1. Record Nr. UNINA9910155323003321 Autore Madej Krystina Titolo Physical Play and Children's Digital Games / / by Krystina Madej Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Springer,, Pubbl/distr/stampa 2016 9783319428758 **ISBN** Edizione [1st ed. 2016.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (XII, 89 p. 48 illus., 40 illus. in color.) Collana SpringerBriefs in Computer Science, , 2191-5768 Disciplina 794.8083 Soggetti User interfaces (Computer systems) Multimedia systems Child development Well-being Children User Interfaces and Human Computer Interaction Media Design Early Childhood Education Child Well-being Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references. Introduction -- Play -- Child Development -- Toys and Games --Nota di contenuto Engaging Young Children in Physical Play. Sommario/riassunto Play engages humans cognitively, emotionally, and physically at all ages. Using a historical framework, and focusing on play as represented by material artifacts such as toys and games, this book explores play as a form of somatic engagement that reflects cultural attitudes about development and learning as these have evolved over time in western culture. Theorists in the twentieth century such as Klein and Winnicott, Huizinga and Callois, Piaget, Bruner and Vygotsy brought different perspectives to our understanding of play's role in

our society. In particular, Vygotsky's theories about process provide insight into how children attend to learning and assimilate new information. The increasing use of digital media as both an

entertainment and learning environment at ever-younger ages, is

generating new discussions about the nature and value of play in children's development, in particular, physical, or somatic play. The emphasis on games intended for children necessitates a discussion of the cognitive, behavioral, and neuroscience that supports play activities and physical engagement as a crucial aspect of development. The book then looks at the trajectory of digital games in contemporary culture and explores whether these artifacts (whether intended for learning or entertainment) have extended or are curtailing boundaries of somatic engagement. Finally, the book discusses alternative play and game design and, speculates on the future of new media play artifacts.