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HCPL's Fandom Fest Encourages Customers to Get Their Geek On

Annual event at the Abingdon Library on Sept. 21 features obstacle course, roaming robots, Dungeons & Dragons, adventure escape room & more.



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All-day activities include a scavenger hunt, kids' crafts, trading card games, board games, paint-a-mini with Critical Hit Games, "Who's That Pokémon?" 3-D printing demonstrations, roaming robots, geeky green screen photos, make-your-own Fandom buttons, choose-your-own-adventure escape room and temporary tattoos.

"Every year Fandom Fest is eagerly anticipated by our customers of all ages. It's a great day to celebrate comic books and popular culture. In particular, I'm really looking forward to seeing the junior superhero obstacle course and the costume contests," said Mary Hastler, CEO of Harford County Public Library. "We are ready to get our geek on at Fandom Fest!"

Fandom Fest's events include:

- Junior superhero obstacle course, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Kids' costume parade/nerdy story time, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
- Kids' costume contest, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- Pokémon go walk (weather permitting), 12:30 to 1 p.m.
- Pokémon Club meet up, 1 to 2 p.m.
- Trivia, 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.
- Dungeons & Dragons with Critical Hit Games, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Teen potion bottle jewelry, 2 to 3 p.m.
- Anime bingo, 2:30 to 3:15 p.m.
- Teen Anime Club meet up, 3:15 to 4 p.m.
- Costume contest (ages 11+), 4 to 4:30 p.m.

Critical Hit Games will provide DMs for Dungeons & Dragons, mini figures and other freebies.

Free comics (while supplies last) will be supplied by Diamond Comic Distributors, Inc., and costume contest prizes will be provided by Horizon Cinemas and the Abingdon Friends of Harford County Public Library.

For more information about Fandom Fest, visit HCPLonline.org.

Harford County Public Library operates 11 branches located throughout Harford County offering access to ideas that inform, entertain and inspire. Last year the Library interacted with its residents more than 12 million times – borrowing free materials, visiting branches and the website, using free WiFi and attending classes and events. In 2023 Harford County Public Library received Graphic Design USA's American Inhouse Design Award™ for graphic excellence, the third time in five years. For more information, visit HCPLonline.org.