



## Symmес Library Chess Club

### Tuesdays 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 from Aug. 2021 – May 2022. 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).

**Online:** The online version of the club is at [chesskid.com](http://chesskid.com). We have occasional chances to play chess in tournaments, and the news section will contain hopefully up-to-date information on library meetings, online tournaments, and available chess classes and coaches. Contact [jeffdavis@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jeffdavis@cinci.rr.com) to join this club (free).

### Learning Resources:

- a) The **basic rules of chess** from “Winning Chess Strategy from Kids” are available as a handout.
- b) The major **chess websites** include [chesskid.com](http://chesskid.com) (best for kids), [chess.com](http://chess.com), and [lichess.org](http://lichess.org).
- c) **Chesskid.com** has a lot of free lessons, from how to move the pieces to advanced strategy and tactics. On [chesskid.com](http://chesskid.com), go to “Learn” and “Lessons.” The other sites also have free lessons.
- d) A list of **online classes** and coaches is in the News section of the online “Symmes Chess Club,” at [chesskid.com](http://chesskid.com).

Locally-run group classes:

<https://thunderchessacademy.com/>

<https://rkchessgurukul.com/>

<https://brainboosterchess.com>

e) **Cincinnati Scholastic Chess** organizes local tournaments: chesscincinnati.com (next tournament is in-person on Aug. 1, then monthly scholastic series starts in October)

f) **School chess clubs** – be sure to check if your school has a chess club!!

g) **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

- i. *Chess for Children* by Murray Chandler and Helen Milligan
- ii. *Winning Chess Strategy For Kids* by Jeff Coakley
- iii. *Chess for Kids* by Michael Basman
- iv. *Chess for Kids: How to Play and Win* by Richard James

#### Chess Books For Advanced Beginners

- v. *How to Beat Your Dad at Chess* by Murray Chandler
- vi. *Chess Tactics Workbook* by Al Woolum
- vii. *Chess Tactics for Kids* by Murray Chandler
- viii. *Learn Chess the Right Way* by Susan Polgar (Series)

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.