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## A STUDY ON GAMES COLLECTION IN CHILDREN'S LIBRARY: ITS IMPLICATIONS TOWARDS CHILDREN DEVELOPMENT

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### ABSTRACT

The development of a child is related to the children improvement in physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual growth. Games are used as a method to assist in children cognitive, social and emotional development. Cognitive development is a capability of brain to process information while emotional social development include children's feel about themselves, how they act and how they communicate to people. Children library is a place that provides various types of games collection to children for free without any charges. The purpose of this study is to investigate the implication of games collection in library towards children's cognitive development and the implications of games in library towards children's social and emotional development. So, the issue is whether library should have games collection in the library and to what extend games collection in library contribute to the children development. The objectives of the study are to investigate the implication of games collection in children library towards children cognitive, emotional and social development. The targeted respondent of this study is registered children user at range 4-12 years old in Penang Public Library (branch Bertam). This study also is done to identify children's knowledge about library and its collections. The data were quantitatively analyzed to investigate the implication of games in library toward children development. The finding shows that games collection in children library give a positive implication towards children development in intellectual, problem-solving skill, communication skill, behavior, attitude, social and emotion. It is because majority of respondent give a positive answer and agree that games give contribution towards children cognitive, emotional and social development. The findings may be useful to improve games collections in the library and to the researchers who are interested in understanding of the important of games in library towards children's development.

Keywords: Children Library, Games, Children Development, Cognitive Development, Social Emotional Development.