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## Glendale Library's Comic Con is Bigger Than Ever Spider-Man Received Free Library Card, Inspires Staff

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The Glendale Public Library often works with community partners such as costumed player (cosplayers) groups to bring a fun pop culture presence to library events. It was at one, where Senior Library Assistant Ray Ceo had his close encounter with the always popular Spiderman. This inspiring moment has brought about some ambitious plans for LIBCON West, the library's annual pop-culture convention.

LIBCON West will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Main Glendale Library.

"Last year, approximately eight hundred attended the event. This year's event will include about fifty vendors, four delicious food trucks. And of course, cosplayers, somewhere around 200 of them, including Spider-Man, so we are expecting another large turnout." says Ceo. "I gave Spider-Man a library card!" he says. "I've always suspected that our library patrons and community members were superheroes, but now I have proof."

The Community Services Department's Library division partnered with the Poisoned Pen Bookstore to have two author panels, and have lined up science fiction, fantasy and horror authors, including Beth Cata, Emily Devenport, Tom Leveen, among others. Additionally, the library has worked with Drawn to Comics, and arranged to have Nicole Angelfinger, Brian Augustyn, Katelyn McCaigue, and many others for their "Comics and Creators" panel, which will be moderated by Ken Brown of Drawn to Comics. The library has also added a Pokémon Go meetup, where aficionados of the popular mobile app game can tour the library, collect various Pokémon, and compete in the virtual gym located in the adjacent Sahuaro Ranch Park.

"LIBCON West has always been about collaborating. We have staff at every branch, from every level working on this project. We bring in new staff members, who bring new ideas to make this event great," says Ceo. "It's no surprise that we've made our library system such a hub for all things pop-culture that even Spider-Man wanted a library card with us," said Ceo.

For more information visit: [libconwest.org](http://libconwest.org).



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