GEEKFEST WEEKEND

WHEN
January 30-31, 2016

WHERE
Bellmore Memorial Library, 2288 Bedford Ave., Bellmore, NY 11710

WHAT
Celebrate all things pop culture during this weekend-long extravaganza for all ages.

For program details and registration information, visit www.bellmorelibrary.org/geekfestwknd or call 516-785-2990

FEATURING
Minecraft Morning
Pizza & Pictures with Disney Characters
Marvel VS DC Showdown
Star Wars & Superheroes Meet-N-Greet
Super Smash Bros. Tournament
Happy (Doctor) Who Year & Much More!
Day 1: Sat., Jan. 30

**Minecraft Morning**
11:00AM-12:00PM (Location: Community Room)

Bring your own devices with Minecraft already installed or use the library’s iPads or PS3 to play. Compete in challenges for a chance to win prizes, or, bring Minecraft to life with crafts inspired by the hit game. Open to ages 6-16. **Space is limited.** Register [here](#) starting Sunday, January 10.

**Fandom Arts & Crafts**
12:00PM-1:00PM (Location: Meeting Room)

You bring your imagination, we’ll supply the crayons and coloring sheets of popular sci-fi and fantasy characters. All ages are welcome. **Registration recommended.**

**Pizza & Pictures with Disney Characters**
12:30PM-1:15PM or 1:30PM-2:15PM (Location: Community Room)

Meet your favorite Disney couples, such as Minnie and Mickey, Anna and Kristoff, and more. Pizza will be served. Open to children ages 5 and under. **Space is limited.** Register [here](#) for the 12:30PM program and [here](#) for the 1:30PM program starting Sunday, January 10.

**Picture Yourself: A Comic Book Workshop**
1:30PM-2:30PM (Location: Meeting Room)

Learn how to use Pixton to create your own digital comics. All ages are welcome. **Space is limited.** Register [here](#) starting Sunday, January 10.

**Reel Chat: Hitchcock Edition**
2:30PM-5:00PM (Location: Community Room)

Join us for a special showing of one of Alfred Hitchcock’s most terrifying films, *The Birds* (rated PG-13). After the movie, join us for a discussion on the cult classic. Open to ages 13 and up. **Registration recommended.**

**Marvel VS DC Showdown**
3:00PM-4:00PM (Location: Meeting Room)

During this special Rotten Tomatoes style program, you’ll have a chance to voice your opinions of the best and worst superhero movies and television shows of all time. All ages are welcome. **Registration recommended.**

**Harry Potter Scavenger Hunt**
4:00PM-5:00PM (Location: Children’s Room)

Stop He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named by locating hidden Dark Marks. Open to ages 8-12. **Space is limited.** Register [here](#) starting Sunday, January 10.

Day 2: Sun., Jan. 31
Star Wars Rebels Showing
1:00PM-2:00PM (Location: Meeting Room)

An essential part of the new Star Wars canon, Star Wars Rebels: Spark of Rebellion unveils the origins of the Rebel Alliance. All ages are welcome. Registration recommended.

Star Wars & Superheroes Meet-n-Greet
2:00PM-3:00PM (Location: Children’s Room)

Meet your favorite Star Wars characters and superheroes. Open to children ages 5-12. Space is limited. Register here starting Sunday, January 10.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament
3:00PM-4:30PM (Location: Meeting Room)

Play Super Smash Bros. on the library’s Wii U for a chance to win an epic prize. Open to ages 6-16. Space is limited. Register here starting Sunday, January 10.

Happy Who Year!
3:30PM-4:30PM (Location: Community Room)

Celebrate the new year with a visit to New Earth! We’ll watch the fan-favorite DW episode of the same name, and journey to the city of New New York with the Doctor and Rose. During the screening, we’ll play a Doctor Who party game and the winner will go home with a Who-themed prize. Refreshments will be served. Open to all ages. Registration recommended.

Important GeekFest Weekend Information

- The Children’s Department will be closed for GeekFest programming on Sat., January 30 and from 1-3 on Sun., January 31. There will be no access to toys or children’s materials during this time. However, if you need a specific book, DVD or CD, please call the library and a staff member can find the item for you and bring it down to the Circulation Desk for you to pick up and borrow.

- Please keep in mind that all 3 departments (Children’s, Young Adult, and Adult) have programs scheduled all day on both days. If you are registered for a program, please plan accordingly since parking might be an issue.
Email Feedback from Patron

Message Body:

Thank you to the wonderful staff at the Bellmore Memorial Library for hosting such a great event! The GEEKFEST was such a terrific way to invite young people who share common interests together and to promote and foster relationships with each other and the library staff a, who are an important part of our community. You can see the enthusiasm that the staff members had for this event by the way they promoted it, greeted patrons and really got into character (literally).

This first event we attended was the MINECRAFT Scavenger Hunt. It was a great way for my son, Cooper, to learn more about this game. The scavenger hunt gave him an incentive to read as well as locate the essential things needed in order to “craft” a world. He was able to work with other children and benefited from the extensive knowledge that Jessica and Pam (I hope have their correct names) have about this game.

In the past, we have enjoyed coming to evening MINECRAFT events. The guides provided are most helpful in helping me try to understand what he is supposed to do as I read them to him.

Later in the day, he met up with many of his friends and created his own comic book. When he got home, I asked him how it was and he sat down and logged onto a new site and said, “Let me show you!” This action speaks for itself. He continues to use the program to create comics. Both of these activities will have long-term and meaningful learning benefits to those that attended.

The movie on Sunday was a nice way for Cooper to gather with other people who like Star Wars. He won some raffles and was so excited to meet the characters! The prizes, give-a-ways, and activities are evidence of the tremendous effort that went into planning and hosting this event!

The structure and time-allotment for the activities promoted learning, practicing, sharing and bonding. This event and other past events makes Bellmore Memorial Library not only a place to get resources, but a place in which a community is built! Miss Debbie once again showed her dedication, creativity and wonderful management skills by executing such a great event! Our family looks forward to more amazing events and admires and appreciates the entire staff who work to make these things happen.