

Resources on Games and Learning through Play

These games are explained in *Letting Them Lead: Adventures on Game-Based Self-Directed Learning*, chapter 12, Games: My Not-So-Secret Weapon.

Learning Through Play

- *Theory of Play*, essay by Neva Boyd (mentor of Viola Spolin): https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LgoWcZ8lcJKoBHWS5r65uGWXVQrA_ASD/view
- Peter Gray, author of *Free to Learn*, Explains How Humans Learned Through Play: <http://homeschoolnyc.com/articles/lbs-gray.html>
- Peter Gray's column in Psychology Today, Freedom to Learn: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/freedom-learn>
- *Handbook of Recreational Games* by Neva Boyd (Viola Spolin's mentor), out of print. Over 300 games including categories: Intellectual Games, Sense Games, and Games Requiring Voluntary Control of Impulses. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1celW7HwVXiNf-e_s6T43oDuaM2mNNuCr/view

Games

- Theater Games for the Classroom, and other titles by Viola Spolin
- Handbook of Recreational Games by Neva L. Boyd, PDF: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1celW7HwVXiNf-e_s6T43oDuaM2mNNuCr/view
- Classes taught by Aretha Sills: <https://www.violaspolin.org/workshops>

Math Games

- mathforlove.com – Math For Love, a website with free games and games for purchase designed by a math teacher who loves math and aims at critical thinking.
- *Family Math* by Jean Stenmark
- Math manipulatives for all ages: <https://www.hand2mind.com>

For more information, read *Letting Them Lead*, available at <https://www.laurieblockspigel.com/blog/letting-them-lead>.