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In years past, the Burleson Public Library has hosted a number of events dedicated to the study of Anime (Japanese animated films) and Manga (Japanese comics). On Saturday, Nov. 8, the Burleson Public Library is combining the two for the Burleson Anime & Manga Festival. The event is slated for 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 248 S.W. Johnson Ave.

The library attracted hundreds of people from around Texas in previous years, and this year promises to bring in professional guests from as far away as Austin. Those on the roster Nov. 8 include Chaka Cumberbatch (cosplayer), Taffeta Darling (cosplayer/podcaster), Drew Edwards (writer/creator), Taylor Elizabeth (cosplayer/podcaster), Eddie Medina (artist/creator), Mangaka and voice actress Kristen McGuire (Haganai Next and Date A Live), Terry Parr (artist), voice actress Whitney Rodgers (Dead Man Wonderland and Haganai), Halo Sama (artist) and cosplayer Josh Watson.

The schedule is still being tweaked. It will include panel discussions on comic book creation, voice acting and the art of cosplay and costume design. There will also be a costume contest, prize giveaways and rooms devoted toward both video gaming and board games/card games.

Please be advised that, by state law, weapons and realistic weapon replicas of any kind cannot be carried on to library property. For more information call 817-426-9205 or visit the event website at www.burlesonlibrary.com.