

1ST INFOLINK LIB CUP GAMING TOURNAMENT



Since *INFOLINK* launched our gaming service in March, 2009, the gaming kits are circulating actively. Many member libraries are taking advantage of the service and have offered successful gaming programs at their library. Libraries that use our Gaming Service provide evaluation feedback. From this we can state that the experience shared by both staff and customers is extremely positive.

INFOLINK and the *INFOLINK* Technology Committee strongly believe that Library Gaming Services (in all types of libraries and for people of all ages) are proven to be extremely successful. Such activity adds tremendous value to library services. In order to continue to expand the success of the Gaming Library Service, *INFOLINK* and the *INFOLINK* Technology Committee offer the **1st INFOLINK LIB CUP Gaming Tournament**. This tournament is open to all of the *INFOLINK* member libraries.

Find more information including the Tournament Regulations/Rules, the directions to the Information Session locations, and the **Grand Prizes** on the back of this flyer.

Tournament Schedule

Application Deadline	Extended to Monday, November 9 , 2009
Tournament Info Session <i>Participating libraries are required to attend this info session.</i> <i>* If you already attended one of our Gaming Service Trainings, please contact Mi-Sun at lyu@infolink.org</i>	Wednesday, Nov. 4 , 2009 (New Date!) 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm (Lunch at 12:30 pm) @ Rahway Public Library 2 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, NJ 07065, Phone: 732-340-1551 Directions: http://www.rahwaylibrary.org/directions.htm
Regular Season	Saturday, Nov. 14 , 2009 – Friday, Mar. 26 , 2010
Playoff and the Grand Finale	Saturday, April 17 , 2010 (Tentative)

Tournament Summary

Games & Consoles	Wii Super Smash Bros. Brawl – Individual Players Wii/XBOX Rockband 2 – Teams (3 players/team) [Drum, Guitar, Bass]
Age Segments	Segment 1: Grade 6-8 & Segment 2: Grade 9-12

No Charge/Cost!!!



To register,

Libraries interested in participating in this tournament, please fill out the **Application**, and fax it to **INFOLINK Office: 732-752-7785**.

Application deadline: Monday, November 9, 2009.

Questions about the tournament? Please contact the *INFOLINK* Gaming Task Force: <http://infolinkgaming.pbworks.com/INFOLINK-Gaming-Task-Force>



TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES & RULES

Information Session

Participating Libraries are required to participate in the following Tournament Information Session.

Wednesday, **Nov. 4, 2009** (**New Date!**)

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm (Lunch at 12:30 pm)

@ **Rahway Public Library**

2 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, NJ 07065, Phone: 732-340-1551

Directions: <http://www.rahwaylibrary.org/directions.htm>

At this information session, the *INFOLINK* Technology Committee and the Gaming Task Force will discuss the tournament schedule for the Regular Season and the Playoff/Grand Finale. You will also have detailed information regarding how the Tournament will proceed and how to maintain your scoreboard on GT System during the regular season. If you have any questions/concerns about participating in the tournament, you will get the answers during these sessions.

This session will also include information regarding the *INFOLINK* Gaming Service and planning/managing gaming programs at your library. If you already attended one of our Gaming Service Trainings in March 2009 and do not wish to attend the whole session, please contact Mi-Sun at lyu@infolink.org

Regular Season

The tournament regular season begins Saturday, **Nov. 14, 2009** (ALA Gaming Day) and will run through Friday, **Mar. 26, 2010**. You can participate in up to four different leagues depending on the game(s) and the age segment(s) you select.

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1. Wii Super Smash Bros. Brawl [Individual Players] – Segment 1: Grade 6-8
2. Wii Super Smash Bros. Brawl [Individual Players] – Segment 2: Grade 9-12
3. Wii/XBOX Rockband 2 [3 players(Drum, Guitar, Bass) / Team] – Segment 1: Grade 6-8
4. Wii/XBOX Rockband 2 [3 players(Drum, Guitar, Bass) / Team] – Segment 2: Grade 9-12



Individual players will compete with each other in Wii Super Smash Bros. Brawl leagues. For the Rockband 2 leagues, teams consist of three players (Drum, Guitar and Bass) and will compete as a team against other teams.

