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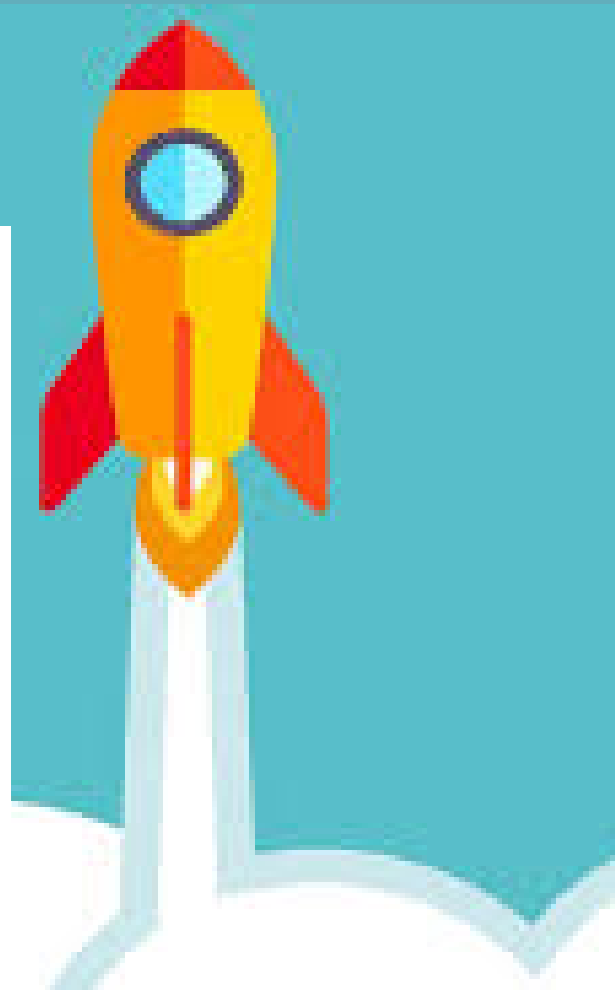
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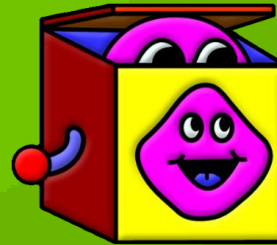
# Thinking INSIDE the box: Gaming and AAC



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Speech-Language Pathologist



# Think INSIDE the Box: Gaming and AAC



An ISAAC Canada Webinar by Shaun Pearson, M.Sc.A, R.SLP, S-LP(C)

Did somebody say  
freebie?



# Who am I?

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# What is my gaming cred?

- ✗ Have run a board game club in school for two years. Started with 4 students, is up to over 30 now!
- ✗ Co-host of the All The Bits Board Game Podcast.
- ✗ Currently working on a RPG system specifically for AAC users



# Learning Objective #1

Identify at least three different ways you can use board gaming to support the development of language in complex communicators



# Learning Objective #2

Describe how to use RPGs (roleplaying games) and story-based games to stimulate language in complex communicators



# Learning Objective #3

Identify at least two online resources to access print & play or digitally adapted games for your own use



Some new friends you will get to know today!



## Some accessibility concerns



# Card Holders

## Geek Up Card & Bit Holders

\$5.00; silicone, durable; colors



## Etsy Card Holders

\$\$\$; customizable; strong



## DIY

Paper; pencils and zip-ties



# Custom digital dice

Use, or create  
our own dice, in  
PowerPoint



<https://tekhnologic.wordpress.com/2016/02/01/powerpoint-dice/>



# Custom digital dice



## Chrome extension dice



Really Good Dice



Dice Thrower



Tiny D20



Different dice for different folks



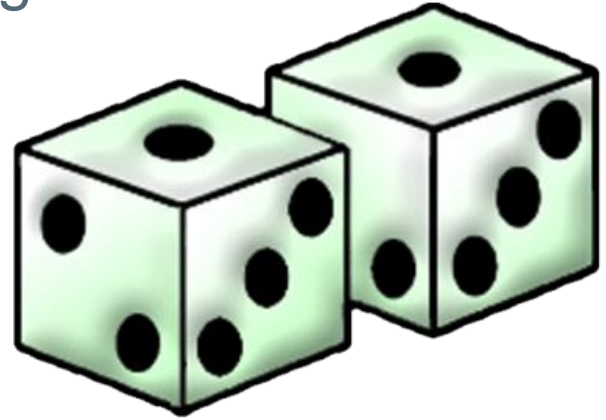
# What are we looking for in a gaming experience?

