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Anime Film Festival and CosPlay: Take III! at Main Library May 13

CosPlay Sports a New Game Twist in Event!



From manga to anime to CosPlay, teens from 12-18 are invited to attend the **3rd CosPlay and Anime Film Festival** at the Main Library on Saturday, May 13 from 1:00-5:30 p.m. Come dressed as your favorite anime or manga character! Win prizes, meet other anime and manga fans, and find out how to learn Japanese through manga, plus watch some anime and much, much more!

“We’re really excited to be able to offer some hot new features this time around,” said Teen Coordinator Paula Brehm-Heeger. “This is our third CosPlay event at the Main Library, and we’ve seen great turnout in the past. We will have several new, exciting features, including videogames and special guest Don Boozer, Literature & Languages Librarian from the Cleveland Public Library. Don will offer sessions on *Learning Japanese from Anime and Manga* and on *Creating and Learning Imaginary Languages* (like Elvish from *The Lord of the Rings*).”

Anime Film Festival & CosPlay: Take III!

- Dress as your favorite anime or manga character.
- Compete in the *Costume Only Competition* or the “*CosPlay*” *Competition*, performing a short two or three-minute skit featuring your character.
- Win cool prizes like Manga (Japanese graphic novels) and Anime DVDs.
- Play *DDR* (*Dance, Dance Revolution*, a very popular and physically active video game)
- Try out a few other video games, too, including PlayStation, Nintendo and Xbox video.
- Don’t miss the *Anime Film Festival* later in the afternoon.
- Cleveland Public Library Literature & Languages Librarian Don Boozer will be offering sessions on *Learning Japanese from Anime and Manga* and on *Creating and Learning Imaginary Languages* (like Elvish from *The Lord of the Rings*)



About Don Boozer’s Workshops

Ever wonder if Arwen and Aragorn were *really* speaking in Elvish in Peter Jackson's *The Lord of the Rings* movies? Is there *really* a Klingon language, or are they just making it up as they go? Imaginary languages have been used in literature and movies since *Gulliver's Travels* to add a sense of realism. Fans of these books and films go to great lengths to learn Quenya, Sindarin,

Klingon, Láadan, and many more. Young adults (and adults) create languages to use in role-playing games or fiction, or just to engage in a linguistic hobby. This workshop will explore the history of imaginary languages, survey pertinent books and films, and delve into what goes into inventing a language.

Don Boozer (a lifelong student of ancient and imaginary languages and scripts, and a librarian in the Literature Department at Cleveland Public Library) will present the workshop. In high school, Don memorized Elvish poetry from *The Lord of the Rings* and wrote in runes. In college, he learned the Greek alphabet and took notes in it in his classes. He is inventing his own languages, like Elasin and Umod, and is currently serving as a Homework Volunteer in an online study group dedicated to learning the Ancient Egyptian language and hieroglyphs. And, along the way, he's been able to pick up some conversational Klingon for good measure.

Call (513) 369-6941 for more information.

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