



Contestants dressed in costumes based on characters in pop culture gather with Spider-Man and Superman during Fandom Fest 2022 at the Harford County Public Library in Abingdon. **KAREN JACKSON/FOR THE AEGIS**

‘Get Your Geek On’ at Fandom Fest

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The Harford County Public Library will host its annual Fandom Fest on Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Abingdon Library, 2510 Tollgate Road. The Fandom Fest is dedicated to comic book and pop culture. The event is one of the library’s most popular events each year, according to Mary Hastler, CEO of Harford County Public Library.

“This year’s activities, from STEM events, Meet the Author, costume contests, trivia, crafts, nerdy story time, Dungeons and Dragons and more, are sure to please customers of all ages,” Hastler said.

All day activities include paint a mini with Critical Hit Games, trading card game demos, Cosplay contests, junior superhero obstacle course, kids’ crafts, geeky green screen, “Who’s That Pokémon?” 3-D print

demonstration, and “Roamin’ Robots” robotics demonstration, according to a news release. The event schedule throughout the day includes:

- Retro to modern gaming, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Button maker, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., and 2 to 3 p.m.
- Kids’ costume parade, 11 to 11:30 a.m.
- Stranger Things STEM Session 1, 11:15 a.m. to noon
- Nerdy story time, 11:30 a.m. to noon
- Kids’ costume contest, noon to 12:30 p.m.
- LED magic wand crafts, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- Trivia, 1 to 1:30 p.m.
- Mario Kart 8 Tournament, 1 to 4 p.m.
- Stranger Things STEM Session 2, 1:15 to 2 p.m.
- Anime bingo, 1:30 to 2 p.m.
- Dungeons & Dragons, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

■ Stranger Things STEM Session 3, 3:15 to 4 p.m.

■ Wire Elf Ears, 3:30 to 4:40 p.m.

■ Costume contest (ages 13 and up), 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Meg Eden Kuvatt, author of “Good Different,” will participate in a Meet the Author event from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. “Good Different” is a children’s novel about a neurodivergent girl and how she understands and celebrates her differences. The book is a JLG Gold Standard selection (Scholastic 2023).

Kuvatt teaches creative writing at colleges and writing centers including University of Maryland College Park, Southern New Hampshire University online and Anne Arundel Community College, the release said.

For more information, visit programs. hcplonline.org/event/8788382.