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Get Your Geek On! 'FanNation 2023: The Geekstravaganza' at Ocean County Library Toms River Branch



TOMS RIVER – Get ready for the Jersey Shore's greatest comic con! Geek is chic during "FanNation 20203: The Geekstravaganza" in the Ocean County Library Toms River Branch, 10 AM until 4 PM Saturday, October 7.

FanNation gathers devotees of science fiction, gaming, graphic novels, anime, fantasy, steampunk, superheroes and everything in between. Enjoy a day full of games, panel talks, trivia, crafts, cosplay, and – who knows? – maybe your next obsession.

Meet podcaster Mike Schubert (*Potterless, The Newest Olympian*) during his panel talk, "Old Adults Reading Young Adult Books." Children can learn Jedi fundamentals, courtesy of Saber Guild Corellia. More group dialogues will focus on immersive world building, family tabletop gaming, and anime trivia.

Show off your fandom in the Cosplay Contest. The top three contestants will win special prizes. Then, mingle in Artist Alley with the USS Challenger Group, Mando Mercs Costume Club, the Saber Guild, and the 501st Legion: Northeast Remnant.

Create geeky-themed crafts, embark on a scavenger hunts, meet the challenge of an escape room, and play fresh and vintage video and tabletop games.

Want more? Check out OCL's "Fandom Friday" podcasts on <u>Spotify</u>. This year, our librarians dig into Sci-Fi, *Doctor Who*, video gaming, anime, manga, fantasy, and a full round of "Dungeons & Dragons."

"FanNation 2023: The Geekstravaganza" is free of charge and open to all ages. Registration is suggested but not required. See the full schedule of events at www.theoceancountylibrary.org/teens/fannation. For more details, stop by the OCL Toms River Branch, 101 Washington Street, or call (732) 349-6200.

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