Achievement Unlocked: XBOX Games in the Library

Congratulations! You’ve Unlocked the “Don’t Sit Too Close to the TV” Achievement! Your Library now has XBOX 360 games. You can Level Up by visiting the Young Adult Lounge to see the new selection, or by checking one out to try at home.

The Library now carries the following titles:

- Batman: Arkham Origins (rated T)
- Halo 4 (rated M)
- LEGO: Marvel Super Heros (rated E)
- Madden NFL 15 (rated E)
- Minecraft (rated E 10+)
- Mortal Combat vs. DC Universe (rated T)
- Need for Speed: Most Wanted (rated E 10+)
- Portal 2 (rated E 10+)
- Sonic Generations (rated E)
- Terraria (rated T)
- Zoo Tycoon (rated E)

These video games were selected to represent the variety of youth we serve in the Library, providing an outlet for many different age groups, interests, and skill levels. The above game list includes racing, combat, Co-Op (cooperative), simulation, sandbox (building and creating), sports, puzzles, and more.

We hope you find something to enjoy! This and our other video game collections will continually expand. If you have a suggestion, please contact the Youth Services Librarian.

Video Games? In the Library? Why?

Video games have been coming into libraries over the past several years. Our own Wii game collection is six years old and the Nintendo DS collection is nearing its third year. We continually work to bring in a variety of materials that suit our community’s needs and interests, so video games have been a natural step. Even retirement homes advocate Wii fitness and plenty of small children know their way around a computer. Let the Library help fuel your next...
Adult Summer Reading *Another Fun Summer!*

The summer flew by, but don’t they all? There were 245 adults signed up for the Summer Reading Program and they read over 600 books this summer. We offered a wide range of fun and informative events, from the secrets of buying and selling on Ebay to the tragic tale of the Tall Ship Bounty. Adults attended book discussions and movies, and explored the joy of coloring. There was something for everyone. Several of the events were funded through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The Friends of the Pembroke Public Library sponsored all the prizes. It was a great summer, and we are looking forward to the upcoming events this fall.

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**Game Night**

Many studies reveal the benefits of video games in multiple aspects of physiology including vision, fine motor skills, reaction times, spatial awareness, and attention span. Video gaming provides many opportunities for learning with practice developing and applying leadership, creative problem solving and strategizing, memory, and more in a variety of situations that can then be applied to real life. If you’re curious for more on this topic, we recommend Daphne Bavelier’s TED Talk “Your brain on video games” available on YouTube.

Moderation is a good practice, to be sure. We do the same with chocolate – a little is good for you, but too much is harmful! You can find a balance that suits your family.

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**Chess Club for All Ages**

Beginning on September 11th, the Chess Club will meet each Friday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Young Adult Lounge. Join Chessmaster Matthew Petillo whether you have been playing for years or are just starting!

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game night or experimentation with a new game style!

But why do we even have these? Shouldn’t kids and teens be reading? Or going outside? Or helping with household chores? Of course! But video games can also hold a place in a healthy lifestyle.
Upcoming Adult Events *Here Comes Fall!*

**Thursday, September 3rd at 6:30 PM. Bring Back the Joy of Coloring.**
Adults have rediscovered how relaxing the simple act of coloring can be. Unleash your joy and creativity, and reconnect with your inner artist. Coloring sheets, markers, colored pencils and crayons will be provided. This event is funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

**Wednesday, September 9th at 10 AM. Morning Yoga.**
Yoga begins again after the summer break. The cost is $45 per month for four sessions. Members of the Friends of the Pembroke Public Library pay $35 or may purchase an eight-class card. Details in the library.

**Thursday, September 17th at 5:30 PM. Movie and Popcorn Night.**
This month’s wonderful showing is *The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*. This charming sequel follows *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* characters several months after the events in the first film. The all-star cast includes Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, Dev Patel and Richard Gere.

**Thursday, October 1st at 6:30 PM. Bring Back the Joy of Coloring.**
Adults, unleash your joy and creativity and reconnect with your inner artist through coloring. Coloring sheets, markers, colored pencils and crayons will be provided.

**Tuesday, October 6th at 7 PM. Book Discussion.**
*The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. This novel tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied France.

