**Symmes Library Chess Club**

**In-person chess at the Symmes Library**:

Informal in-person meetings to play chess, **Third Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Currently scheduled on third Tuesday of the month. Check the library calendar for confirmation, or to get on the email notification list, send an email to [jeffdavis@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jeffdavis@cinci.rr.com).

**Learning Resources**:

1. The **basic rules of chess** from “Winning Chess Strategy from Kids” are available as a handout.
2. The major **chess websites** include chesskid.com (best for kids), chess.com, and lichess.org. These all have information on the basic moves, as well as more advanced concepts.
3. **Chesskid.com** has a lot of free lessons, from how to move the pieces to advanced strategy and tactics. On chesskid.com, go to “Learn” and “Lessons.” On lichess.org, go to “Learn,” then “Chess Basics.”
4. **Locally-run group classes**:

[**https://thunderchessacademy.com/**](https://thunderchessacademy.com/)[**https://rkchessgurukul.com/**](https://rkchessgurukul.com/)

[**https://brainboosterchess.com**](https://brainboosterchess.com/)

1. **Cincinnati Scholastic Chess** organizes local tournaments: see chesscincinnati.com for details; the annual series is October through March, and summer tournaments are offered as well.
2. **School chess clubs** – be sure to check if your school has a chess club!!
3. **Books**: Chesskid.com has an article on the best 8 chess books for kids, at: <https://www.chesskid.com/article/view/chess-books-kids>

[Chess Books For Beginners](https://www.chesskid.com/article/view/chess-books-kids#books-for-beginners)

* 1. [Chess for Children by Murray Chandler and Helen Milligan](https://www.chesskid.com/article/view/chess-books-kids#chess-for-children)
  2. [Winning Chess Strategy For Kids by Jeff Coakley](https://www.chesskid.com/article/view/chess-books-kids#winning-chess-strategy)
  3. [Chess for Kids by Michael Basman](https://www.chesskid.com/article/view/chess-books-kids#chess-for-kids-basman)
  4. [Chess for Kids: How to Play and Win by Richard James](https://www.chesskid.com/article/view/chess-books-kids#chess-for-kids-james)

[Chess Books For Advanced Beginners](https://www.chesskid.com/article/view/chess-books-kids#books-for-advanced-beginners)

* 1. [How to Beat Your Dad at Chess by Murray Chandler](https://www.chesskid.com/article/view/chess-books-kids#how-to-beat-your-dad-at-chess)
  2. [Chess Tactics Workbook by Al Woolum](https://www.chesskid.com/article/view/chess-books-kids#chess-tactics-workbook)
  3. [Chess Tactics for Kids by Murray Chandler](https://www.chesskid.com/article/view/chess-books-kids#chess-tactics-for-kids)
  4. [Learn Chess the Right Way by Susan Polgar (Series)](https://www.chesskid.com/article/view/chess-books-kids#learn-chess-the-right-way)

Other recommended chess books for kids:

1. *Parker’s Chess Adventure* by Dave Schloss. Basic chess tactics with a story and colorable images
2. *Everyone’s First Chess Workbook*, by Peter Giannatos
3. *Beginner Puzzles: 50 Mate in One Chess Puzzles for the New Player*, by Dave Schloss
4. *Beginner Chess Tactics for Kids*, by Dave Schloss
5. *Winning Chess Puzzles for Kids*, by Jeff Coakley

e. **Library Books**: Search for “Chess for Kids,” “Chess for Children,” or just “Chess.”

f. **US Chess Federation (USCF)**: In addition to information and tournament listings, the site has a sales area (<https://www.uscfsales.com/>) with chess sets, books (search for “chess for kids”) and DVDs.