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"FanNation: The Geekstravaganza" to Gather Fandoms to Toms River Library

TOMS RIVER – Geeks... assemble! The fourth annual "FanNation: The Geekstravaganza" is coming to the Toms River Branch of the Ocean County Library Nov. 2 and 3.

FanNation gathers together fans of science fiction, gaming, comic books, animation, anime, fantasy, horror, and everything in between to play games, attend panels, and maybe discover their next obsession.

The Nov. 2 kickoff event will feature wizard rock band Tonks and the Aurors in Mancini Hall. The group has been bringing its brand of "Harry Potter"-inspired tunes around North America and Europe since 2007. The group also has "muggle music", unrelated to the wizarding world. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show is 7 to 8 p.m.

The main event on Nov. 3 will feature a slew of activities from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Listen to authors and artists discuss their craft and expertise in their field of geekery. Cook geek-themed food. Talk to likeminded fans in our fan meetups. Play video games and tabletop games.

Represent your fandom in our cosplay contest where prizes will be awarded to individuals in the six categories: comic books, video games, anime/manga, movies/TV, fantasy, and group cosplay. Participants must register between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the lobby.

The branch is located at 101 Washington Street.

Parking on the upper level of the municipal garage behind the library is free on Saturday but space is limited. There are several restaurants within walking distance of the library for your food needs.

Visit theoceancountylibrary.org/teens/fannation for a full list of activities, special guests, and other information, including registration.