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## ***At the Library: Library offers gaming for all ages***

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Saturday, Nov. 15, is the seventh annual International Games Day. Orange County Public Library will celebrate by hosting free game tournaments.

From 1 to 4 p.m., all ages—younger than 10 years old must be with parents or guardians—are invited to the OCPL main library to play in Super Smash Bros. Brawl, Just Dance, Minecraft, Mario Kart and Scrabble tournaments.

Orange County Public Library is excited to show that libraries are fun places for everybody—from kids to grandparents. Gaming is an example of how the library is more than just an educational resource for our community. This is a place where people of all ages are welcome to gather together in the spirit of play.

Board games, checkers, chess and cards will also be available for non-tournament play and those who prefer traditional games.

Gaming at the library isn't limited to just game days, either. Chess, checkers, Scrabble, Apples to Apples and other games are always available for play in the teen room on the main library's second floor.

Did you know the library now has a video game collection? More than 100 games for the Xbox, Xbox 360, Wii, and PlayStation 2 and 3 are on the main library's second floor next to the graphic novel collection. Video games check out for three weeks at a time.

The library also has a Chess Club, an informal group of players who meet on Thursday evenings at 6 p.m.

Players are welcome to bring their own sets or borrow the library's. Players who would like to time their games will need to bring their own clocks or timers for that purpose. There are no fees, registration or attendance requirements to be a part of the club.

International Games Day is an initiative of the American Library Association to reconnect communities to their libraries through the educational, recreational and social value of all types of games. More than 1,000 libraries from around the world will participate in 2014.

*Orange County Public Library serves the community from three locations. The Main Library at 137 W. Margaret Lane in Hillsborough is open seven days a week and can be reached at 919-245-2525. The Carrboro Branch Library inside McDougle Middle School, 900 Old Fayetteville Road in Chapel Hill, and the Cybrary inside The Century Center, 100 N. Greensboro St. in Carrboro, offer complementary hours to serve southern Orange County. Call the Carrboro Branch at 919-969-3006 and the Cybrary at 919-918-7387.*