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Fourth Annual "FanNation: The Geekstravaganza" to Return to Toms River Library

TOMS RIVER – The Ocean County Library will host its fourth annual "FanNation: The Geekstravaganza" at the Toms River Branch. FanNation is a multi-genre fandom convention for science fiction, gaming, comic books, animation, anime, fantasy, horror, steampunk, and everything in between. Programming will be geared toward adults and teens 12+.

FanNation's kickoff event will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2 in Mancini Hall with a concert by wizard rock band Tonks & the Aurors. Tonks & the Aurors is a "Harry Potter"-themed group with original songs about the series as well as "muggle" music about other topics. They have plated libraries, bookstores, and conventions nationwide.

FanNation's main event will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3. It will feature over 20 panels, workshops, meetups, presentations, gaming competitions, and a cosplay contest. Guests will include authors, artists, performers, and cosplay groups. Among the topics of the panels and workshops are anime, cosplaying, drawing comics, the history of superhero movies, geek-themed cooking and crafts, and gaming.

There will be a "Supernatural"-themed escape room, an anime game show, and a scavenger hunt based on "The Magicians".

Additional information can be found at theoceancountylibrary.org/teens/fannation.

To register for FanNation and the kickoff event, visit theoceancountylibrary.org/events or call the branch at 732-349-6200.