

# Game Based Learning for Information Literacy Instruction.

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A photograph of a child's play area. In the foreground, there are several large, colorful dinosaur toys on a gravel surface. To the left, a tall, brown dinosaur stands with its neck raised. Next to it is a large green dinosaur. In the center, there are several smaller action figures in various colors (green, red, blue, yellow) arranged in a line. To the right, there are more action figures, including two red ones and one blue one. The background shows a white building, trees, and a stop sign on a utility pole. The sky is clear and blue.

What is play?

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What are games?





# What is Gamification?





# Why use games for learning libraries?

<https://libwebspaces.library.cmu.edu:4430/libraries-and-collections/Libraries/etc/game2/game2.swf>

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# Engagement





# Deeper / 'Better' Learning



- Enable Reflection
- Practice Skills
- Make Connections



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<http://www.flickr.com/photos/ylikoski/>

# Fun?



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# How can you introduce play / games?



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/76929828@N00/293121444>

# Generating ideas & prototypes

<http://gamesforlibraries.blogspot.co.uk/>

...e making games for libraries events.

...in site

... 10 July 2013

## ...he gap



...id at Salford Uni to encourage library usage, particularly students from a  
...n which used to have it's own library but won't from next term. They need to  
... some... the... to the... library...

Tweets

### #libraryplay

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@andywalsh95  
All the Salford #library should be up on the b  
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Uploading the #librar...  
from the workshop at  
yesterday! [ow.ly/mOVI](http://ow.ly/mOVI)  
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# Examples of library games



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You find Dr. Gonzalez lying on the floor amid debris. She mutters, 'antidote', 'game', 'course reserves'. Frantically, you scan the bottles trying to see if any viruses are missing and realize that one of the most toxic, the Gator Virus, is absent.

Gonzalez mentioned a game - you realize that tonight is the big UF v. Kentucky basketball game at the O'Connell Center. The thief must be planning on releasing the virus into O'Connell's air system - that would result in thousands of mutations and possible deaths! Find the antidote before the game begins!

You place a call to 911 for medical help and then an anonymous call to the campus police. They take the information and dispatch some officers, but you know once they see the destroyed lab, you'll be a suspect. Better find the



**Quarantined:**  
Axl Wise and the Information Outbreak

Any State University (ASU) has been placed under strict quarantine by the Virus Outbreak Agency (VOA). Communication of any kind outside the university has been prohibited.

A terrible illness, beginning with hives and progressing to lesions and paranoid delusions has begun infecting students and faculty.



Wolfgang      Axl      Teri

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# Thanks for listening...

More stuff from me at:

<http://innovativelibraries.org.uk/>

As well as my books --->

Download these slides and handout:

<http://eprints.hud.ac.uk/18825/>

Download SEEK!

<http://eprints.hud.ac.uk/15377/>

Making Games for Libraries Workshops

<http://gamesforlibraries.blogspot.co.uk/>

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