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BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES INTRODUCE "GAMING UNPLUGGED" *BOARD GAMES AVAILABLE FOR FREE BORROWING WITH A LIBRARY CARD*

The world of board gaming has come a long way over the years, and now the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System is offering free borrowing of over 100 board, card and dice games. Erie County residents ages 17 and over who have a Library card can choose from a wide selection of "Gaming Unplugged" options, from family and classic favorites to new modern games.

"For years many of us have enjoyed making memories with our family and friends while playing board games," said Jeannine Doyle, interim director of the Library System. "Our libraries are excited to offer games for borrowing. Gaming promotes literacy, enhances one's creativity and confidence, and reduces stress and social anxiety. It also helps build stronger relationships, teach goal setting, and develop patience."

Games available through the Library include *Battleship*; *Settlers of Catan*; *IceDice*; *Throw, Throw Burrito* and *Scattergories*. Traditional favorites like *Scrabble* and *Parcheesi* and card games such as pinochle and euchre are also available.

"By borrowing a board game from the Library, you can learn a new game or enjoy an old favorite at absolutely no cost," Doyle said. "Libraries are more than just books, and our newly-revamped 'Gaming Unplugged' collection is just the latest example."

Games must be reserved through the Library's online catalog and can be sent at no charge to any of the 37 local libraries for pick-up. Instructions are included in each package but can also be viewed online before borrowing. Library cardholders can borrow up to three games at a time for a period of three weeks, and can return them in-person at any of the 37 public libraries across Erie County.

For a full list of available games and more information about "Gaming Unplugged," visit the Library System's website: <https://www.buffalolib.org/services/gaming-unplugged/gaming-listing>.

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