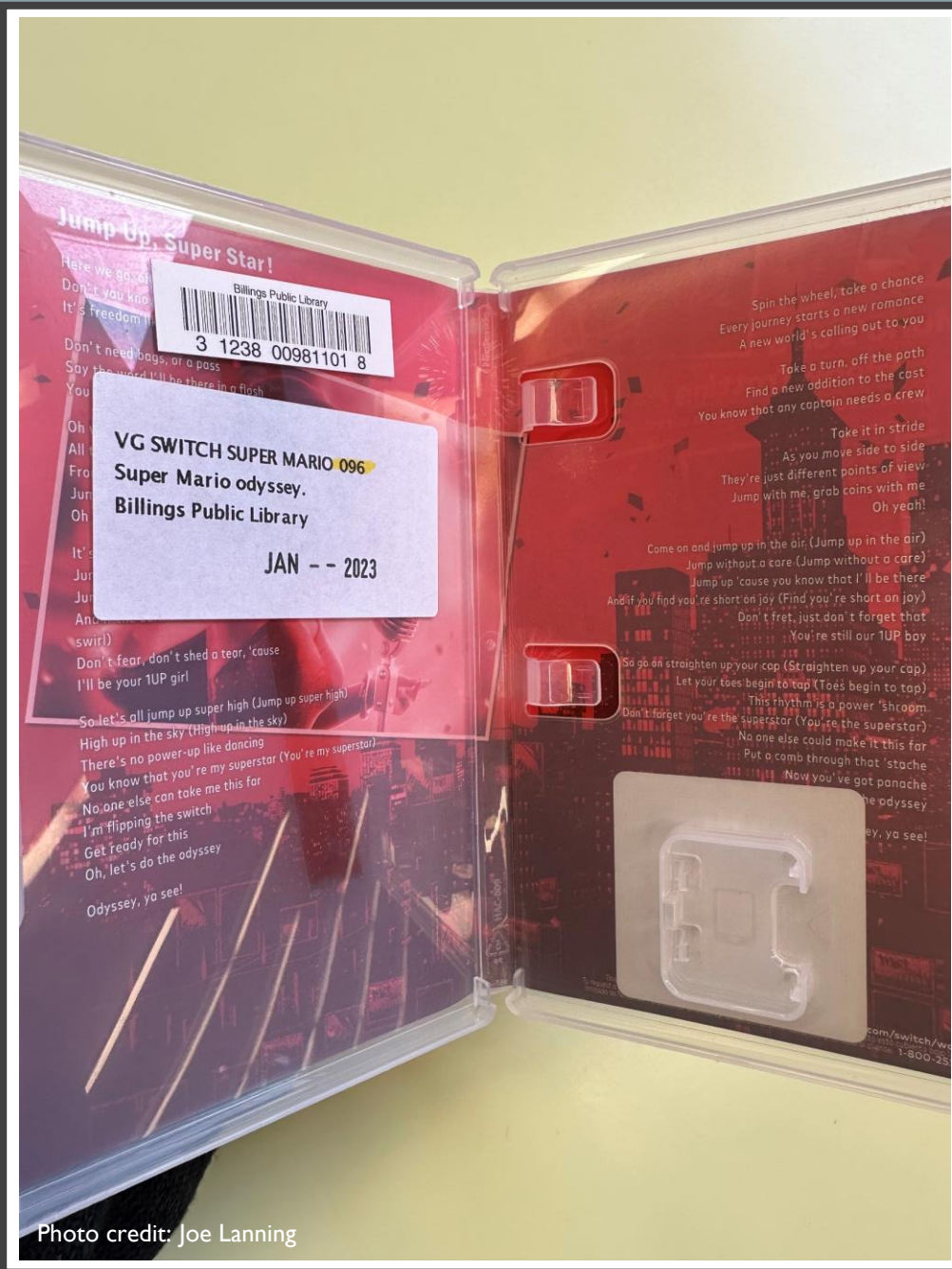


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Switch game case and  
cartridge  
Billings Public Library

**Cartridges not  
inside cases!**

Please checkout at  
2nd-floor Help Desk



Empty cases sign,  
Billings Public  
Library

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3	Item Status Updated Date	Item Status	Item Collection	Item Call Number	Catalog Title	Catalog Author	Item Barcode	Catalog Pub Year	Item Price	Item Total Charges
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5	2023-10-03	LOST-ASSUM	GAME	VG SWITCH ORI 075	Ori the collection /		31238009748152	2021	\$39.99	24
6	2023-11-14	LOST-ASSUM	GAME	VG SWITCH CLUBHOU 061	Clubhouse games : 51 worldwide classics /		31238009748038	2020	\$39.99	25
7	2023-12-12	LOST-ASSUM	GAME	VG SWITCH LEGEND BREATH 041	The Legend of Zelda: breath of the wild.		31238009742924	2017	\$59.99	32

