**PFLUGERVILLE LIBRARY CON 2023 COSPLAY GUIDELINES**

Costumes must be PG and Pfamily-Pfriendly. All costume props and weapons are subject to the approval of library staff. Pflugerville Public Library reserves the right to refuse the entry of a costume that Library staff decides is unfit for an audience of all ages. Costumes deemed inappropriate for a family-friendly event will not be allowed to enter the convention or participate in the costume contests.

There will be zero tolerance for harassment. Keep your hands to yourself. If you would like to take a picture with or of someone, ask permission. Please inform Library staff if you experience or witness any form of harassment.

Props & Weapons:

* Prop or handmade fake weapons **are allowed** and are the responsibility of the cosplayer at all times.
* Weapons with a metal blade (sharpened or not) will not be allowed.
* “NERF”, air soft, paintball and water guns with the firing mechanism disabled will be allowed.
* Misuse of a prop or engaging in any type of inappropriate behavior (fighting, sparring, horseplay) will result in the immediate removal of the prop. All props are subject to review by library staff.

**COSPLAY CONTEST**

The Pflugerville Public Library is happy to host a cosplay contest for teens and adults at our 7th Annual Library Con. Thank you to Friends of the Pflugerville Library, Okashicon, West Pecan Coffee + Beer, Chapparal Ice, The Book Burrow, Sky Candy, and Andy’s Frozen Custard.

The cosplay contest is for ages 12 and up. A separate costume walk will take place at the convention at 5:00 p.m. for our younger cosplayers.

Costumes that do not adhere to our cosplay guidelines will not be considered.

Registration is required to compete in the Cosplay Contest. **Pre-registration is REQUIRED.**

* You may pre-register through the online form at www.pflugervilletx.gov/librarycon from August 15 through September 22 at 12 p.m. **No exceptions will be made**.
* Judging will occur the day of the event. Judging times for each category will be added to our page in early September.

**You may only compete in ONE category:**

* Teen novice (ages 12-17): For those cosplaying for fewer than 2 years and/or those who have never won a cosplay award
* Teen advanced (ages 12-17): For those that have either cosplayed 2+ years or have won at least 1 cosplay award
* Teen master (ages 12-17): For those that have cosplayed 4+ years or have won at least 2 cosplay awards
* Adult novice (ages 18 and up): For those cosplaying for fewer than 3 years and/or those who have never won a cosplay award
* Adult Advanced (ages 18 and up): For those that have either cosplayed 3+ years or have won at least 1 cosplay award
* Adult Master (ages 18 and up): For those that have cosplayed 5+ years or have won at least 2 cosplay awards
* Group (ages 12+, up to 4 people): Only one registration form needs to be completed for each group.

In addition, three **Judge’s Choice awards** will be awarded to cosplayers who show promise and/or originality.