**Wednesday, October 7th at 7 PM. Mass Murder: Massachusetts’ Most Infamous Murders.**
This one-hour lecture is an entertaining and fascinating look at some of Massachusetts’ most infamous murder cases, both solved and unsolved. Audiences that relish mystery, suspense and a little blood and gore will love this lecture. It is fully illustrated with photographs and artwork culled from archival, microfilm and literary sources. Many of the murder sites and historical locations have been photographed in order to give the audience a sense of the modern day context of the crimes. Also available at the lecture will be Christopher Daley’s newly released book “Murder and Mayhem in Boston: Historic Crimes in the Hub.”

**Thursday, October 22nd, 5:30 PM. Movie and Popcorn Night.**
This month’s movie is *The Best of Me*, based on the best seller by Nicholas Sparks. The film stars James Marsden and Michelle Monaghan. No need to register, all are welcome.
Staff Picks

Not surprisingly, many members of the staff of the Pembroke Public Library are avid readers. But Miss Melissa, youth services librarian extraordinaire, has raised recreational reading to a new level. Her tastes are broad and eclectic, and she regularly reads several books at once with a few more on deck. At the completion of a book Melissa usually posts an online review, incorporating her extensive knowledge of authors and genres to give a fuller picture of the book and its potential appeal. For this issue of the PPL Newsletter, Melissa has selected some sweetly imaginative stories of alternate universes which she has particularly enjoyed. Here are the reviews she has shared, in her own uniquely entertaining voice.

A Corner of White
by Jaclyn Moriarty: A Corner of White is a sweet mixture of Terry Pratchett and a fizzy soda (odd metaphor, but stick with me). It has many of those whimsical elements that entice a reader and say, "I already know what's happening here, so you should try to figure it out as you go along," but it has a much more jubilant, young adult flavor, like that of a fizzy soda, tickling your nose and making you want just a little more.

This is really a novel of exposition, however. The story and world has great potential, but this story is only getting started, so readers will look forward to the sequels as events quickly unravel.

Fortunately, the Milk
by Neil Gaiman: A trip down to a corner store for milk has never been such an adventure in time and space (not to mention questionable redecoration choices). Gaiman artfully crafts a cute and quick story about why one father is late returning home after buying a bottle of milk. Everything from the nonsense words to the illustrations brings a tiny smile or a loud laugh as a man and a stegosaurus simply try to save the universe and get home in time to drink tea. This is truly a priceless little tale and is sure to be a crowd-pleaser. A combination of The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy and The Phantom Tollbooth!

Etiquette and Espionage (Volume One of the Finishing School series)
by Gail Carriger: With the same charm and wit Carriger used in her Parasol Protectorate series, this author enters the YA scene with grace, poise, and a number of fashionable but deadly accessories. When fourteen-year-old Sophronia is sent away to Finishing School she expects to perish of boredom, but instead is flung into classes that include supernatural defense lessons as well as how to plan for a dinner party (often at the same time). In addition, a mystery is brewing beneath the surface of the floating (dirigible) Finishing School and Sophronia plans to be in the thick of it.

This is a strong start to a light steampunk series with plenty of quirky but loveable characters and interesting steam-powered devices, such as the adorable mechanimal Bumbersnoot, around every corner. The writing itself is fun and the situations Sophronia and her companions find themselves in add to the chances for giggling or outright laughter whilst reading.

Thank you, Melissa, for sharing some of your current favorites and reminding us of the many ways we can venture out of our reading ruts this fall. For more staff suggestions, visit the Staff Favorites shelf on the left side of the library’s main reading room, or speak to the friendly associates at the front desk!
Youth Summer Reading

2015 Heroes

Pembroke Public Library

530 participants

53 Babies & Toddlers
372 School-Aged Kids
105 Teens & Tweens

59% increase from 2014

2,937 hours & 23 minutes read!

54 programs attended by 971 kids & teens and 358 caregivers

14 volunteers with 80 hours of community service

Thank you!

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Babies, Kids, and T(w)eens News

This fall sees some old favorites return and some new fun! We wish everyone good luck as school begins again and remind everyone that we’re here to answer questions and offer help.

Babies and Toddlers

Storytimes for the fall begin Tuesday, September 8th. Ages 2-5 are invited to Storytimes on Mondays and/or Tuesdays at 10:30 am. Each week brings a new theme with songs, rhymes, movements, books, and a craft. Wednesdays at 10:30 am are Baby Lapsits for ages 6-24 months. Lapsits feature songs, movements, and more you can do with your little one, followed by open playtime.

