

## OLITA Library Technology Micro-Grant

### **Provide a brief description of the proposed technology initiative (500 words or less).**

The Port Colborne Public Library is seeking to launch a teen Gamerspace. The proposed Gamerspace will be available during library open hours and will provide local teens with a safe, welcoming space in their community to engage with friends and enjoy gaming. The Gamerspace will include video game consoles and video games, which teens will be able to borrow for in-library use to enjoy single-player and multiplayer games.

The Gamerspace will include a Nintendo Switch console, extra Joy-Con controllers to facilitate multiplayer gaming, and a small collection of in-library use Switch games. The Gamerspace will be supplemented with our existing video game collection, which can be used in the Gamerspace or checked out.

### **Include a budget breakdown for how the \$500 will be spent.**

The grant will be used to purchase a Nintendo Switch Console at \$399.99 and an additional pair of Joy-Con controllers at \$99.99. The library will continue to use its existing video game budget to purchase Switch games that can be used in the Gamerspace.