Expanding Your

Board Game Library

So, you already have a board game library and are wanting to expand? This list is meant to give you ideas of games to purchase based on games that your students like from the “Board Game Library: Starter Suggestions” handout. Suggestions are organized by similar game mechanics and themes.

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| **Set Collection Games like:**  **Sushi Go Party!**   * Ion * Sagrada * Lost Cities * Splendor | **Deduction Games like:**  **Codenames**   * Letter Jam * Trapwords * Pictomania * Dixit | **Piece Movement & Manipulation like:**  **Bananagrams**   * Match Madness * Bermuda Pirates * Rhino Hero |
| **Character Movement & Action Games like:**  **Forbidden Island**   * Santorini * Periodic * King of Tokyo | **“Empire” Building Games like: Ticket to Ride**   * Kingdomino * King of the Dice * Carcassonne * Power Failure | **Board Control Games like:**  **Onitama**   * Hive * Blokus * Slide Blast * Tsuro |
|  | **Action Selection Games like: Mint Works**   * Cytosis |  |

Tips for Finding and Assessing Games:

* A quick Google search of “board games like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” will help you find many blogs and websites with suggestions of games similar to whichever game you put in the blank.
* Before buying any games found this way:
  + Watch a “How to play \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” video on YouTube to get an idea of it **AND/OR**
  + Search the game on [www.boardgamegeek.com](http://www.boardgamegeek.com).
    - This is a website where players rate games.
      * A rating of 7 or higher is a good game.
    - You can also look at the suggested playing time, age, and complexity rating (called “weight”)
      * weight scale: 1=simple rules, 5=very complex rules