After-School Clubs

Our four-legged, furry friends return again on Thursdays for Puppy Dog Tales. The ongoing date has been moved to the 2nd Thursday of every month (unless otherwise noted). Readers of all ages may read to one or more therapy dogs to develop their literacy skills as well as build confidence and self-esteem. This program provides a supportive environment to practice reading aloud. Upcoming dates: September 15th and October 13th from 4:00-5:00 pm in the Craft Room.

Chess Club for all ages

Chess Club returns to your library with Chessmaster Matthew Petillo. Whether you have been playing for years, have just started playing, or have no idea how to play but think it would be fun, you’re welcome to join us! The Club will meet every Friday from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in the Young Adult Lounge starting September 11th.

Grades K-5 are welcome to come and build with the library’s LEGOs every month in LEGO Club!

LEGO Club is designed to give kids a safe, creative environment in which they can freely build, interact with peers, and express themselves. Each month has a theme which the participants can follow, but we encourage thinking out of the box! Upcoming dates: September 15th and October 13th from 4:00-5:00 pm in the Craft Room.

Tape it, glue it, build it, fix it, glitter it, make it! Our new Art Studio/MakerSpace after-school club is open to grades 2-5. We provide the space and the supplies (including boxes, bottles, glue, duct tape, ribbon, magazines, buttons, and more) to fuel young and creative engineers. Drop in to one of our Studios and see where a little imagination (and a lot of tape) can lead! Upcoming dates: September 22nd and October 20th from 4:00-5:00 pm in the Craft Room.

Coloring is for everyone! Grades 6-12 are invited to drop in for Cookies and Coloring on the final Wednesday of each month. We will provide unique coloring sheets (including Manga, owls, fantasy creatures, cityscapes, and more), coloring tools, and, for creative fuel, cookies of all kinds! Upcoming dates: September 30th and October 28th from 4:00-5:00 pm in the Craft Room.

And in Other News…

Special Events

Remember to check online and view our take-home calendars to find out about special events. Look forward to a spooky event in October, a musical program in November, and something sweet in December! Families can enjoy a variety of programs at the Library and create fun memories together!

Volunteers Wanted

Need to earn Community Service hours for school? Interested in gaining experience? Just love spending time at the library? Sign up at the Children’s Room desk to be a library volunteer. Whatever your skill, we can find something for you to contribute to the library and make this a great place for all.

Check our website www.pemrokepubliclibrary.org for the most up-to-date calendar of events.
New Titles in the Children’s Room

Picture Books:
Eliot Jones, midnight superhero - Cottringer, A.
Friendshape - Rosenthal, A.
Happy in Our Skin - Manushkin, F.
How the library (not the prince) saved Rapunzel - O'Shea-Meddour, W.
Little Critter: Just a Special Thanksgiving - Mayer, M.

Easy Readers:
Lego Star Wars: Free the Galaxy - Dk
Hamster Holmes, Combing for Clues - Sadar, A.
Monsters of the deep - Montgomery, R. A.
Owl Tree - Montgomery, R. A.
Oh, the Things They Invented!: All about Great Inventors - Worth, B.

Chapter Books:
Angelica the Angel Fairy - Meadows, D.
Dragon Masters: Power of the Fire Dragon - West, T.
Judy Moody and Friends: Triple Pet Trouble -McDonald, M.
Magic Tree House Fact Tracker: Vikings - Osborne, M.
Notebook of Doom: Charge of the Lightning Bugs - Cummings, T.

Fiction:
Boomer (Puppy Place #37) - Miles, E.
Clementine for Christmas - Benedis-Grab, D.
Fearsome Creatures of the Lumberwoods: 20 Chilling Tales from the Wilderness - Johnson, H.
George - Gino, A.
I Survived the Joplin Tornado, 2011(I Survived #12) - Tarshis, L.
Moving Target - Gonzalez, C.

Biographies:
Great Americans in Sports: Mia Hamm - Christopher, M.

Graphic Novels:
Squish. 7, Deadly disease of doom - Holm, J.
Korgi. Book 2, [The cosmic collector] - Slade, C.
Big Nate: Welcome to My World - Peirce, L.
Fable Comics - Harper, C.
Flop to the Top - Davis, E.
Pokémon XY, Vol. 4 - Kusaka, H.

Great books are available at the Friends’ ongoing book sale kiosk at the front of the library.

