

# BOARD GAMES



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# Intro

- Games are serious business
- Scope and types of games
- Whys and Hows
- Resources



# Game Trivia



- Why was Monopoly created?
- How many versions of Monopoly are there?
- How many new board games a year?
- How long ago was the oldest known board game?
- How many games in the world?
- Highest rated?

Why Games?

# Games as Art



Azul  
Sagrada

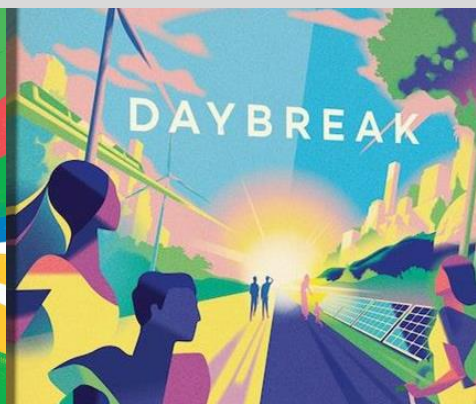
# Games as Art



Dixit  
Mysterium

# Games for Learning

- Role-taking
- Exploration
- Systems exploration
- Problem solving
- Social skills



Evolution, Decorum, Daybreak

# Games for Meaning





# Why Me?

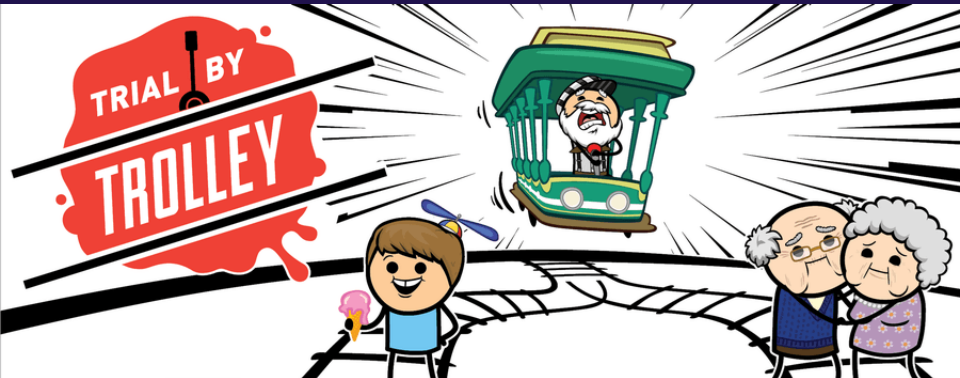


- UW-Madison iSchool Teaching Faculty (MA-LIS 2012)
- Previously... DPI (shoutout to BadgerLink, Games & Learning Liaison, Director, etc.), various ed-tech, Epic, Assistant to Ibero-American Bibliographer, etc.
- Ongoing PhD Studies in Game Design for Learning
- Co-Found of Play Make Learn & GEE! Learning Game Awards

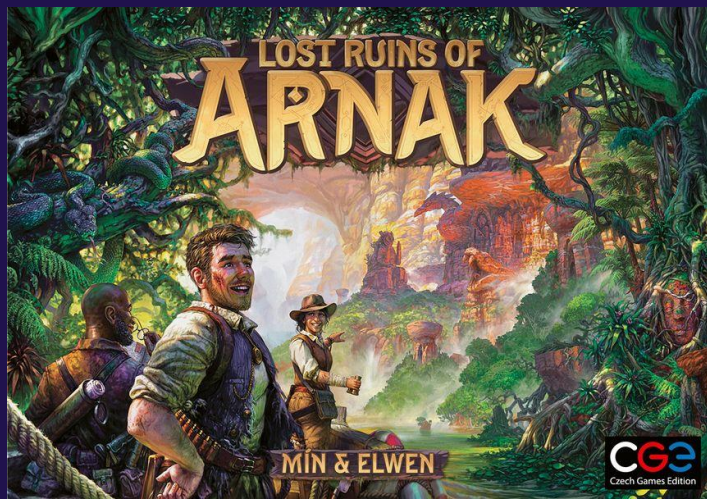
# The Ins and Outs

# Challenges, Considerations

- ~~Why?~~
- **Who's** your audience?
- **What** kind of games & use?
- **When** ?
- **Where** ?



