



The Great Geek Fest – Cosplay Contest Rules

The Cosplay Contest will feature three divisions (ages 0-11, 12-17, and 18+) with one First Place Award for each division and the possibility of honorable mentions. There will be no group category; all contestants must enter and walk as individuals. Children in the 0-11 age category may walk with an adult, but only the contestant's costume will be judged.

Prizes will include a \$50 Amazon gift card for first place and a \$25 Amazon gift card for any honorable mentions.

Additionally, cosplay contest subcommittee members will award badges to outstanding cosplayers throughout the day in a "hallway contest" and invite them to stop by the photobooth to have their cosplay shared on the library's social media. There is no additional prize for the hallway contest.

The Craftsmanship Award will go to one contestant for their craftsmanship (design, construction, execution, and general presentation) of a costume. To be eligible, costumes must be at least 60% handcrafted (or significantly altered from their original state) by the contestant. Contestants must disclose which aspects of their costumes were and were not handcrafted, and the judges will determine whether or not the costume is eligible to compete.

All other first place awards will go to one contestant from each division who demonstrates the most creativity, performance, presentation, and general embodiment of their character. Contestants' runway walk must be appropriate for all ages—no explicit gestures, nudity, or any type of physical interaction with audience members.

Library staff may not win any categories but may receive hallway contest badges and may walk during the staff segment of the runway show.

The runway portion of the contest will begin at approximately 4:00 PM. All contestants must check in at the mainstage at 3:00 PM (following Todd Robbins' keynote presentation). Line up for the contest itself will take place at 3:45.

No glitter, confetti, projectiles, flashpots, explosive devices, pyrotechnics, or special effects of any kind are to be used during the contest.

Winners and any honorable mentions will be deliberated on and announced at the end of the runway show.