

Cosplay & Prop Safety Rules

As we are a public library, we want to ensure the safety of all patrons whether they be participating in the event or simply visiting the library. These rules reflect our goal to have a fun but safe event. If you are unsure whether your prop is allowed, feel free to contact the library beforehand to avoid any concerns.

Dress Attire: This is a family friendly event; please make sure to dress appropriately. Offensive imagery, props, or clothing are not allowed and will be turned away at staff's discretion.

What is allowed?

- Anything family friendly and appropriate. Please use your best judgement or ask ahead of time if you are unsure.
- Store bought or homemade props and cosplay that is appropriate.
- Props under 6 feet in length are allowed as long as they are able to be adequately managed without bumping items or people.
- Soft foam props that cannot inflict damage are allowed.
- Props that are visibly clear to be not real weapons. (nonrealistic, bright colors, etc.)

What is not allowed?

- Real weapons are not allowed under any circumstances.
- No gun props allowed. While it may be tempting to complete a cosplay with a gun prop, we have decided for the ease of mind of all patrons in the library to not allow any gun props, even if orange tipped or toy.
- Any prop that can shoot a projectile is not allowed.
- Props over 6 feet in length are not allowed. Props should be reasonable in shape and easy to manage.
- Hard props, are not allowed, this includes dull prop swords, staffs, or any prop big or small that is not soft or made of foam. Props should not be able to cause real damage or pain.
- Anything that contains a sharp edge be it a sword, knife, staff, etc. is also not allowed.
- Realistic weapon props are not allowed, this includes guns, swords, knives, etc. It should be very clear it is a foam/soft non-damaging prop.

The Antioch Public Library reserves the right to turn away and not allow any cosplay props on the premises that violate these rules based on its discretion. The main goal of the event is to maintain a safe but fun Library environment while also respectfully celebrating Free Comic Book Day.

APLD FREE COMIC BOOK DAY COSPLAY CONTEST REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

COSTUME TITLE: _____

PHONE: _____ or EMAIL: _____

AGE: _____

1. Everyone entering this competition must complete this form and pick up their entry number at the registration table no later than 12:45pm Saturday, May 7th.
2. Judging begins promptly at 2:00pm in the **magazine room**. You must present in your category when your entry is called. Categories are (1) birth to 10 yrs; (2) 11 to 19 yrs; (3) adult 20+ years
3. Costumes will be judged using these criteria:
 - Craftsmanship
 - Hair and Make-up
 - Presentation
 - Originality OR Adherence or Adaption to/from Source MaterialScores will be confidential and the judges' decisions will be final.
4. Each contestant will walk in front of our judges and announce their name & character. They will have the opportunity (1 minute or less) to act out their character and impress our judges.
5. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the competition when judging is completed. **You must be present to win.**

Photos will be taken of cosplay participants and may be used on APLD social media or in our newsletter.