All children’s books are $.50, all videos are $1.00, hardbacks are $1.00 and most paperbacks are $.50.

Get it while you can!
Copies of our beautiful limited edition Pembroke History book are still available at the Library for $50.

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Upcoming Exhibits in the meeting room

September
Exhibit by Jessica LaMarre  
"What Remains"
A photographic exploration portraying the materials "left behind" in areas around Massachusetts. Jessica has been photographing since she took her first photography class at 16. She has been in juried shows throughout the South Shore and Boston.

October
Exhibit by Michael Flaherty and Kevin Farrell  
Michael returns for his much anticipated yearly offering to the Pembroke Library audience. This year he is co-exhibitor with his cousin Kevin who will be showing for the first time, works created alongside Michael. Always interesting and lively, this will be an exhibit not to be missed.

Out-of-town visitors, please call to confirm the meeting room availability for viewing these wonderful exhibits. If you would like to request art exhibit space, contact the Library Director Deborah Wall at (781) 293-6771.

Stretch & Breathe Deeply –
Yoga classes relieve tension

The Library offers a weekly class of Kripalu Yoga on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m., resuming on September 9th.

Taught by instructors from The YogaConnection in Plymouth, a session of 4 classes costs $45 for non-members of the Friends.

A membership in the Friends of the Pembroke Public Library will offer you the discounted rate of $35 for a session of 4 classes or you are able to purchase an 8-class punch card for $80 with a 3-month expiration. Cost of membership is $10 per year.

Drop-ins are welcome at $12 per class.

Beginners are always welcome, but no pregnant women please.

The instructors tailor each exercise to meet the needs of the students in the class, from beginner to experienced.
New Titles for Adults

**Adult Fiction:**
- The Bone Labyrinth: A Sigma Force Novel - Rollins, J.
- Come Rain or Come Shine - Karon, J.
- The Company She Kept: A Joe Gunther Novel - Mayor, A.
- End Game - Coulter, C.
- Host - Cook, R.
- Make Me: A Jack Reacher Novel - Child, L.
- Patriot: An Alex Hawke Novel - Bell, T.

**Adult Nonfiction:**
- A Common Struggle: A Personal Journey Through the Past and Future of Mental Illness and Addiction - Kennedy, P.

**Biographies:**
- The Face That Changed It All: A Memoir - Johnson, B.
- A Full Life - Carter, J.
- Joss Whedon: The Biography - Pascal, A.
- The Last Love Song: A Biography of Joan Didion - Daugherty, T.

**Adult Books on CDs:**
- Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush - Meacham, J.
- Speaking in Bones - Reichs, K.
- Lightning Stone - Du Bral, J.

Selected New Young Adult Titles

**Young Adult Fiction:**
- Another Day - Levithan, D.
- The Dead Girls of Hysteria Hall - Alender, K.
- The House on Stone’s Throw Island - Poblocki, D.
- The Kingdom of Little Wounds - Cokal, S.
- Lair of Dreams - Bray, L.
- A Night Divided - Nielsen, J.

**Young Adult Biographies:**
- Becoming Maria: Love and Chaos in the South Bronx - Manzano, M.

**Young Adult Graphic Novels:**
- Attack on Titan: Before the Fall. Vol. 5 - Isayama, H.
- Attack on Titan. Vol. 16 - Isayama, H.
- Maximum Ride, the manga. Vol. 9 - Patterson, J.

New DVDs

- Aloha
- American Masters: Louisa May Alcott
- The dovekeepers
- Dracula untold
- The longest ride

New Music CDs

- Before this world - Taylor, James
- Emotion - Jepson, Carly Rae
- Everybody - Michaelson, Ingrid
- Angels and alcohol - Jackson, Alan
- Kill the Lights - Bryan, Luke

Museum Passes

theses and more - reserve one today!
Thank you everyone for your support!  

*A great library = great friends.*

The 7th Annual July Silent Auction was a great success! We raised over $1800 for our library as a result of the outstanding donations we received and the bidding from all of our library patrons and Friends. A big thank you to everyone who donated to the auction, to those who participated by placing bids, and the winners. We would also like to thank our great volunteers for seeking out donations and organizing the event, and the library staff for their support and assistance. If you did not get a chance to participate this year, watch for information for next July! Our favorite fundraiser will return in 2016.