Make sure interactions involve turn-taking

Opportunity for core!

Model at an appropriate level

Limit questions

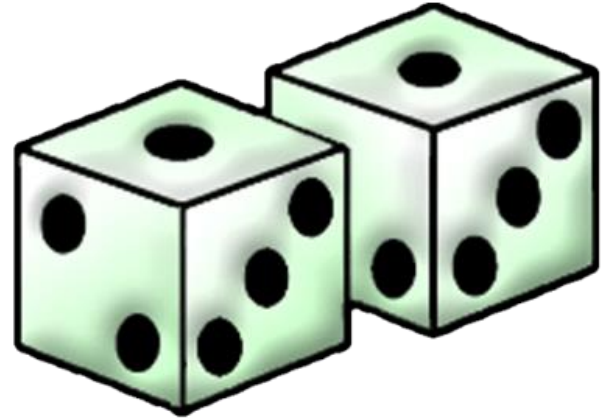











































































# What are we looking for in a gaming experience?

Encourage commenting/narratives  
unexpected, personal experience

Use lots of different words  
Verbs, descriptors, nouns, etc.

Make it an experience!

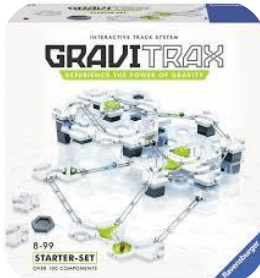


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it 	is are	will	come 	hurt 	hear 	know 	that 	a	the	and 	more 
you 	can	eat 	drink 	finish 	get 	love 	make 	need 	all 	at	some 
your 	do	go 	help 	open 	put 	say/talk 	see/look 	first 	then 	for of	on 
here 	have 	like 	play 	read 	stop 	walk 	show 	wait min 	in 	up 	off 
yes 	no/don't 	want 	take 	tell 	turn 	watch 	wear 	work 	out 	down 	with



# Rules?

- ✖ Do not worry about rules!
- ✖ Enjoy the tactical and sensory nature of games!
- ✖ Have an experience!





# Mass Market Games

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Easy to find games to encourage language!


























































































# Eye Found It!



- ✗ Silly scenes with lots of different vocabulary!
- ✗ Different IPs
- ✗ Think of how you can use a robust communication system with this game!



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my/mine 	am	to	be	feel 	give 	listen 	happy 	sad 	tired 	okay 	cool 
it 	is are	will	come 	hurt 	hear 	know 	that 	a	the	and 	more 
you 	can	eat 	drink 	finish 	get 	love 	make 	need 	all 	at 	
your 	do	go 	help 	open 	put 	say/talk 	see/look 	first 	then 	for of	on 
here 	have 	like 	play 	read 	stop 	walk 	show 	wait min 	in 	up 	off 
yes 	no/don't 	want 	take 	tell 	turn 	watch 	wear 	work 	out 	down 	with

# Candy Land



- Candy Land is a great game for working on colors, vocabulary, prepositions, and more!
- This is an amazing adaptation of the Candy Land game for use with Unity 36 (also available for other vocabularies).
- [Available on Gale Vantatehove's TPT site](#)

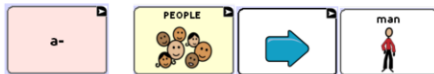
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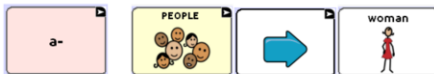
Is your person



A man?



A woman?



Wearing Glasses?



- Guess Who? Is a terrific resource for working on question asking and answering, descriptions, vocabulary, and more.
- [See the smart chart available on Saltillo's Chart Corner website for use with Word Power.](#)



# The SLP's best friends!

KIDS LOVE THEM, SERIOUSLY!

# The Tele-SLP's best friends, courtesy of the Simply Speaking SLT (<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Simply-Speaking-SLT>)

## Kariboo

A digital, editable version of the hard-to-find classic via powerpoint. Add in and use symbols from a robust communication system, to teach language, or to motivate

## Pop Pirate

A digital, editable version of action packed, popping goodness!



