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Hopkinsville, KY—November 19, 2020—Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library is excited to announce it now has video games available to check out.

On Friday, Nov. 13, the library began offering games to patrons, including Xbox One and Series X, PlayStation 4 and 5, and Switch games. Two games can be checked out at a time for two weeks and can be renewed once.

“This was a service we’ve been wanting to provide for some time,” said Jennifer Annis-Domenech, Youth Services Librarian. “It’s a new way to provide access to members of the community, and we hope that new people may discover the library with these resources, in addition to the other non-traditional items we check out, such as bikes and Wi-Fi hotspots.”

Studies have shown that video games can improve reasoning abilities, literacy, and more. In October 2019, Denilson Brilliant T., Rui Nouchi, and Ryuta Kawashima wrote a report in *Brain Sciences* about the impact playing games can have on the brain. Games can have cognitive benefits, such as improvement in pattern recognition, visual attention, and short-term memory. Additionally, some games can increase physical fitness, while others can help players develop their social behavior.

DeeAnna Sova, HCCPL Executive Director shared, “The addition of video games to our collection, is yet another example of the progressive mindset of the HCCPL staff. We want to reach patrons of all ages and interests, and this is yet another opportunity for engagement.”

This new collection can be found on the library’s first floor. For more information about available items and everything the library has to offer, visit <https://hccpl.org/> or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.