



AN ALL-AGES FAN CONVENTION
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

PANELS & LIVE DEMOS

WHAT IS LARP?

MEETING ROOM A | 11:00 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.

PRESENTED BY: TIFFANY "PRIMROSE BETTA" RUSIN OF DUNLAND

This presentation offers a comprehensive look at Dunland, a fantasy Live Action Role-Playing (LARP) group rooted in the fast-paced, full-contact combat of Belegarth. The talk will guide attendees through the core elements of the game, explain how our local realm operates in Brazil, Indiana, and highlight the vibrant community that brings our adventures to life. The presentation culminates in an exciting live demo of the combat, giving a firsthand look at the safe and engaging battles that define our sport.

HOW TO DRAW ANYTHING WITH GENE HA

MEETING ROOM B & C | 11:00 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.

PRESENTED BY: GENE HA

Gene will teach you how to draw ANYTHING! People, buildings, cars, animals: what would you like to draw better? Give a young artist a pencil, paper, a camera phone, and a few simple principles and watch them draw anything. Add a web browser and their imagination, and they can even draw the faraway and the imaginary. Art is a process of observation, experiment and play.

SWORDS DRAWN: MEDIEVAL MARTIAL ARTS DEMO

WALNUT STREET LAWN | 11:00 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. & 1:00 P.M. - 1:45 P.M.

PRESENTED BY: DAVID KITE

Come to the VCPL lawn by Walnut street to watch sword fighting that is informed by historical styles of fighting and weaponry.

CHARACTER GROWTH AND CHARACTER SHEETS

MEETING ROOM B & C | 12:00 P.M. - 12:45 P.M.

PRESENTED BY: DR. FRANCESCA MCCARTHY & KARI DAYHUFF

Step into the world of Dungeons & Dragons and discover how this legendary game helps kids grow into confident, compassionate, and creative thinkers. As young adventurers battle monsters, solve enchanted puzzles, and roleplay as heroes, they naturally build math skills, emotional intelligence, collaboration, and resilience. This panel is perfect for educators, parents, therapists, and anyone curious about how fantasy roleplay can inspire real-world growth and why rolling dice might be one of the most powerful tools for learning.

LIVE LARPING

WALNUT STREET LAWN | 12:00 P.M. - 12:45 P.M.

PRESENTED BY: DUNLAND

View an exciting look into Live Action Role-Playing (LARP) and the fast-paced, full-contact combat of Belegoth with the Realm of Dunland's finest warriors.

GAMING ON YOUTUBE: RUNNING A CHANNEL

MEETING ROOM A | 1:00 P.M. - 1:45 P.M.

PRESENTED BY: LANCE HINKEL OF LEARN 2 PLAY GAMES

Lance will share what life is like running a Youtube channel, including the benefits and downfalls. Hear how he got started and his connections made through his love for games and dedication to growing a Youtube channel.

LEVELLING UP: PSYCHOLOGY OF GAMING

MEETING ROOM B & C | 1:00 P.M. - 1:45 P.M.

PRESENTED BY: JAIRON JONES

Gaming culture—whether it unfolds through the epic campaigns of tabletop role-playing games or the immersive landscapes of video games—offers more than entertainment. It provides a unique lens into human psychology, identity, and community. This panel brings together mental health professionals, game designers, and lifelong players to explore the powerful connections between gaming and mental well-being.

ANCIENT GAMES: PLAYING WITH OUR ANCESTORS

HAUTE CREATE | 2:00 P.M. - 2:45 P.M.

PRESENTED BY: DAVID SPARKS, JOSEPH SORELL, KOSTIANTYN MOHARYCHEV, & BO PANG

In the Ancient Games workshop, we will explore three (or four?) ancient board games. These are the ancient world's version of virtual reality. Children in northern Europe could contemplate the possibility of a Viking invasion in Tablut or make command decisions for Roman legionnaires in 12 Men's Morris without the threat of death or injury.

LIVE DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

MEETING ROOM D | 2:00 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.

PRESENTED BY: JORDAN ORWIG

Come experience the excitement of Dungeons & Dragons as a group of VCPL staff members and a special guest from the Terre Haute community go on a Wild Sheep Chase! The session, organized by Dungeon Master and Vigo County Public Library Executive Director Jordan Orwig, will feature a party of adventurers whose relaxing afternoon is interrupted by a frantic sheep with a fierce determination to get their attention. Join us for an adventure filled with magical hijinks, live dice rolling, rambunctious entertainment, and everything that makes D&D great!