# What: Collection Selection



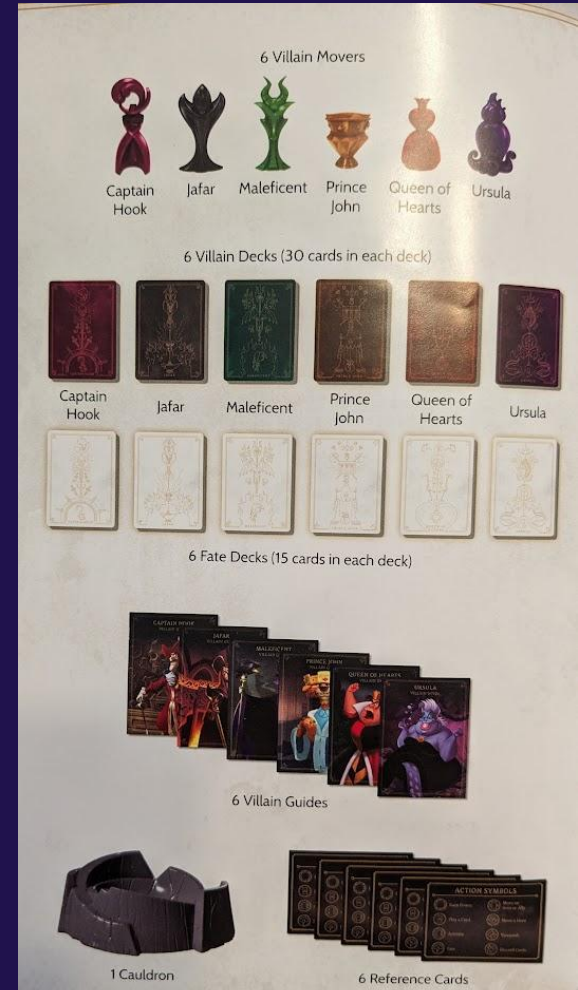
- Replaceability
- Replayability
- Rules (difficulty of)
- Ratings

# When: Events



- 2.5 hours may not be long enough!
- Setup & Instruction time
- Making
- Socials

# Losing Things: Weights vs. Lists



6 Villain Movers



6 Villain Decks (30 cards in each deck)



6 Fate Decks (15 cards in each deck)



6 Villain Guides



1 Cauldron



6 Reference Cards

# Checkouts



- Labels
  - Ownership
  - Difficulty
  - Return policy
  - Inventory of each game
- Backups of instruction manuals
- Rubber bands, sleeves
- Organization?

# Keeping Track

## Kingdomino Contains:

Instructions  
4 starting tiles  
4 3D castles (16 pieces)  
48 dominos  
8 wooden meeples




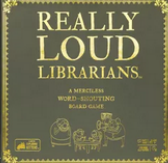
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[www.tomahawk.lib.wi.us](http://www.tomahawk.lib.wi.us)

<p><b><u>Let's Feed Contains:</u></b> Game board Instructions 4 caterpillar pieces 20 butterfly puzzle pieces 58 movement cards</p>	<p><b><u>Exploding Kittens Contains:</u></b> Instructions 56 cards</p>
<p><b><u>Zombie Kittens Contains:</u></b> Instructions 61 cards</p>	<p><b><u>Sum Swamp Contains:</u></b> Instructions 4 game pieces 3 dice</p>
<p><b><u>Kingdomino Contains:</u></b> Instructions 4 starting tiles 4 3D castles (16 pieces) 48 dominos 8 wooden meeples</p>	<p><b><u>Snug as a Bug in a Rug Contains:</u></b> 1 game board w/ spinner Instructions 3 stink bugs 24 bugs 1 die</p>



# BGG (BoardGameGeek.com)

 [mqdavid](#)

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**6.2** **Really Loud Librarians (2023)**  
A fast-paced two-team wordplay party game. [GeekBuddy Analysis](#)  
134 Ratings & 46 Comments


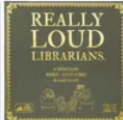


**2–12 Players** **15–20 Min** **Age: 8+** **Weight: 1.00 / 5**  
Community: 2–8 — Best: 4–6 Playing Time Community: 8+ 'Complexity' Rating

**Alternate Names:** [Bibliotecarios Gritones](#)  
**Designer:** [Ian Clayman](#), [Ken Gruhl](#), [Quentin Weir](#)  
**Publisher:** [Exploding Kittens](#)  
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**My rating** ★★★★★★★★★★

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In this game, your useless knowledge will win you useful points.

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Type

Uncategorized

Category

Party Game

Word Game

Mechanism

Race

Real-Time

Family

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Theme: [Books / Libraries](#)

# Build Collections



- Get to know your local game store(s)!
- Normal prices: \$30-50
- Accessories: dice, pen & paper, etc.
- Box wear & care

# Additional Factors

							
							
							
							
							
							
							
							
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- Play Time
- Setup/Learning Time
- # of Players
- Difficulty
- Age
- Genre
- Theme
- Replayability?
- Competitiveness?

# Genres



STRANGER  
THINGS

## Some Highlights

- Social Deduction
- Worker Placement
- Deck Building
- Cooperative

## Less board-y

- CCGs
- TTRPGs

# Example



- Replaceability: Pretty High
- Replayability: High
- Rules (difficulty of):
  - 2.5/5 Complexity
- Ratings: Superb, 8.1
- Notes:
  - Age 10+
  - 40-70 min
  - 1-5 Players
  - ~\$45
  - Not especially competitive

# Recommendations

[go.wisc.edu/g94r45](https://go.wisc.edu/g94r45)

# Resources

- [ALA Games and Gaming Round Table](#)
- Jenn the Board Game Librarian
- Board Game Arena
- 40% library discount at Stonemaier Games



# Questions?

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