## Digital Editable Kariboo Game for No Print Speech Teletherapy or iPad

★★★★★ 143 Ratings

### KARIBOO GAME digital & editable



Preview

Subject

Special Education, Speech Therapy

Grade Levels

Not Grade Specific

Resource Type

Interactive Whiteboard, Internet Activities, Games

File Type

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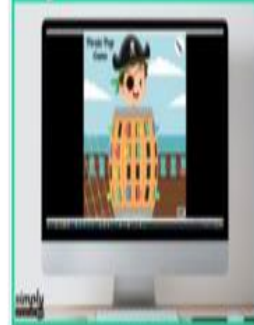
No Print Holidays  
Themed Hidden Photo...

\$15.00

## Digital Editable Pirate Pop Game for No Print Speech Teletherapy or iPad

★★★★★ 14 Ratings

### POP PIRATE digital & editable



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ADD  
BALL

Let's have a look!



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2

3

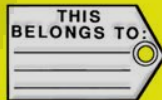
4

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6



I



My



Play



More



Stop



You



Want



Do



Read



Feel



It



Look



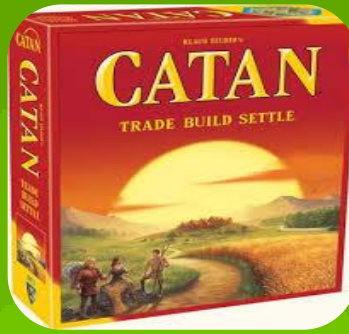
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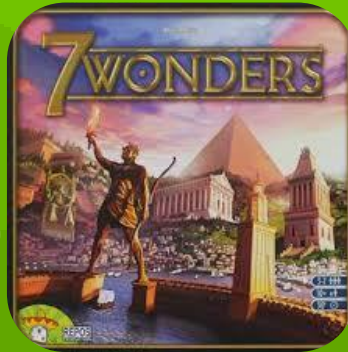
Turn



# Hobby Games

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Can be a little harder to find, but well worth the effort!



# Games – Concept, Concept Kids: Animals



Use symbols to communicate concepts... That sounds familiar!



A Version for children 4+; use animal features





# Concept Game Play

- ✗ Thoughts, buildings, film, body, etc.
- ✗ So many opportunities to practice descriptive talking!





# Games – Codenames Pictures +++



Give clues in order to tie together pictures on the board. No reading needed. How can you apply descriptive talking to this game?



# Qwirkle

- ✖ Simple game about lining up and matching shapes
- ✖ Look at those colors!



# Games – Dexterity



Flick penguins in and out of rooms in order to escape the hall monitor! Great graphics on the board.



Turn on a hex bug and roll dice to determine what type of cutler you get to move.





# Games – Cooperative



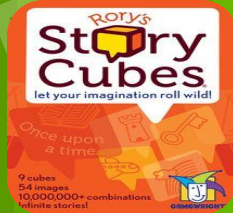
A simple deduction game where you are trying to deduce who the sneaky fox is!



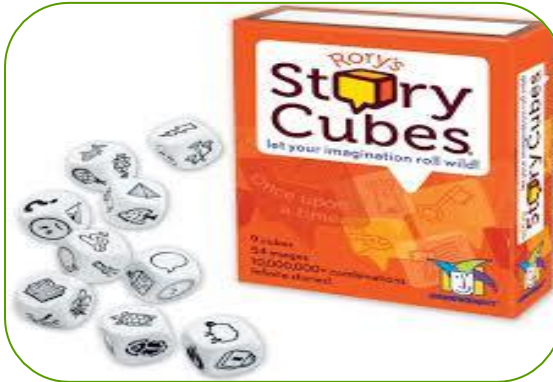
A simple dice roller that adds characters and rules as the game progresses







# Rory's Story Cubes



# There's an app for that too!

Available on iOs and Android

The best part of the app experience?  
You shake the device to roll the dice!





# Untold: Adventures Await

Create your own  
television show using  
story cubes!

