

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

SAMICON

TAKE ME TO YOUR LIBRARY.

A free community event celebrating literacy through graphic novels, comics, fandom, and creativity for all ages.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Your guide to SamiCon: Area 330

Prepare for Launch



About SamiCon

SamiCon is an annual, one-day event at the library that brings together readers, creators, and community members of all ages. Now in its 11th year, it features guest authors, vendors and crafters, activity and interactive tables, workshops, and speaker sessions.

Attendees can take part in hands-on activities, explore a staff-designed escape room, and join a library-wide scavenger hunt. Raffles and themed prizes run throughout the day, adding an extra layer of participation and fun.

SamiCon reflects the library's mission to bring people, information, and ideas together to enrich lives and build community. By offering free, accessible opportunities to learn, create, and connect, the event provides a welcoming space for individuals and families to engage with the library in a meaningful way.

Mission Details



Step into Area 330 as a vendor, program table host, or panelist. All of these lifeforms play an important role in helping us make this mission a success.

Event Date: Saturday, September 19, 2026

Event Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Launch Zone 330 East Criser Road

Location: Front Royal, VA 22630

SamiCon: Area 330



SamiCon will transform into Area 330, a space-inspired environment designed to engage attendees throughout the day. Vendors, program hosts, and guest authors and speakers are all integrated into this environment, creating a dynamic experience that blends shopping, learning, crafting, and live engagement.

In addition to vendor booths and scheduled programming, Area 330 will feature a staff-created escape room, interactive scavenger hunts, and raffle prize opportunities. As a participant, you are part of what makes Area 330 an active and engaging destination, helping shape an experience that is both memorable and highly interactive for attendees.

Vendor & Program Table Host Information

Assigned Space Pods (Tables)

Due to limited space and tables, Samuels Library can only provide vendors with **up to 2 tables** on a *first-come, first-serve* basis.

Table size: ~2.5 ft x 6 ft

You may bring your own table(s). A limited number of **5 spots** will be reserved for vendors or programmers to have 3 tables on a *first-come, first-serve* basis. If available, the third table must be supplied by the vendor/programmer. If interested, please inquire about available spots for 3 tables when submitting your application.

Vendors and programmers will receive a map of the event prior to September 19 with their assigned table location. All tables will have a name card of the vendor/programmer

Docking & Cargo Drop-Off Procedures

Vendors and programmers are welcome to park in the parking lot for **setup from 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM**.

We ask that anyone working the event to please move their vehicle(s) to the neighboring parking lot at Ressie Jeffries Elementary School, if possible, to help free up space for attendees. Library staff will be parked there, as well as any overflow.

Pre-Launch Setup Access

Samuels Library staff will be staying late the Friday before, September 18th, to allow for more prep time.

Vendors and programmers with tables are welcome to come to the library after closing at **5:30 PM - 6:30 PM** to get a headstart on setup. Early setup is optional.

Mission Timeline

9:00 AM – Arrival / Setup
10:00 AM – Doors open
4:00 PM – Breakdown
5:00 PM – Library closes



FAQ

What is the difference between a vendor and table program host?

A vendor sells products, while a table program host conducts a free activity at their table. Any table that sells products is considered a vendor and must pay the \$20 vendor fee.

Who can apply?

Vendors, artists, creators, community organizations, educators, hobby groups, and activity/program hosts are all encouraged to apply.

What are the size of the tables?

The provided tables are foldable standard sized tables measuring approximately 2.5' W x 6' L

Will I know where my table is located before the event?

Yes. A map with assigned table locations will be sent prior to September 19. Each table will also have a name card identifying the vendor or program host.

What is the age range of the event?

SamiCon is a family-friendly event open to all ages. While many adults attend, a large portion of attendees and participants are children and teens.

How can I make my table more engaging?

Interactive displays, demonstrations, hands-on activities, themed decorations, and attendee participation opportunities are encouraged and help contribute to the experience.

Can I participate in SamiCon activities as a vendor or table program host?

Of course! It may be beneficial to have a friend or family member come help run your table at the event so you can have a look around yourself. Unfortunately, library staff is unable to monitor tables due to other event responsibilities.