



The Great Geek Fest 2018 – Cosplay Contest Rules

All contestants must pre-register on the DCDL website to be eligible to compete in the Cosplay Contest. Contestants must be registered before 1:00 PM on the day of the contest.

The Cosplay Contest will feature three categories (ages 0-11, 12-17, and 18+) with one first place award for each division with the possibility of honorable mentions. Additionally, there will be one overall grand prize awarded to Judges Choice, in which all ages are eligible. The Judges Choice Award will go to one contestant for their overall design, construction, execution, and general presentation of their costume. 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.

The runway portion of the contest will begin at approximately 3:00 PM. All contestants must check in at the mainstage at 2:00 PM (following the keynote presentation). Line up for the contest itself will take place at 2:30 PM.

Prizes will include a gift basket for each first place, plus a ribbon. Judges may award honorable mentions with additional ribbons as they see fit. The Judges Choice prize is a Fujifilm Instax Mini 9 Instant Camera, plus a unique ribbon.

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.

Runway walks must be appropriate for all ages—no explicit gestures, nudity, or any type of physical interaction with audience members. No glitter, confetti, projectiles, flash pots, flash paper, explosive devices, pyrotechnics, or special effects of any kind are to be used during the contest.

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

Throughout the day, cosplay contest subcommittee members will award badges to outstanding cosplayers who do not wish to participate in the competition proper, and invite them to stop by the photobooth to have their cosplay shared on the library's social media.

*While many members of library staff will be in costume and may participate in a separate runway walk before the competition, they are not eligible to win any prizes.