



Great GeekFest 2026 – Cosplay Contest Rules

To participate in the 2026 Cosplay Contest, all contestants must register online. They will then be sent a detailed cosplay form to complete. Sign-ups will be open until full, with five spaces for each category left open for the day of the event. These five spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be reserved or held. All participants must be present to participate and to win.

Submissions are accepted from participants of all ages. The contest will be broken up into three age ranges: children ages 0-12 will begin the event with a parade, followed by the teen contest for ages 13-17, and finally the adult contest for ages 18+.

Location/Date:

Delaware County District Library: Delaware Branch
84 East Winter Street, Delaware, OH 43015
Friday, November 6, 2026

Schedule:

Kids Cosplay Parade (ages 0-12) - Line-up at 4:15 PM in the large study room by the stage.

Teen Cosplay Contest (ages 13-17) - Line-up at 5:15 PM in the large study room by the stage.

Adult Cosplay Contest (Ages 18+) - Line-up at 6:45 PM in the large study room by the stage.

Prizes:

All participants of the Kids Cosplay Parade will receive a participation prize.

The teen and adult contests will have one winner for each age range and one overall grand prize winner from any age range. Each winner will receive a prize basket. Other outstanding submissions may be highlighted through DCDL social media, but will not be awarded physical prizes.

Kids Cosplay Parade (ages 0-12) - All participants will receive a small prize.

Teen Cosplay Contest (ages 13-17) - One winning prize basket will be awarded.

Adult Cosplay Contest (ages 18+) - One winning prize basket will be awarded.

Grand Prize - There will be one grand prize winner from a combination of the teen and adult participants.

Judging:

Cosplays will be judged based on overall quality of construction, accuracy of representation/embodiment of one's chosen character, and the presentation of said cosplay.

Rules:

- Cosplay is not consent. Please do not photograph or touch anyone without their explicit permission.
- Cosplay may *not* include nudity or explicit gestures, overly graphic material, or depictions of violence.
- No glitter, confetti, projectiles, flashpots, explosive devices, pyrotechnics, or special effects of any kind are to be used during the contest.
- No participant can win more than one category/prize.
- A parent/guardian may accompany their child while they walk the runway, but only the child's costume will be judged at that time.
- No real weapons are allowed anywhere on library property.
- No accessories that resemble a gun are allowed on Delaware County District Library property. (Yes, this includes blasters and phasers.)
- All props may be subject to inspection.
- Submissions will be judged the day of, and you must be present to collect a prize.
- While many members of Library staff will be in costume and may participate in a separate runway walk after the competition, they and their immediate family are not eligible to win any prize baskets.

Go forth, fellow geeks and create. And as always, May the Force be with you and Live Long and Prosper!