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**National Gaming Day @ Your Library**

Victoria, TX – Victoria Public Library and hundreds of libraries across the country will join the American Library Association (ALA) in celebrating the popularity and educational, recreational, and social value of video and board games for National Gaming Day @ your library on Saturday, November 13, 2010. The Victoria Public Library invites families to participate in gaming from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. This program is for all ages and will feature a variety of games.

National Gaming Day is a one-of-a-kind event that brings thousands and thousands of people together in play. At a time when so many families are struggling and overwhelmed, libraries across the country are offering a chance for communities to come together around games. National Gaming Day focuses on the social and recreational role that board and video games offer to library users of all ages, in the same way libraries facilitate connections to books.

Lots of kids play games at home – alone, with siblings or with friends. At the library, kids socialize with their friends and play board and video games while surrounded by books, librarians and knowledge. Gaming at the library encourages patrons to interact with diverse peers, share their expertise with others (including adults) and develop new strategies for gaming and learning. Families can join others in making time to play together at their library while meeting new people and trying out new games in a friendly atmosphere.

National Gaming Day @ your library is a national initiative supported by the American Library Association and 2010 co-sponsors North Star Games and DEMCO.

For more information contact the Victoria Public Library, 361.485.3302.