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LIBRARY JOURNAL NAMES BEST VIDEO GAMES OF 2010

New York, New York, January 21, 2011--“It's been another big year for video games,” said *Library Journal's* M. Brandon Robbins in a recent article for the online newsletter *BookSmack!* Robbins, who selected *LJ's* Best Video Games of 2010, is a winner of the 2009 American Library Association (ALA)/Verizon Libraries, Literacy, and Gaming grant, Young Adult Services Coordinator at Wayne County Public Library, NC, and writes *LJ Xpress* Reviews of graphic novels.

In selecting *LJ's* five top console and PC games for libraries, Robbins considered the following criteria: usefulness to library services and programming, reinforcement of various literacies, and overall quality of mechanics and presentation.

He said that no library should be without a gaming initiative. “...whether via an intense first-person shooter tournament, a family game day, or simply by putting the games out there and letting your patrons play....Find out what works for you, your library, and your patrons, and make gaming happen at your library.”

Robbins' complete article including a review of each game is available in the January 6, 2011 issue of *Library Journal's* newsletter *BookSmack!* at <http://bit.ly/i0n8Cu>.

BEST LITERARY GAME

Limbo

Platform: Xbox 360 (XBLA)

ESRB Rating: M (ages 17 and up)

BEST GAME FOR AN OLD-SCHOOL BEATDOWN

Scott Pilgrim vs. the World: The Game

Platforms: PS3, Xbox 360 (XBLA)

ESRB Rating: T (ages 13 and up)

BEST GAME FOR SOCIAL INTERACTIVITY & SHARED CREATIVITY

Lord of the Rings Online

Platform: PC

ESRB Rating: T (ages 13 and up)

BEST GAME FOR THE HARD-CORE

Battlefield: Bad Company 2

Platforms: PC, PS3, Xbox 360

ESRB Rating: M (ages 17 and up)

WATCH the game trailer:

THE GAME YOU SHOULD NOT BE WITHOUT

Minecraft

Platform: Java

[Not Rated]

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