You do not need to travel to participate in the regular season. Instead -- plan several gaming sessions at your own library for your own players/teams during the regular season. Make sure that you record accurate scores of each player and team after each session. You will maintain the scoreboard through GT System (see more info about GT System on the next page.)

You don't have any gaming consoles or games at your library? No problem! Book the *INFOLINK* gaming kits to have your gaming sessions during the regular season! Learn more about the INFOLINK Gaming Kits at our Gaming Service Wiki:

<http://infolinkgaming.pbworks.com>

GT System

During the regular season, participating libraries have to maintain their players' score board on the GT System for the INFOLINK LIB CUP. Developed by Eli Neiburger at Ann Arbor District Library (AADL), **GT System** is a framework and a set of web tools for producing videogame tournaments of any size for players of any age or experience level. It gives you everything you need to promote and run a videogame tournament at your institution, and it allows all GT system players to see where how they stack up on local, regional and national leaderboards.

You do not need to be a tech person to maintain your scoreboard on GT System! All you need to do is to post the score of your players and teams after each gaming session. Details on how to maintain the score board through GT system will be covered at the Information Sessions.

Playoff & Grand Finale

Top players and teams who record the highest scores during the regular season will advance to the playoff and play for the Grand Finale. Players/Teams that advance to the Playoff will compete at the Playoff/Grand Finale event. The tentative date for this Playoff/Grand Finale is Saturday, **April 17, 2010**. The location will be announced on the INFOLINK listserv and on the INFOLINK Gaming Service wiki.

Additional playoff and grand finale details will be provided at the Information Sessions.



Grand Prizes

The winning players and libraries will receive wonderful Grand Prizes that include **Wii Console for winning libraries** and Best Buy Gift Cards for winning players. Grand Prizes for winning players and libraries (1st – 4th Places) will be announced at the Tournament Information Sessions.

INFOLINK Gaming Service Wiki

During the Tournament Regular Season, all tournament-related information and Q&A will be posted on the INFOLINK Gaming Service Wiki: <http://infolinkgaming.pbworks.com>

Application for 1ST INFOLINK LIB CUP GAMING TOURNAMENT



Libraries that satisfy the following are eligible to participate for this Gaming Tournament.

Application deadline extended to Monday, November 9, 2009.

1. Applicant is a member library of INFOLINK.
2. Applicant commits to have at least one staff attend one of the Tournament Information Sessions.
3. Library administration commits to support library staff with the time needed to plan and manage gaming programs at the library and maintaining the GT Game Score Board to participate in the regular season.
4. Applicant commits to support library staff and players (customers) to attend the playoff and the Grand Finale on April 17, 2010 if their library players advance to the playoff.
5. Applicant is encouraged to share experience of the tournament participation through the INFOLINK Newsletter and Gaming Service Wiki.

I have read this document and understand its contents, and want to apply for our library.

Primary Contact:

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Your Name (Print): _____ Position: _____
 Member Library Name: _____
 Member Library Address: _____
 Your Phone Number: _____ Your Email: _____

Secondary Contact:

Name (Print): _____ Position: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please check all of the tournament segments that you want to participate:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Wii Super Smash Bros. Brawl [Individual Players] . Segment 1: Grade 6-8
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wii Super Smash Bros. Brawl [Individual Players] . Segment 2: Grade 9-12
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wii/XBOX Rockband 2 [3 players(Drum, Guitar, Bass) / Team] . Segment 1: Grade 6-8
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wii/XBOX Rockband 2 [3 players(Drum, Guitar, Bass) / Team] . Segment 2: Grade 9-12

Agreement of Library Director for the Applying Library

My Library agrees to the following:

1. We will commit to send at least one staff to one of the Tournament Information Sessions.
2. We will commit to support the staff to manage gaming programs to participate in the regular season.
3. We will send library staff and players (customers) to attend the playoff and the Grand Finale if the players advance to the playoff.

My signature below indicates my agreement with the above statement and that I have the authority to sign for our library/school.

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Your Name (Print): _____
 Your Title: _____
 Your Email: _____
 Library Name: _____
 Library Address: _____
 Your Phone and Fax Number: _____

Please fill out this application and fax it to **INFOLINK Office: 732-752-7785.**
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