Make as simple or  
complex as you like



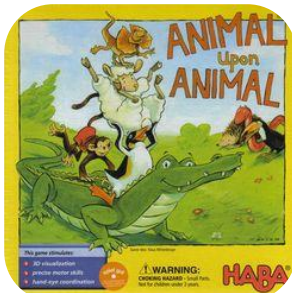


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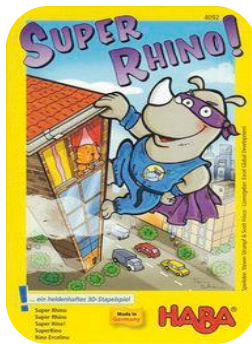


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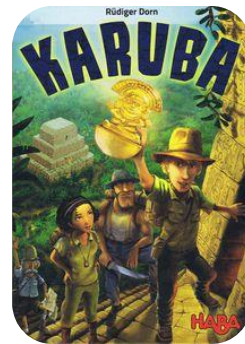
- ✕ Animal Upon Animal
  - ✕ Stacking game; chunky pieces; vocabulary, prepositions; social

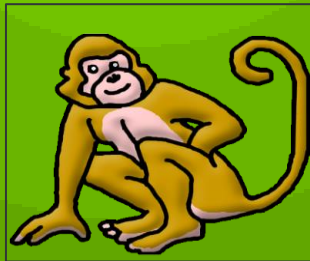
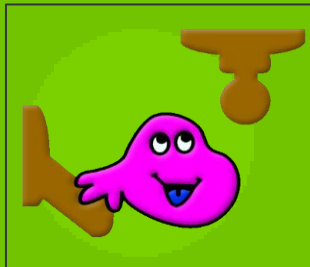
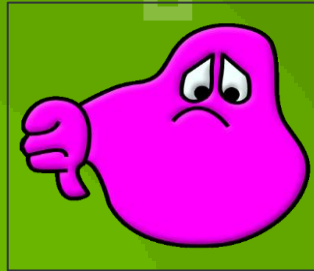


- ✕ Rhino Hero
  - ✕ Building game; things to talk about; prepositions, descriptions



- ✕ Karbua
  - ✕ Introduction to tile placement; quick turns; great for prepositions

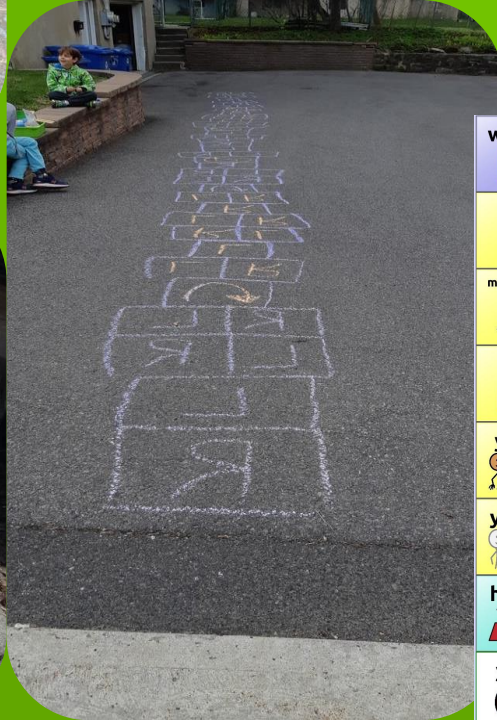
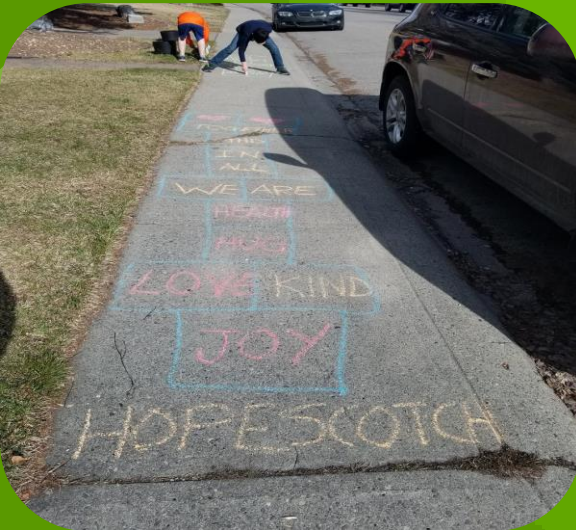








