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## **Portsmouth Library Celebrates Fandom & Local Comic Book Culture**

**(PORTSMOUTH, VA - March 29, 2019)** - Portsmouth Public Library's 5th Annual Mini-Con will take place at the Churchland Branch Library, Saturday, April 13, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event features 30+ local vendors, artists, publishers and comic pop culture enthusiasts from the Hampton Roads area. Local stores such as Atlantis Games and Comics will be sponsoring the event, as well the Friends of the Portsmouth Public Library and local artists and vendors. The Churchland Branch Library is located at 4934 High Street West.

Portsmouth Public Library is always seeking to grow its relationship with the community and hopes that Mini-Con will continue to bring in the next wave of library-goers from all over the region. Mini-Con event planner, Aren Gonzalez said, "Local libraries are becoming more than a place to read and gather information; it is a place of community and coming together."

Mini-Con has activities for every age group. Highlights include:

- Cosplay contest with prizes
- Panel Discussion
- Music by One Love Steel Drum Band
- Video gaming tournament (all ages with cash prize)
- Superhero Twister
- Children's crafts
- Aquaman showing
- BB9E Robot Demo
- Fandom art contest

Mini-Con will also host the Lightsaber Academy who will be teaching the little ones to duel with light sabers in true Jedi fashion. Prizes are provided by sponsors. With almost 2,000 participants in attendance last year, Mini-Con will be a well-attended event in the spring for Portsmouth Public Library. Mini-Con is free and open to the public.

Exhibitor and vendor applications, Cosplay Contest registration, and additional event information are available at Portsmouth Public Library's website: <http://www.portsmouth-va-public-library.com/> or at the Churchland Branch of the library. For more details or questions, please contact Aren Gonzalez at 757-686-2538 x6616.

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