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### **POPULAR FANDOM EVENT RETURNS TO SUFFOLK LIBRARY FOR THIRD YEAR WITH INTERACTIVE FUN FOR ALL AGES**

SUFFOLK, VA (April 3, 2018) IconiCon, the largest free gathering of Sci-Fi, Fantasy, Comic, and Anime fans in the area, is coming back to Suffolk for a third year. The Suffolk Public Library is uniting multiple fandoms on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the North Suffolk Library from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. IconiCon is free to attend and open to all ages and will feature a gaming tournament, LEGO® stop-motion, Superhero Family Feud, a cosplay contest, battle re-creations, a fan art contest and other activities.

This year's IconiCon will feature a new twist with each section of the library taking on a different theme. Attendees can meet the Barony of Marinus in the outdoor Cantina for Middle Ages and Renaissance arts and skills re-creations, including battles and meet and greets. The Barony of Marinus is the local chapter of the international organization The Society for Creative Anachronism. Also in the Cantina will be Anime Karaoke on Library2Go and a Chick-fil-A tent with food available for sale between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Inside the library people can interact with a variety of vendors representing services from comics and toys to fan art prints and crafts. Vendors include Atlantis Games & Comics, Bella Books Comics and Toys, Whimsical Wonderhaven and more. The Old

Dominion Daleks will be onsite again with their handmade reproductions of the iconic villains from the BBC series *Doctor Who*. Attendees can interact with the Daleks as they roll around the con and even learn about their history and construction from their human creators.

A Superhero Academy area will contain themed fun for children as well as activities for all ages. There will be stations where kids can craft their own masks and create superhero capes, a 3D printing demonstration, Superhero Storytime at 10:30 a.m. and LEGO® stop-motion.

The Oasis will contain the annual Brawl for All Tournament, a Superhero Family Feud competition and non-stop Anime. Tabletop games such as Settlers of Catan and Codenames will be provided by Tidewater Area Gaming Society. The Cosplay Contest will be hosted by the TCC Chesapeake Anime Club followed by the announcement of winners of the Fan Art Contest. Both the Brawl for All Tournament and Superhero Family Feud competition require advanced registration which can be made online.

Kids ages 8 and up, teens and adults are encouraged to submit two-dimensional art to the Fan Art Contest by April 14<sup>th</sup>, which can be dropped off at any of the three library locations. Official submission guidelines and an entry form can be found on the library's website and at any library location. Artwork will be displayed at the North Suffolk Library from April 21<sup>st</sup> to April 28<sup>th</sup>, and prizes will be awarded following the cosplay contest. Winners of each age category will be determined by IconiCon judges and there will also be a fourth winner for Fan Favorite determined by community votes. Cosplay contest rules and guidelines can also be found on the library's website.

Last year's event brought in over 1,000 people throughout the course of the day, providing a fun atmosphere for those with shared interests to come together as a community. Suffolk Public Library offers many events throughout the year and IconiCon has quickly become a local favorite. Vendor announcements, an event

schedule, and more are available at [www.suffolkpubliclibrary.com/iconicon](http://www.suffolkpubliclibrary.com/iconicon) and on the [IconiCon 2018 Facebook event page](#).

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