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The Burleson Public Library has hosted a number of events dedicated to the study of Anime (Japanese animated films) and Manga (Japanese comics), but on Saturday, Nov. 8, the library will combine 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 Nov. 8 roster include Michael Champion (artist), Chaka Cumberbatch (cosplayer/podcaster), Taffeta Darling (cosplayer/podcaster), Drew Edwards (writer/creator), Taylor Elizabeth (cosplayer/podcaster), Chris "Oz" Fulton (artist), 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 doors open at 10 a.m., followed by a costume contest at 11 a.m. and a lunch break at noon. The afternoon includes a comic creators panel at 1 p.m., cosplay panel at 2 p.m., voice actor panel (with autograph session to follow) at 3 p.m., and a prize giveaway at 4:30 p.m. Throughout the day, there will be an artist alley, vendor tables and rooms devoted toward both video gaming and board games/card games available.

The Friends of The Burleson Public have supported the festival, as have sponsors Arda Wigs, Collected Comics & Games, Doughboy's Pizza Truck, Funimation, Looney Labs, Paizo Publishing and Slugfest Games!

By state law, weapons and realistic weapon replicas of any kind cannot be carried on to Burleson Public Library property. For more information call 817-426-9205 or visit the event website at www.burlesonlibrary.com.