# Sidewalk Games



what ?	when ⌚	where 🌍	ABC 123	PEOPLE 👤👤👤	QUESTN ?	ACTIONS 🏃	SOCIAL 👤👤	PLACES 🏡	TIME ⌚	GROUPS 👥	DESCRB 👤
I	me 👤	how 👤?	who 👤	why 👤?	again ↺	please 👤	thank you 👤	problem 👤	now 👤⌚	bad 👎	good 👍
my/mine 👤	am 👤	to 👤	be 👤	feel 👤👤	give 👤👤	listen 👤	happy 😊	sad 😞	tired 😴	okay 👌	cool 👤
it 👤	is are	will 👤	come 👤	hurt 👤	hear 👤	know 👤	that 👤	a 👤	the 👤	and +	more 👤
you 👤👤	can 👤	eat 👤	drink 👤	finish 👤	get 👤	love ❤️	make 👤	need 👤	all 👤	at 👤	some 👤
your 👤	do 👤	go ➡️	help 👤	open 👤	put 👤	say/talk 👤	see/look 👤	first 👤	then 👤	for of	on 💡
here 👤	have 👤	like 👤	play 👤	read 👤	stop 🛑	walk 👤	show 👤	wait min 👤	in 👤	up ⬆️	off 💡
yes 😊	no/don't ❌	want 👤	take 👤	tell 👤	turn ↻️	watch 👤	wear 👤	work 👤	out 👤	down ⬇️	with 👤





## Sidewalk Games

Grab some chalk and paint,  
and let your imagination run  
wild!



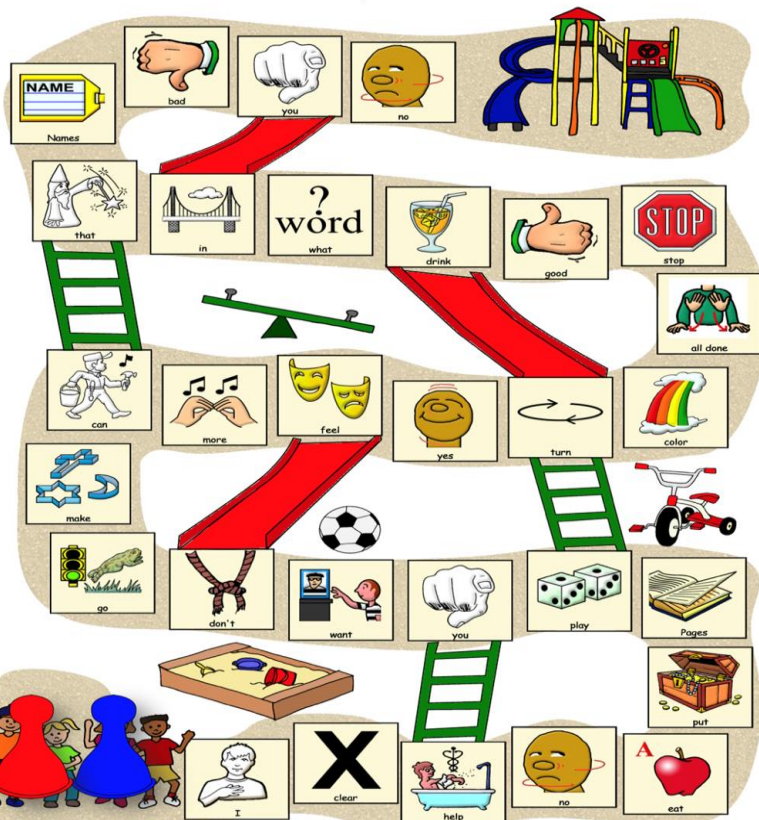
# LessonPix

- Online resource for custom material
- Contains over 40K symbols, including UNITY
- Hundreds of templates
- Ability to use symbols directly in PowerPoint
- Subscription fee: \$36.00 per year
- [www.lessonpix.com](http://www.lessonpix.com)



# LessonPix Games

## Unity Race




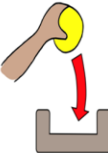







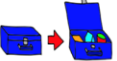
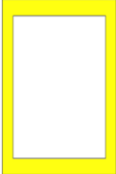





## Unity Bingo



# LessonPix Games

## Playing Cariboo

					
I	Need	Key		Put in	game
					
Green ball	Pink ball	Yellow ball	Red ball	Blue ball	Orange ball
					
Open	Window		no ball	Go Again	Treasure



Spring Game: Make sentences telling what happens in each picture

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## Where else can I find games?

