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EXPLORE YOUR FAVOURITE FANDOMS AT SPL'S INAUGURAL MAKER CON

Fans come first this Saturday, August 14th at Stratford Public Library's inaugural maker conference, *Maker Con: Rise of the Fandoms*. Between 1pm and 4pm the library will be offering up opportunities for people of all ages to come together and create fandom-inspired art, costumes, potions, and more. Plus, there will be plenty of games, stories, and prizes!

"We're bringing the community back together with a bang!" Says Teen Services Librarian Brooke Windsor. "Maker Con is a place where you can make friends who share your passions, learn new ways of creating, and have a good time in an innovative online environment."

Maker Con will take place on a platform called Gather Town which is designed to make online interactions feel more like real life. Conference goers can only interact with others who are nearby in the virtual library. When you walk up to someone--a friend, volunteer, or staff member--video screens pop up and you can talk to each other. MakerSpace Assistant Eric says,

"We're very excited to have people to experience the library in a new way. The virtual library on Gather Town is like Zelda meets Zoom. You can get together and connect with your fandom and friends in a videogame!"

Free tickets to Maker Con are now available. Once you sign up for General Admission, you can start reserving workshop kits for creative activities such as a magic potions class, building foam armor, special effects make-up, and more. Though the workshop kits are limited in number and first-come-first-served, lists of materials will be made available so people can participate with their own materials or with friends from out of town.

Don't miss this exciting free event, where people of all ages can explore their favourite fandoms while meeting new people and igniting their creativity.

For more details about Maker Con and to book your free tickets, visit splibrary.ca/makercon

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