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Beale Mini Con Celebrates Comic Books and Raises "Super" Readers

Saturday, August 3 @ 10am-4pm

Attend a character design workshop, watch a special effects makeup demo, listen to a superhero storytime, meet up with fellow cosplayers, view art in our community art gallery, make a custom superhero mask, meet artists and comic book creators, check out a graphic novel, and much more at the second annual "Beale Mini Con," a FREE family-fun event, on Saturday, August 3 at 10am-4pm in the Beale Memorial Library.

Community partners, artists, local organizations, and fan culture have come together to highlight the impact that graphic novels and comic books have on literacy. Since the format allows for readers to engage with reading differently than a traditional novel, graphic novels and comic books are the perfect gateway into the wonderful world of reading. They promote multiple essential literacy skills, are fantastic visual stimulators, and literally help raise "super" readers.

This exciting all-day event includes opportunities to meet some of your favorite comic book heroes in person (such as Spider-Man), as well as your favorite super villains (like The Penguin). There will be a photo booth and a costume contest. Attendees can discover a virtual reality experience or go on a tour of Dungeons & Dragons. Join in on some tabletop gaming; learn about live-action role-play and fencing, and much more. Cosplay is highly encouraged.

While at the Beale Memorial Library, take advantage of our Amnesty Program. The program, which will be taking place during the entire month of August, gives Kern residents the opportunity to clear fees on their Kern County Library card by reading, donating, or returning materials. This limited offer does not apply to accounts already in collections, and other exceptions may apply.

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