- × Print & Play Arcade
- × BGG Print & Play Wiki
- × Educational Games Geek List
- × Print & Play Facebook Group
- × Teachers Pay Teachers
  - × Games, companions, etc.





It's not just about D&D!

**WHY CAN'T WE JUST PLAY DND ALL THE TIME!?**



# Role Playing Games (RPGs)



- act out or perform the part of a person or character, for example as a technique in training or psychotherapy;
- participate in a role-playing game.
- Both applicable to AAC users!

# Benefits of RPGs



- 100% Customizable!
- Open-ended conversation
- Scalable
- Perspective taking
- Comfort

# Benefits of RPGs



- Similar to shared reading
- Social interactions
- Length
- Unlimited options



# No Thank You, Evil

- Designed for beginners
- Easy to use
- Stresses cooperation
- Prepackaged kit



✘ A vocabulary worth of a hero!



# Engage a variety of Communicators!!

Can you think of  
a way to use  
RPGs with your  
students?

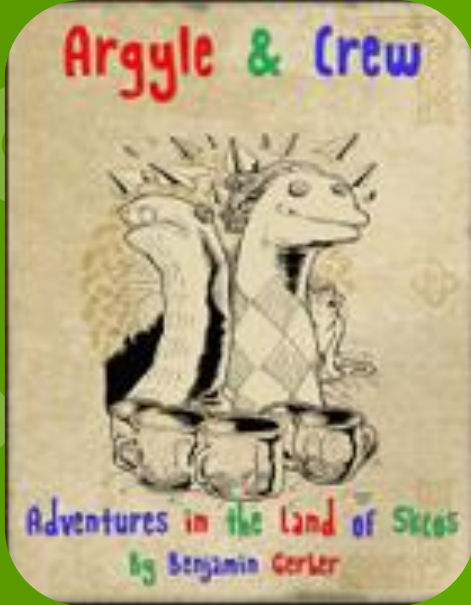




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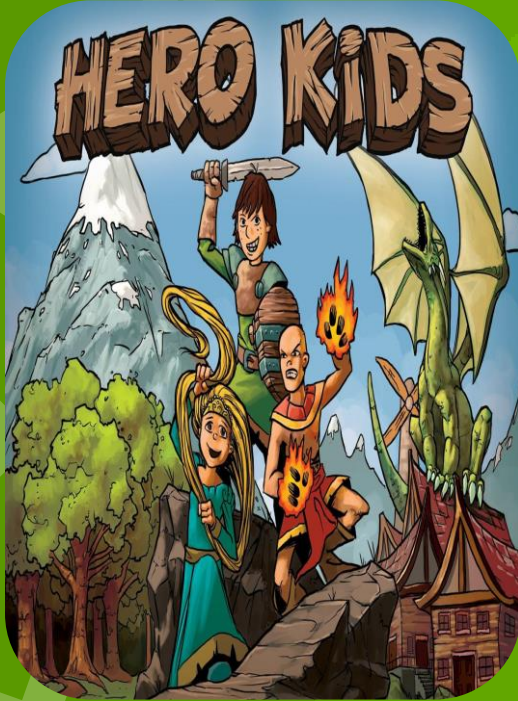


# Argyle & Crew



- Sock Puppets!
- Natural progression from toys/stuffies
- Very open-ended
- Narration-focused
- Cheap/Free

