

# COM Library's Games for Children

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This COM Library Guide describes basic examples for finding children's games and sports resources. Find [books](#), [articles](#), or [Internet resources](#). Available online (most current version) at <http://library.com.edu/help/GamesForChildren.pdf>.



## **Books**

### ***How to find print books and eBooks***

#### **Books**

When you want print books search COMCat (<http://comcat.com.edu/>) to see what the library has available.

#### **Easy COMCat Searches**

Using the default keyword anywhere search, type in:

games AND children  
sports AND children

#### **Specific Subject Headings Searches**

Games  
Games with music  
Games--handbooks, manuals, etc.  
Sports  
Sports for Children

#### **Call Numbers**

If you want to browse the shelves, try the following call numbers in the reference and main collections.

GV- Recreation, Leisure  
HQ- The Family, marriage, Woman  
M- Music  
MT- Musical Instruction and Study

#### **Reserve Books**

Your instructor may also have placed books on reserve for your class. Ask for these at the Circulation desk.

*The Cooperative Sports & Games Book* (3 copies)

## **eBooks**

COM Library has access to eBooks, electronic versions of printed books. To access them, go to *eBooks* (<http://library.com.edu/books/eBooks.htm>). From this page you can access NetLibrary, which has thousands of full text books. Please note the special instructions on the *eBooks* page for accessing the *netLibrary* collection: <http://library.com.edu/books/ebooks.htm>.

### **Tips**

- Searching NetLibrary using the same terms as the *Easy Catalog Search* terms will usually retrieve good results.
- You only have 15 minutes to view and eBook, and 24 hours to use it if you check it out, so make sure to use it right away.
- To check out an eBook, you must Create a Free account—a link is available from the top of every NetLibrary page..



## **Articles**

***How to find articles from print journals and online databases.***

Unfortunately articles on games & sports for children can be hard to locate. *ERIC* is the world's most comprehensive education databases created and maintained by the US government. Because it is expensive to buy full text access to articles and *ERIC* is publicly funded, not everything is available full text in *ERIC* but they add more full text all the time. You may also try *Academic Search Premier* for the research aspects behind games and sports for children. Access this and other databases from the Library's database page (<http://library.com.edu/articles/databases.htm>). Go directly to *ERIC* using the link below.

### **Best Bet Database**

**ERIC:** [http://www.eric.ed.gov/ERICWebPortal/Home.portal?\\_nfpb=true&\\_pageLabel=ERIC\\_Search](http://www.eric.ed.gov/ERICWebPortal/Home.portal?_nfpb=true&_pageLabel=ERIC_Search)

### **ERIC Subject Headings:**

Childrens Games  
Creative Activities  
Educational Games  
Play  
Recreational Activities

### **Tips**

- Once you have performed a search in *ERIC*, you can use the Search within Results feature to refine your search even more, by full text availability, publication type, and *ERIC* thesaurus descriptors.
- If you think you will be using *ERIC* a lot, sign up for My *ERIC* so you can save and manage your searches.





# **Internet Resources**

**How to find articles from Web sites and other Internet resources.**

## **Easy Google Search**

Go to Google (<http://www.google.com/>) and type in:

games AND children  
sports AND children

## **Best Bets on the Internet**

The Internet can be an excellent resource, though you have to be discriminating. Here is a list of some of the best places to start:

Alfy.com: Teacher Resources: <http://www.alfy.com/teachers/index.asp>  
America's Story from America's Library: <http://www.americaslibrary.gov/>  
EdGate: Discovery Adventures: <http://www.edgate.com/discovery.html>  
FunBrian.com: <http://www.funbrain.com/>  
Games Kids Play: <http://www.gameskidsplay.net/>  
DiscoverySchool.com: <http://puzzlemaker.school.discovery.com/> and  
<http://school.discovery.com/brainboosters/>  
PBS: Kids: <http://pbskids.org/> and <http://pbskids.org/go/allgames.html>  
Yahooligans! Games: <http://yahooligans.yahoo.com/content/games/>  
Yahooligans!: Online Games:  
[http://yahooligans.yahoo.com/computers\\_games\\_and\\_online/online\\_games/](http://yahooligans.yahoo.com/computers_games_and_online/online_games/)

## **Questions?**

If you still have questions after reading this guide, try some of COM Library's FAQs (<http://library.com.edu/faqs/FAQs.htm>), access *Library Jargon* (<http://library.com.edu/help/jargon.htm>) for definitions of library terms, or you may ask the Reference Librarian for assistance. The Reference Office is located on the ground floor of the library near the Online Library.