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Cool Off and Press Start: Video Games for Sunny Summer Days

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Escape the heat and play these games that are perfect for sunny summer days! Hop between islands, skateboard through sun-soaked cities, play everyone's favourite summer sport, and much more!

Games for kids

Mario & Luigi Brothership

ESRB Rating: E

All hands on deck for an island-hopping adventure starring Mario and Luigi!

Borrow on Nintendo Switch

The brothers return for a brand-new adventure on the high seas! When the Uni-Tree is destroyed and the world of Concordia is broken apart, Mario and Luigi must try to reconnect a fractured world, one island at a time.

Hello Kitty Island Adventure

ESRB Rating: E

Explore an open world, from the ocean's depths to an island in the clouds!

Borrow on Nintendo Switch

Run, float, swim, and dive around the world to uncover hidden treasures and mysteries, meet charming *Hello Kitty and Friends* characters, solve ancient puzzles, cook delicious dishes, customize yourself and your cabins, and so much more, all while listening to over 50 tracks of original music. Engage with stories both epic and cozy while piecing together the ultimate secret behind Friendship Island.

MLB The Show 26

ESRB Rating: E

Nothing says summer like baseball!

Borrow on Nintendo Switch

Borrow on Xbox Series X

Borrow on PS5

Play the "Road to the Show" mode and build your career from start to finish. Earn a coveted spot at the MLB Draft Combine or catch the eye of one of 11 additional new colleges as you advance through

chapters of your career. Which path will you choose? Hit a home run this summer!

Splatoon 3

ESRB Rating: E10+

Ink up the Splatlands in the next Splatoon game!

Borrow on Nintendo Switch

Enter the Splatlands, a sun-scorched desert inhabited by battle-hardened Inklings and Octolings. Splatsville, the city of chaos, is the adrenaline-fueled heart of this dusty wasteland. Even in this desolate environment, Turf War reigns supreme and battles rage in new stages located in the surrounding wilds. Join Agent 3 in a fight against the evil Octarian army in story mode. Discover the secrets of Alterna, the Fuzzy Ooze, and how they connect to the mode's theme, "Return of the Mammalians."

Ratchet & Clank. Rift Apart

ESRB Rating: E10+

The intergalactic adventurers are back with a Bang!

Borrow on PS5

Help them stop a robotic Emperor intent on conquering cross-dimensional worlds, with their own universe next in the firing line. Blast your way home with an arsenal of outrageous weaponry.

Experience the Shuffle of dimensional rifts and dynamic gameplay. Explore never-before-seen planets and alternate dimension versions of old favorites.

Games for teens

Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3 + 4

ESRB Rating: T

Get hyped for the legendary franchise to return with *Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3 + 4*!

Borrow on Nintendo Switch

Borrow on Xbox Series X

Borrow on PS5

Revamped with more skaters, new parks, gnarlier tricks, eardrum shattering music, plus a whole lot more. Reunite the crew with cross-platform online multiplayer for up to 8 skaters in new and returning game modes, as well as expanded Create-A-Skater and Create-A-Park modes where you can create and share custom goals with friends for the first time! Whether you're a total casual or a grungy pro, the same smooth handling and simple-to-learn controls from *Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 1 + 2* will have you shredding like a Pro.

Indiana Jones and the Great Circle

ESRB Rating: T

Uncover one of history's greatest mysteries!

Borrow on Xbox Series X

Indiana Jones and the Great Circle is a first-person, single-player adventure set between the events of *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and *The Last Crusade*. The year is 1937, sinister forces are scouring the globe for the secret to an ancient power connected to the Great Circle, and only one person can stop them - Indiana Jones. You'll become the legendary archaeologist in this cinematic action-adventure game.

Games for adults

Like A Dragon: Pirate Yakuza in Hawaii

ESRB Rating: M

A new legend begins!

Borrow on Xbox Series X

Borrow on PS5

Step into the steel toe boots of Goro Majima, a man who has lost his memory and reinvents himself as a pirate on the open sea.

Embark on an over-the-top, modern-day pirate adventure with an ex-yakuza, now pirate captain and his crew as they engage in exhilarating combat on land and sea in the hunt for lost memories and a legendary treasure.

Dead Island 2

ESRB Rating: M

Dead Island 2 is a thrilling First-Person Action RPG, stylish, vibrant and flooded with zombie infection.

Borrow on PS5

Explore iconic, gore-drenched Los Angeles. Meet larger-than-life characters. Slay countless foes in sun-soaked exquisitely bloody detail. And evolve to become the ultimate Zombie Slayer. The Ultimate Edition features both epic story expansions plus special weapons and stylish gear to unleash a new level of carnage.

Tomb Raider I-II-III Remastered

ESRB Rating: M

Discover Lara Croft's original adventures, lovingly restored.

Borrow on Nintendo Switch

Borrow on PS5

Play the original three *Tomb Raider* adventures: for the first time ever, play the complete experience with all expansions and secret levels on modern platforms in this definitive collection. Included game titles: Tomb Raider I + Unfinished Business, Tomb Raider II + Golden Mask, Tomb Raider III + The Lost Artifact.