

Convention attracts Ghostbusters, Superman, Star Wars, and more

RIPLEY - A Mini-Con, by definition, is "a convention dedicated to furthering science fiction and fantasy literature."

Jackson County's Public Library in Ripley is hosting its fourth annual Mini-Con on Saturday, April 14. Event hours for "Aliens

Amongst Us" are from 3:30-9 p.m. at the library on N. Church Street.

In addition, Fred Saluga is making a presentation at 1 p.m. He is the state director of the Mutual UFO Network and teaches college classes on the subject. Saluga hosts a YouTube channel "UFOs over Pittsburgh."

The convention is complete with role play games, crafts, costume contests, a Jedi training camp, and more. Guests include Star Wars and Ghostbuster characters and a Final Form Fusion Belly Dancers.

"This is for anyone who may be interested in Superman, Star Trek or Dr. Who," said organizer Carla Long. "It's going to be an out of this world experience."

It is primarily a literacy outreach program geared to encourage and foster a life-long love of reading through the use of comics, gaming and other out-of-the-box methodologies.

Activities include a Lego build, drawing manga, flying saucer races and robot wars. Also, results will be announced for the art and photo contests.

For information, contact Carla Long at 304-372-5343.



The gang from "Ghostbusters" is expected to be in Ripley for Mini-Con on Saturday, April 14.