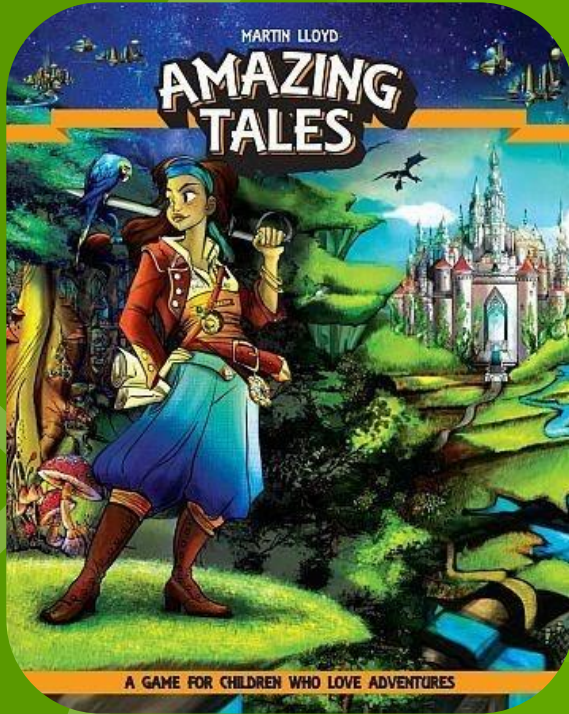
# Hero Kids RPG



- Designed for children 4-10
- Only uses d6
- Bridges to more advanced systems
- Lots of content... inexpensive!

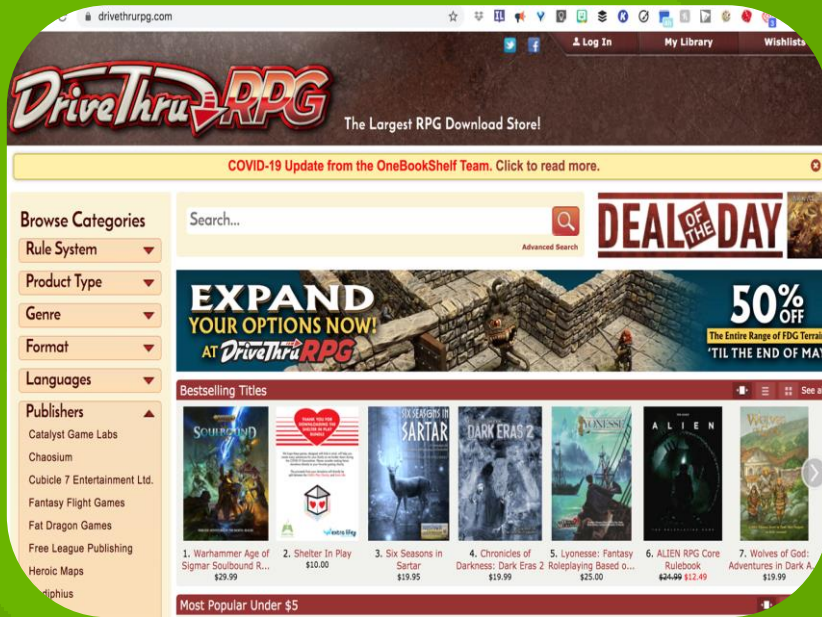
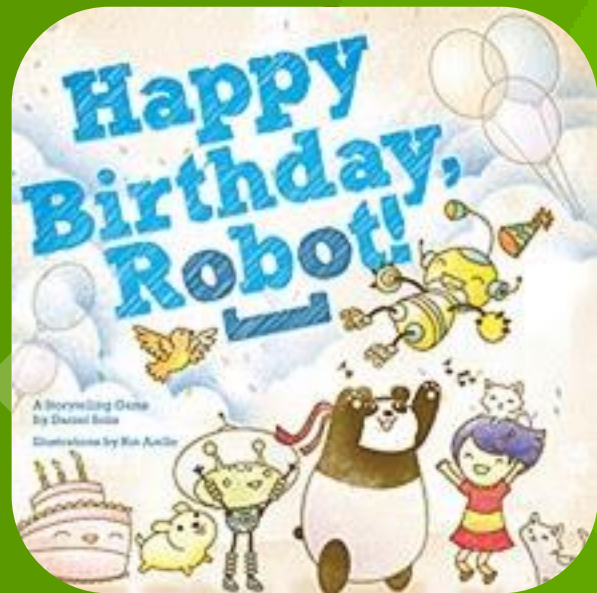


# Amazing Tales



- No preparation needed
- Can be played anywhere
- Requires a single d6 but can use more.”
- Very open-ended

# Other RPG Options





**Thanks!**

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# Stay Tuned!







And the Winner is....

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Augmentative and Alternative Communication

