



HOW TO HOST A VIRTUAL GAME NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Thank you for putting the 'FUN' in fundraiser by hosting a Virtual Game Night for Loudoun Literacy Council! What a great way to show that together we can help families and change lives -- even when we're apart.

Here's how to make it happen!

STEP 1: DECIDE WHAT GAME(S) YOU WANT TO PLAY WITH YOUR GROUP.

See below for more information on specific online games and resources.

STEP 2: CHOOSE A VIDEO CONFERENCE PLATFORM AND/OR APP TO HOST YOUR GAME.

Is it Zoom, Houseparty, or a game site/app?

Once you choose, create a meeting so you have a place to send your family, friends and coworkers for your Virtual Game Night Fundraiser!

STEP 3: CREATE AN INVITATION OR SAVE THE DATE

Don't forget to include:

What: A description of your event

Where: Include the link to the online video conference or app

When: Share the date, time, and duration – 1 hour, 30 minutes, etc.

Why: Fundraiser for Loudoun Literacy Council to provide literacy programs, including health and financial literacy, for children and adults.

You can take the opportunity to share a personal story, your favorite Loudoun Literacy program, or a few facts about Loudoun Literacy:

- ❖ For 40 years, Loudoun Literacy Council has been teaching English communication skills and empowering low-income adults and children to become self-sufficient and confident in their ability to achieve their personal and professional goals.
- ❖ During the past school year, Loudoun Literacy served over 2400 individuals and distributed over 15,000 books -- even during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ Loudoun Literacy's programs change lives. In the past year, 100% of families noticed a positive difference in how their child approaches reading and books. For adult students, 95% reported gains in confidence and fluency.

How: Ask people to donate \$5, \$10, \$25, etc. to support Loudoun Literacy. Make sure to include the link: www.loudounliteracy.org or the direct link to the donation page: <https://bit.ly/donatetoLoudounLiteracy>. If your guests don't need a receipt, they can pay you and you make the donation for your group. You can put 'Game Night' and your guests' names in the Comments section.

What are a few things your donation can do?

- ❖ \$5 pays for a toddler's board book
- ❖ \$10 pays for a child's book
- ❖ \$25 pays for an adult learner's textbook *or* an at-risk expectant family to receive a Baby Book Bundle (2 new books, literacy information, and a baby gift).
- ❖ \$100 pays for a Head Start student to receive an Early Literacy Book Pack for an *entire year*

STEP 4: BEFORE GAME NIGHT, SEND A REMINDER TO YOUR GROUP

Include date and time, and encourage donating before Game Night.

STEP 5: GAME NIGHT – HAVE A GREAT TIME!

- ❖ Welcome and introduce everyone.
- ❖ Remind everyone that you are raising money for Loudoun Literacy. Invite those who haven't donated yet to go to the website (or Venmo you) while everyone socializes for a bit. You can put the donation page link in the chat box: <https://bit.ly/donatetoLoudounLiteracy>
- ❖ Play, play, play!
- ❖ Be sure to take pictures of the screen to post on social media and show the world your fun Game Night supporting @LoudounLiteracy (please tag us!).
- ❖ At the end of Game Night, thank your guests for their contributions and ask if anyone would like to hold a Game Night Fundraiser for Loudoun Literacy. If so, please direct them to this "How to" page.

ADD'L SUGGESTIONS

Have a prize for the winner(s) – bragging rights and 'Champion' title work, too!

Get sponsors for your Game Night. You can recognize them in your invitation and during Game Night. You can also use their logo/pictures as a Zoom Background.

Questions? Contact Dee Shupe at Dee@deirdreccc.com

Thank you for hosting a game night fundraiser for Loudoun Literary Council. We hope you enjoyed sharing time with your friends and family while helping to change lives!



Jeopardy

Jeopardy fans, rejoice! You can play Jeopardy online with your friends for Game Night!

JeopardyLabs.com allows you to create your own Jeopardy board or use one of many templates already created – for free. There is a \$20 membership if you want to add extras, but the free access works just fine for Game Night.