COSPLAY IN THE MEDIA

MEETING ROOM B & C | 2:00 P.M. - 2:45 P.M.

PRESENTED BY: LUNAR LEPUUS COSPLAY & NIKKI NOSTALGIA

In this panel, we will have an open forum discussion about how cosplay is represented in all kinds of media. We will talk about the ups and downs of social media, cosplay TV shows, and how we can come together as a community to navigate all areas of cosplay.

CON CRUNCH

MEETING ROOM B & C | 3:00 P.M. - 3:45 P.M.

PRESENTED BY: LUNAR LEPUUS COSPLAY & NIKKI NOSTALGIA

We set the scene - it's the night before the convention. You haven't slept in 48 hours, can't remember the last time you ate or showered. What's water taste like? You can barely see the cosplay you've been working on anymore, is this the exhaustion or the fact you haven't blinked in 3 hours? This is con crunch. In this panel we will discuss our horror stories of con crunch, how to do better next time, and how we definitely still con crunch but don't ruin ourselves completely while doing it.

CREATING AND ILLUSTRATING COMIC ORIGINAL CHARACTERS

MEETING ROOM B & C | 4:00 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.

PRESENTED BY: MADISON KING OF MUSEART

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

LOCATION

TIME

	LOBBY	OUTSIDE	CONFERENCE ROOM	LIFELONG LEARNING	MEETING ROOM A	MEETING ROOM B & C	MEETING ROOM D
11:00 A.M.	MARKETPLACE DO ART PRODUCTIONS	SWORD FIGHTING DEMO	LIVE PLAY: EVERDELL		WHAT IS LARP?	HOW TO DRAW ANYTHING	BLOOD ON THE CLOCKTOWER TABLETOP
12:00 P.M.	MEET & GREET WITH THE BEAST (12:00 P.M. & 3:00 P.M.) DOOR PRIZE REGISTRATION	LARPING DEMO			TO BOLDLY KNOW: STAR TREK TRIVIA	CHARACTER GROWTH & CHARACTER SHEETS	
1:00 P.M.		SWORD FIGHTING DEMO		INDY IDOLS PERFORMANCE	GAMING ON YOUTUBE	LEVELING UP: PSYCHOLOGY OF GAMING	
2:00 P.M.			LIVE PLAY: BRASS BIRMINGHAM OR SCYTHE	INDY IDOLS MEET & GREET		COSPLAY IN THE MEDIA	LIVE DUNGEONS & DRAGONS
3:00 P.M.					TO BOLDLY KNOW: STAR TREK TRIVIA	CON CRUNCH	
4:00 P.M.						CREATING COMIC ORIGINAL CHARACTERS	
5:00 P.M.							

	HAUTE CREATE	YOUTH SERVICES	YS PROGRAM ROOM	TEEN SPACE	SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	SOUTH ENTRANCE
	BOTTLE UP SOME MAGIC	LIVE PLAY FOR KIDS: SANDCASTLES OF BURGUNDY	VCPL GRAND PRIX	— — — — — — — — —	THE POKEMON CENTER THE GAME ROOM	UNO PLAYTIME
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	ANCIENT GAMES	— — — — — — — — —		HERO QUEST		
		LIVE PLAY FOR KIDS: DISNEY VILLAINOUS UNSTOPPABLE!				
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ALL DAY

- FAN ART SHOW - WEST WING

MARKET VENDORS

- GENE HA
- KYLE STARKS
- CREATIONS BY HANNAH B.
- GHOSTBUSTERS CLOVERDALE
- SEWER LAIR TOYS
- LOW KEY COMICS

BONUS

- GENE HA PORTFOLIO REVIEWS IN COLLABORATIVE ROOM 5 @ 1:00 (PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED)

KEY

-  PANELS
-  DEMOS
-  GAMES
-  TRIVIA
-  CRAFTS
-  OTHER

GUESTS & PANELISTS

BO PANG

ANCIENT GAMES

Bo Pang is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Construction Management Technology at Purdue University. He is a life-long Chinese chess player. While still in primary school, he was recognized as an Amateur 4th rank player by World Xiangqi Federation.

DAVID KITE

SWORDS DRAWN

David Kite is a member of the Association for Renaissance Martial Arts (ARMA) and is the study group coordinator for the Terre Haute chapter. He has studied Historical European Martial Arts (HEMA) since 2001. He has had a lifelong passion for swords and European history and has published research and translations of original European fencing books.

