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**MOUNT VERNON PUBLIC LIBRARY TO HOST 2ND ANNUAL COMIC EXPO
FREE OUTDOOR EVENT TO TAKE PLACE ON SOUTH SECOND AVENUE**

Mount Vernon, NY. - Do you love comics? Did you grow up reading comic books or go to the movies and thrill at watching your favorite comic book characters come to life? Are you an enthusiastic gamer or anime follower? Perhaps you submerge yourself into the worlds of sci-fi and fantasy. If any of these apply to you, or you are just plain curious, here is your chance to experience the realms of comics and pop culture firsthand among a community of people who share your passions!

The Mount Vernon Public Library is hosting the Second Annual Comic Expo on Saturday, September 22 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm on South Second Avenue between First and Second Streets in Mount Vernon, New York.

Comic Expo is a free pop culture event featuring vendors, artists, entertainers, children's activities, gaming tournaments, anime viewings and more! Cosplayers will be present throughout the day showing off their cosplay finery and will be interacting with attendees.

Last year's inaugural expo was an overwhelming success and all indications are that the event this year will be bigger and better than before! "At an event like this we hope to bring out those passionate about comics, and those who are new to, or interested in, comics, anime and gaming," shared Ms. Evania Thompson, Director. "The Annual New York Comic Con is a great event, at a cost. Our Comic Expo is filled with activities and is free to the public."

There will be a cosplay contest with a \$500 Grand Prize for contestants ages 13 and up. Cosplay, the dressing up as a character from a movie, book, or video game, especially one from the Japanese genres of manga and anime, is a very popular attraction at comic conventions

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worldwide, and our cosplay contest is sure to be a smash. There will also be a junior cosplay contest for children ages birth to 12 years.

Food and refreshments will be offered for purchase with a variety of cuisine offered by food truck vendors.

Comic Expo has been made possible, in part, with a 2018 Arts Alive Project Grant from ArtsWestchester, Pepsico and funding from NYS Assemblyman J. Gary Pretlow.

In the event of inclement weather, the Expo will be held on Saturday, September 29.

For further information contact MVPL Comic Expo at 914-668-1840 ext. 236 or ext. 224
<http://www.mtvpl.org/comicexpo>.

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