Board Game Library:

Starter Suggestions

This is a suggested list of board games to purchase if you are thinking about starting a board game library for your afterschool program. Each game on this list was selected because they represent a good variety of “starter” games. These are meant to be representative of a variety of different styles of play and game mechanics. Also, most of the games are simpler to learn and easy to teach others.

* Sushi Go Party! - $19.99
  + Collect sets of different types of sushi to gain the most points.
* Codenames - $19.99
  + Give your team one-word clues to help them determine which of the 25 words are your teams “secret words” (Try Codenames: Pictures for younger players)
* Bananagrams - $17.00
  + Race to use all your letters before your opponents in this board-less game similar to Scrabble.
* Forbidden Island - $20.99
  + Work with the other players to move around the board and collect all the treasures before the island sinks.
* Ticket to Ride - $47.99
  + Collect train cards and build railway routes to create the best railway company (Try Ticket to Ride: First Journey for younger players).
* Onitama - $29.99
  + Move your pawns to control the board using action cards in this chess-like game.
* Mint Works – $17.99
  + Build a mint manufacturing plant in this portable game by assigning your workers to different tasks each round. Designed by a Lincoln, NE resident.

Prices included were taken from Amazon in Sep 2022 to provide a view of possible cost. The prices listed may not be the actual purchase price depending on circumstances when purchasing.