DAVID SPARKS

ANCIENT GAMES

David Sparks has a B.A. in Cognitive Science from Indiana University and holds an M.A.T. in teaching also from Indiana University.

DR. FRANCESCA MCCARTHY

CHARACTER SHEETS AND CHARACTER GROWTH

Dr. Francesca McCarthy is a licensed clinical psychologist. She earned her B.A. in Psychology and Sociology from Holy Cross College, her M.S. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Indiana State University, and her Doctor of Psychology from Wright State University.

GENE HA

MARKETPLACE, PORTFOLIO REVIEWS, HOW TO DRAW ANYTHING

Gene Ha is a five-time Eisner award winner for his art on Wonder Woman Historia, Top 10 and other superhero comics. He also creates Mae, a graphic novel about a girl who follows her missing sister to a world of mad science and mystery. (geneha.com)

JAIRON JONES

LEVELLING UP

Jairon Jones holds a Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis (December 2023) from Purdue University Global, with a major in Applied Behavior Analysis. Master of Science in Psychology (December 2021) from the same institution.

JORDAN ORWIG

LIVE DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Jordan Orwig is the Executive Director at the VCPL and has been a public librarian for over a decade. Furthermore, he has had a love for sci-fi, fantasy, horror, and all things weird his entire life. He has organized multiple library conventions as well as presented on how librarians can organize and run their own at both the state and national level. When he's not reading, running, or playing video games, he's trying to find ways to squeeze in at least one more D&D session (much to the annoyance of his family).

JOSEPH SORELL

ANCIENT GAMES

Joseph Sorell holds an M.A. in TESOL from Michigan State University and a Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.

KARI DAYHUFF

CHARACTER SHEETS AND CHARACTER GROWTH

Kari Dayhuff is an educator licensed in P-12 Special Education, K-6 Elementary Education, and 5-9 Language Arts. After first double majoring in Elementary and Special Education, she earned her Master's in Educational Leadership- School Supervision and Administration in 2018, and is currently pursuing her Educational Specialist degree in School Psychology.

KOSTIANTYN MOHARYCHEV

ANCIENT GAMES

Kostiantyn Moharychev is currently a visiting scholar in the Department of History at Purdue University's College of Liberal Arts.

KYLE STARKS

MARKETPLACE

Kyle Starks is an American comic book writer and artist who has been nominated for multiple Eisner Awards. He is best known for his work on the Rick and Morty comics from Oni Press, as well as his creator-owned comics Sexcastle, Kill Them All, and Assassin Nation. (Wikipedia)

LANCE HINKEL

LIVE PLAY FOR KIDS, GAMING ON YOUTUBE

Lance has been involved with the board game industry for over 15 years. His Youtube channel, Learn 2 Play Games has been running for over 10 years with over 17K subscribers and 3 million views. His passion is teaching and sharing games with everyone. Be sure to join him on Learn 2 Play Games for tutorials and introduction to new games.

LUNAR LEPU S COSPLAY

COSPLAY IN THE MEDIA, CON CRUNCH

Lunar Lepus cosplay is an award winning cosplayer and panelist with 350+ hours of panel experience. She travels all around the Midwest to compete and run panels so that she can help make the cosplay community bigger and better.

MADISON KING

CREATING AND ILLUSTRATING COMIC ORIGINAL CHARACTERS

Born and raised in Terre Haute, Madison has always had a love of expressing her artistic side. As a young artist, she participated in the Swope Summer Art programs, and many youth art competitions and shows. Madison attended Ball State University where she graduated with a BFA in Art/Animation. She has focused on mainly comic art, having worked for platforms such as WEBTOON and Lore Olympus. Her style is inspired by anime and mid-2000s cartoons.

NIKKI NOSTALGIA

COSPLAY IN THE MEDIA, CON CRUNCH

Nikki Nostalgia is an award winning cosplayer and panelist with 500+ hours of hosting experience. They host a variety of events centered around cosplay, makeup, food, and LGBT+ experiences at conventions in the Midwest.

TIFFANY RUSIN

WHAT IS LARP?

Tiffany Rusin, also known as Primrose Betta (or Prim for short) in Belegarth, has been playing the sport since 2023 and is a dedicated member of the realm of Dunland, located in Brazil, Indiana. She studied theatre and music at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, a background that has provided a unique perspective on the art of performance and community engagement. Beyond the battlefield, she brings professional experience in social media and marketing, which has been instrumental in growing and promoting the Dunland community. A skilled archer, she has a keen eye for both strategy and detail, whether on the field or in a campaign.