Current lost Switch titles,  
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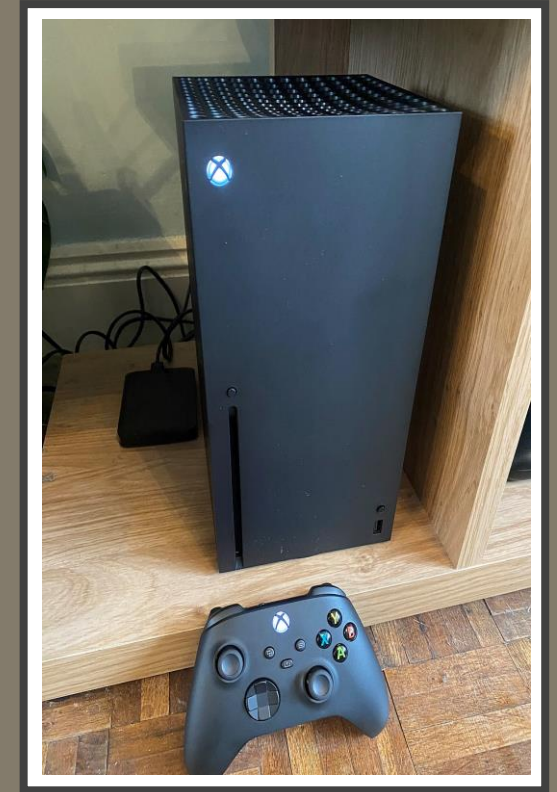
## SUSTAINABILITY / THE FUTURE

- Expanding the collection
- Console checkouts
- Programming



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- PlayStation 4/5
- XBOX One/X
- Nintendo DS??



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# CONSOLE CHECKOUTS



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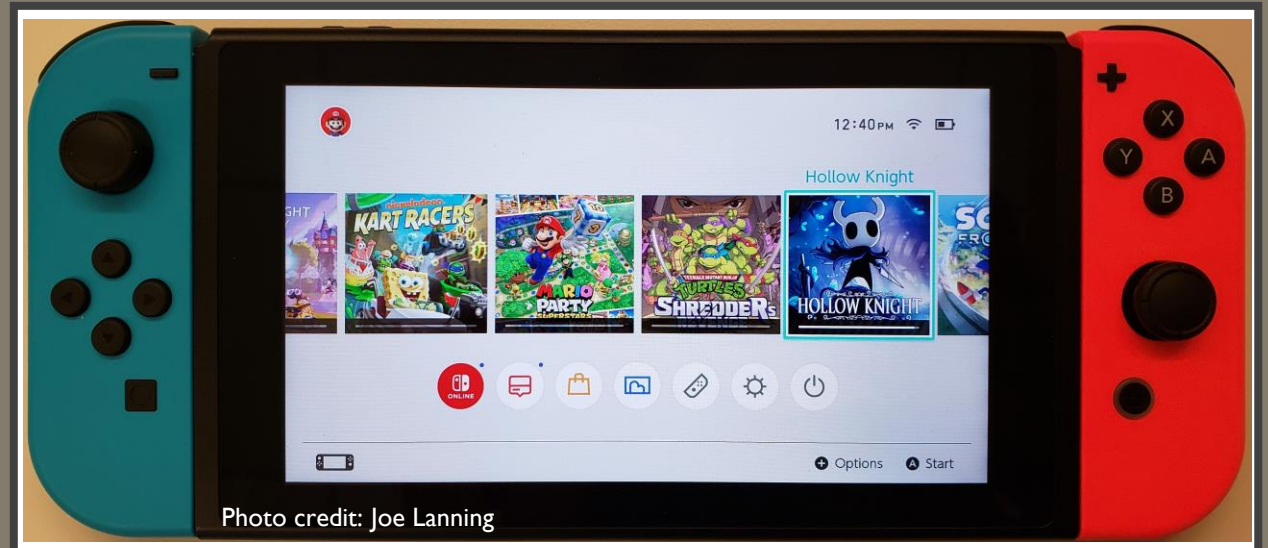




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Switch Console carrying case and console, Billings Public Library

## Nintendo Switch Teen Tournament: Mario Kart 8

**MAY 10** Monday, May 10, 2021  
4:00pm - 5:00pm

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**Program Type:** Gaming

**Age Group:** Children , Teens

Please note you are looking at an event that has already happened.

Registration for this event is no longer open.

Allowed Ages: 10 to 18

### Event Details

Join us for a Mario Kart tournament for ages 10-18. You can participate in this event if you have a Nintendo Switch with a Nintendo Online subscription, and a copy of Mario Kart 8. The day of the tournament, log onto Mario Kart 8 on your Switch at 4:00 PM. Select "Online Play" and then select "Tournament". **Registrants will be emailed the passcode to access the tournament once registration is reviewed by library staff.**

<https://www.dmpl.org/event/nintendo-switch-teen-tournament-mario-kart-8-0>



## Mario Kart 8 Deluxe Tournament

Compete in the Austin Public Library's Annual Winter Gaming Tournament.

Doors open for sign-ups 30 minutes before each tournament and the first 32 people to sign up will be assured a spot. Controllers will be provided but you may also bring your own. All dates are seed tournaments for the Grand Championship at the Central Library on January 5, 2020 at 2 PM. Program length is approximately two hours.

Something for the whole family! Tournament now played with Mario Kart 8 Deluxe on the SWITCH.

Not found or the event has already happened. Would you like to [search for upcoming events ?](#)

<https://library.austintexas.gov/events/mario-kart-8-deluxe-tournament>

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