



Harford County Public Library invites all to its 'Fairy Tale and Superhero Festival'

Children can make superhero masks and take part in story time



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Who says people can only dress up for Halloween?

A fantastic event brings together the likes of Princess Ariel and a king for the [Fairy Tale and Superhero Festival](#) at the Abingdon Public Library.

"It's all about supporting literacy and having fun doing it," said Mary Hastler, the CEO of the Harford County Public Library.

The eighth annual festival is much more than just a chance to dress up for children, but an opportunity to learn and explore.

"If you want to create a wand, you can do that. You can also learn how to build little activities with being a superhero," Hastler told WBAL-TV 11 News.

Reign, 5, tried to build a house like in the "Three Little Pigs" and loved the event. Whether her house blows down or not, her mom, Brianna Stinebaugh-Blumberg, told WBAL-TV 11 News what Reign learns at the festival doesn't stay in the library.

"She'll do activities like this and then come home and use her magnetic blocks, her wooden blocks and do the same kind of activity," Stinebaugh-Blumberg told WBAL-TV 11 News.

Children can make superhero masks and take part in story time, and even be a part of a real-life, fairy tale scene with a magic mirror. There is also an option to walk through an enchanted forest in a special sensory room.



Ariel and a king

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At the heart of the festival are the books and graphic novels that inspire imagination, all celebrated inside a castle of sorts, where there are no limits to who kids can be or the power that they can wield.

"It's a great opportunity to expand your brain cells and your learning, but it's also a way to make your life magical — and that's what reading is all about," Hastler told WBAL-TV 11 News.