



Librari-Con

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CUMBERLAND COUNTY
**PUBLIC
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Librari-Con

noun [mash-up]:

library + convention

- Free, one-day mini-convention.
- Celebration of Japanese comics (manga), animation (anime), & graphic novels.
- Featured activities for teens & families including anime viewing, panels, forums, and special guests

2008 “Libby” mascot and artwork for Librari-Con 2008 created and donated by Thor Thorvaldson, creator of *Tales of Marga*



LIBRARI-CON

How-to-Draw Manga

- National businesses, organizations & artists donated time, materials and expertise to make Librari-Con as realistic as possible.
- Workshops were taught by local artists and library staff.
- Goal to create a free version of an anime or comic convention, since professional conventions can be too far away or too expensive to attend.



Anime Trivia and Games

- Example of “low cost” or “no cost programming.”
- Organized by local community anime & Japanese culture club.
- Teens were eager to answer questions and show off their anime knowledge for small prizes donated by the club (or other sources) and bragging rights.



Chibi Lounge (a.k.a. Children's Department)

- Origami for all ages.
- This inexpensive and popular craft also highlighted materials from our print collection.
- Guided by community instructors & library staff.



How to make CosPlay Props

- CosPlay stands for “costume play.”
- Store-bought costumes and props can be very expensive.
- Workshop provided tips and resources for teens to make their own from alternative materials.
- Presented by library staff.



Special Guests

The Carolina Garrison of the 501st Legion of Stormtroopers

Members of this international *STAR WARS* costuming group and charitable organization do not charge for appearances and are enthusiastic about working with libraries.



Artists' Alley Vendors

- Local artists sold handmade items & personal artwork.
- Vendors donated a percentage of proceeds to The Friends of the Library.
- The celebrity of certain local artists helped publicize and draw guests to the event.



CosPlay Runway

- This was the highlight of the day and the most popular activity.
- The stage in the library's activity room became an anime runway as participants posed for pictures.





By the Numbers

Total Librari-Con Budget	\$ 200.00
Amount raised & donated to The Friends of the Library through Artists' Alley	\$ 275.00
Workshops, activities & forums	13
Door count double that of a comparable Saturday	1,961

Librari-Con 2008

A great celebration of teen participation and community!



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