1. [Jeopardylabs.com](https://jeopardylabs.com): Create your own Jeopardy board. Create 2 if you want to have a Double Jeopardy board. We found it fun to add in categories and make up questions about family or friends who will be playing! **OR**: Select an existing board by clicking ‘Find a Jeopardy game’. You can search on various categories or search on ‘Loudoun Literacy Council’ for some templates. You can change the templates, too.
2. Print out the board so you have the answer sheet.
3. Decide if you want a ‘Daily Double’ question and a ‘Final Jeopardy’ question. Assign the Daily Double to a square. You can create a category called ‘Final Jeopardy’ and it will have 1 question in it or you can write down the question and read it to your group. Your teams should write down their ‘wager’ since it’s supposed to be secret.
4. Game Night: You can play this over Zoom by sharing the screen. To share the screen, have your Jeopardylabs.com board up in another tab and click ‘share screen’.
5. Divide your group into 3 teams.
6. Decide how you will play:
 - a. Each team gets 1 question. If they answer correctly, they get the points. If they give a wrong answer, deduct points and the next team gets to answer or pass. If they answer correctly, they get points. If they give a wrong answer, deduct points and the last team can choose to answer or pass. No points are deducted for passing. Points are always given for correct answers and deducted for incorrect answers. For the next question, follow the team order as if the previous question was not passed to other teams. For example, Team 1 answered the first question incorrectly and lost points. Team 2 answered incorrectly and lost points. Team 3 answered correctly and won points. For the next question, it’s Team 2’s turn.
 - b. **OR**: Each team has to ‘buzz’ in to be able to answer a question. They can say their team name/number or “buzz”. They get to continue picking questions as long as they answer correctly, just like the TV game.
7. Have fun!!

Helpful Hints:

To create your own Jeopardy boards, there are 2 websites with Jeopardy questions and answers that are great resources.

1. [J-archive.com](http://j-archive.com): Actual Jeopardy games with boards from the TV show. You can copy/paste the questions from J-archive to JeopardyLabs.
2. [Jeopardyquestions.com](http://jeopardyquestions.com): crowd-sourced database of questions and answers.

You can edit existing game boards on JeopardyLabs.com if you want to change categories and/or questions. To do this, pull up the game board like you are playing it and select 'Edit'. There are instructions to 'Clone and edit' if you didn't create the board. This makes a copy for you to edit and make your own.

For more detailed info on how to play Jeopardy on Zoom: <https://nerdschalk.com/how-to-play-jeopardy-on-zoom/>

How to Play Charades on Zoom

Love playing Charades? By now, most of us are familiar with Zoom and this game can be played easily, requiring little setup.

1. Once everyone is on your Zoom call, divide into 2 teams.
2. Team 1 chooses a word or phrase.
3. Choose someone from Team 1 to privately chat on Zoom with the Team 2 player who will act out the word or phrase.
4. Choose someone from Team 1 to set a timer (3 minutes, or whatever you choose).
5. If Team 2 guesses correctly, they earn a point. If they guess incorrectly, they get no points.
6. Repeat the process with Team 1 guessing.
7. The winner can be determined by the team with the most points by a certain time or by the team that is the first to reach a point goal.

For a Charades online idea generator and some tips, you can go to

<http://www.getcharadesideas.com/how-to-play-charades/>

Houseparty App --

Houseparty is a video service that has some fun games accessible on its mobile and laptop app.

Games include UNO, Heads Up, Trivia and Quick Draw. Up to 8 people can play and be seen on screen.

The ease of Houseparty helps explain its popularity. You can install the app, set it up and connect with friends quickly. Game on!

Codenames

If you like to play Codenames, good news – there are online versions.

<https://codenames.game/> is the official online version of the popular game. You create a private game room online and send the URL to your group. You will need a Zoom meeting or phone call between your players because there is no feature to communicate in your Codenames game room.

For more Codenames info including how to play, see

<https://www.dicebreaker.com/games/codenames/news/free-to-play-codenames-online>

Scattergories

Scattergories is another game that can be easily played over Zoom especially if all players are playing individually. It's fun to play in teams, too.

To play individually, <https://swellgarfo.com/scattergories/> has everything you need and is a great online Scattergories list generator and timer. Open this in a tab before your Zoom call and then 'share screen' using this tab so everyone can see.

To play in teams, you will need to use the Break Out Rooms in Zoom for each team to have a private area to come up with answers. Important: before Game Night, make 3 lists to play 3 rounds of Scattergories. Because the guests in a break out Zoom room can't see the main screen, you will have to get the lists to 2 guests you know will attend and will be team captains. You can put the lists in files and send the captains the files to 'share screen' when they are in their break out rooms, or you can take pictures of the lists and send them the picture files to share on their screen. Playing in teams takes more planning but has a fun social dynamic.

More online game resources:

Jackbox Party Packs at <https://www.jackboxgames.com/> – The party packs offer different types of games in each pack and are very popular. \$\$\$ You pay for each pack of 6 games.

Board Game Arena at <https://boardgamearena.com/welcome> - Many free board/card games including Yahtzee.

Virtual game night resources:

How to Host a Virtual Game Night on Zoom – Virtual Game Night with Friends:

<https://gamenightgods.com/how-to-host-a-virtual-game-night/>

How to Play Board Games Online with Friends – Best Online Board Games & Websites:

<https://gamenightgods.com/play-board-games-online/>

8 Trivia Games To Play On Zoom To Virtually Test Your Knowledge:

<https://www.elitedaily.com/p/8-trivia-games-to-play-on-zoom-to-virtually-test-your-knowledge-22832928>