

Engaging Fandom:

Hosting a Library "comic Con"

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Why a Con?

- Program for audiences we aren't typically hitting
- Reflect/benefit from staff interests
- Relevancy: Library cons are a growing trend, tend to be well-received.
- Involve the community
- Pop-culture themed programming is popular

For this event:

- Establishing year...not expecting to hit things out of the park
- Most cons take 3 years to really get running
- Age groups: All-Ages programming
- Explore Scalability—start small

Promotion

- Shelf Talkers
- Badges for the day of
- Flyers dropped off around the community
- Devoted page on the website
- Lead up Events
- Brand the event—Logo
- T-Shirts
- Stickers

Resources:

- SRLS Seq-Con: <https://goo.gl/6VqFhs>
- OKE Con: <http://okrls.org/okecon/>
- Lib-Con: <http://abilenetx.gov/city-hall/departments/community-services/library/events-programs/lib-con>



Ideas for what to do:

Cosplay
Coloring
LEGO
Robotics
501st Legion, Rebel Alliance, Mercs, Droids
How to be a superhero (superhero cosplayers, Heroes Alliance etc.)
Coding
Cosplay contest
Harry Potter Programming
Fandom Trivia
Superhero BINGO
Who am I game (fandom edition)
Crafts: comic book magnets, masks

Anime showing
Drawing contest
Movie Rooms
Marvel vs. DC voting booth...winner = movie showing
Doctor Who Programming
Special Effects makeup: Face-off...reach out to professionals
Jedi Training Camp
Project Cosplay
Make a comic
Writing Workshop
Tabletop Gaming
Artist Alley
Video Game tournament
Oculus Rift demonstration
3D Printing
Walk of fame/guests

Panels:

Watch this... read that
Libraries and fandom
Cosplay 101
Ghost Hunters
Post-apocalyptic YA panel
Trek Panel
MMOs (online gaming)

Passive:

Art Displays
Photo booth
Mystery: Adult Passive
Scavenger Hunt
BINGO
LEGO challenge
"Hallway" Cosplay Contest