Another way you can participate to help raise funds for our wonderful library is to become a Friend. At any time during the year, you can join for only $10 or your whole family can become members for just $20. If you are a business owner, consider a $50 corporate sponsorship. Membership dues are an important part of our yearly fundraising efforts and help us to provide many extras for our library, such as new technology and classes, Pembroke-Only bestsellers, the Bookpage newsletter, music and reading programs and museum passes.

Want to help in an active way? The Friends are looking for active board members and other volunteers. We meet the second Tuesday of every other month. Our annual meeting this year is on October 13th at 7 pm in the meeting room of the Pembroke Public Library. We are looking for volunteers to help at our book sales, basket raffle event, and other fundraisers. We are also looking for help with our website, Paypal, and other creative ways to raise funds for the Pembroke Public Library. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Pam DeMoucell - oof2@aol.com or Bonnie Bowler - bonz-b1@verizon.net.

**A tisket, a tasket! Win a gift basket! Again!**

**THE ANNUAL GIFT BASKETS RAFFLE AT THE LIBRARY**

Hard to believe but The Friends Gift Basket Raffle has been going strong for 15 years. This year the basket raffle starts on **Saturday, October 17th**. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the library’s main desk for $1 each or 6 for $5 from the start on October 17th until 2 PM on November 7th, the first day of the Fall Book and Bake Sale.

You can reserve a museum pass from your home computer and pick it up at the library. The Friends purchase yearly museum/cultural passes to the following venues: Children’s Museum- Boston, Heritage Museum and Gardens, Institute of Contemporary Art- Boston, Isabella Stuart Gardner Museum, Massachusetts Parks Pass, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, Plimoth Plantation, Roger Williams Park Zoo, South Shore National Science Center, Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo.

The Friends are looking for gift basket donations that will appeal to all ages and both genders. Baskets can be made up of an item or a service or even a gift certificate to a local business or restaurant. Many basket donations come with a theme, such as cooking, reading, gardening, or a holiday. We would love to raffle off baskets with handmade items, such as knitting, jewelry, quilting, art work, or photography.

**FALL BOOK AND BAKE**

Gift Basket donations can be dropped off at the library after August 5th. The Friends are also looking for volunteers for the basket raffle set-up the week of October 12th.

**SALE Novem-ber 7th & 8th**

Stop by the Pembroke Public Library’s meeting room on **Saturday, November 7th** from 10 AM until 2 PM or **Sunday, November 8th** from 12 PM until 3 PM for the Friends Fall Book Sale. On Saturday, the sale will include wonderful baked goods, baked and donated by our members and friends. It will also be the last day to purchase

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September 2015

Friends of the Pembroke Library Membership Form 2015

Membership Year Jan 2015 - Dec 2015

Check one: □ New □ Renewal

Type of Membership: □ Individual $10 □ Family $20 □ Business Sponsor $50 □ Special Donation

Please make checks payable to the Friends of the Pembroke Library.

You can drop the form off at the library or mail to 142 Center Street, Pembroke, MA 02359

Name: ____________________________________________________________

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City, State, Zip: ___________________________________________________________________

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The Friends would like to thank the following business sponsors for their support and generosity:

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▪ Create public awareness of the role of the library in the community
▪ Provide financial support beyond the library’s budget limits
▪ Encourage gifts and endowments to the library
▪ Gain support for library improvement

Book, DVD and CD donations are being accepted now and throughout the year. We ask that your donations are in good-to-excellent condition. Unfortunately, we cannot accept textbooks or magazines.

When can you play golf at the library?

You can when it’s mini golf. The Friends are in the planning stages of a mini golf tournament at the library this winter. The tournament would be open to families, as well as an adults-only nighttime event. We’d love to hear any ideas you might have for this fundraiser. We’d also love to have your help in organizing the event.

The Friends welcome new members as well as new volunteers. Please let us know if you would like to help out at any of our upcoming fundraisers. We welcome many types of volunteers, including bakers for our baked good sales, helpers at the book sale, and creative volunteers for the basket raffle set up. Volunteer time commitment is always flexible.

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raffle tickets for the 15th Annual Gift Baskets Raffle. The raffle drawing will be held at 2 PM, and winners will be notified via phone. Winners can pick up their baskets on Saturday afternoon, or on Sunday afternoon during the second day of the book sale. Shop Saturday for the best selection, but come back on Sunday to purchase a bag of books for $5.