

Game Day and Chess Club at the Plover Branch Library

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1. What kinds of games work for an open gaming event?
 - a. Short (15-30 minutes)
 - b. Simple (easy to explain)
 - c. Best-of list—see back
2. How do you start a library game event?
 - a. Focus—determine your primary goal, for example:
 - i. Attracting Underserved Users
 - ii. Being a Community Hub
 - iii. Creating Publicity
 - iv. Serving Active Users
 - v. Providing Entertainment
 - b. Time—when works best for your target audience?
 - c. Publicity—how do you get the word out?
 - i. Personal invitations
 - ii. Library calendar, Web site, and Facebook page
 - iii. Handouts & Posters
 - iv. Community partnerships—stores and schools
 - v. Newspapers
 - vi. Radio
3. How do you set up a game event?
 - a. Select games and **set them up** beforehand
 - b. Recruit volunteers who can greet participants, get them started on a game, and show them how to play it
 - c. Room setup—make sure you check how many players can play each game
 - d. Snacks? Pretzels, M&Ms, Skittles, and raisins have low mess potential, and make sure to get bottled water
4. Chess Club—many of the same principles, except a staff member or volunteer should ideally have a more-than-beginner's level of Chess ability and a willingness to teach. Handouts with Chess puzzles can be helpful teaching tools—I use Tactics Time <www.tacticstime.com>
5. Evaluation—see back

Great Board Games for Library Events

Don't Break the Ice by Milton
Bradley/Hasbro

Dungeon Roll by Tasty Minstrel Games

Fluxx by Looney Labs

Hey, that's my fish! by Fantasy Flight
Games

King of Tokyo by iello Games

Monkeyland by Sirius Games

Monster Factory by Rio Grande Games

Sorry! Sliders by Parker Bros./Hasbro

Tsuro of the Seas by Calliope Games

Wits & Wagers by North Star Games

Word on the Street (Jr.) by Out of the Box
Games

Plover Library Game Day

February 26

What were your favorite games today?

**What new game would you most like
to play next time?**

Circle your age range:

3-7 8-13 14-19 20-35 36-50 51-65 66+

Where did you hear about Game Day?

(Circle all that apply)

Library Sign/Flyer

Library Web Site/Facebook

Library Staff

Store Sign: What store? _____

Word of mouth (Friend or Family)

Other: _____

How did we do? (Circle one)

Meh

Good

Excellent!

Many thanks to Dr. Scott
Nicholson and his book, *Everyone
Plays at the Library* (Information
Today, Inc. Medford, NJ: 2010)!

Check out his Web site at:
www.scottnicholson.com