

RODICON

Saturday April 5, 2025

RODICON.UNI.EDU

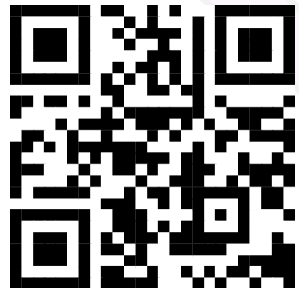


GAMES | COSTUME CONTESTS | KIDZONE | ARTIST ALLEY

Save The Date:

RodCon 2026

Saturday March 28, 2026



Send us feedback to help
improve RodCon:
<https://tinyurl.com/rodcon2025>

WELCOME TO **RODCON**

Welcome to the 10th Annual Rod Library Mini Comic / Pop-culture Con! The event is free and open to the public. Our goal is to connect the UNI community to the public by celebrating comics, heroes, and the arts. Use **#RodCon2025** or **#RodCon** to join the online conversation.

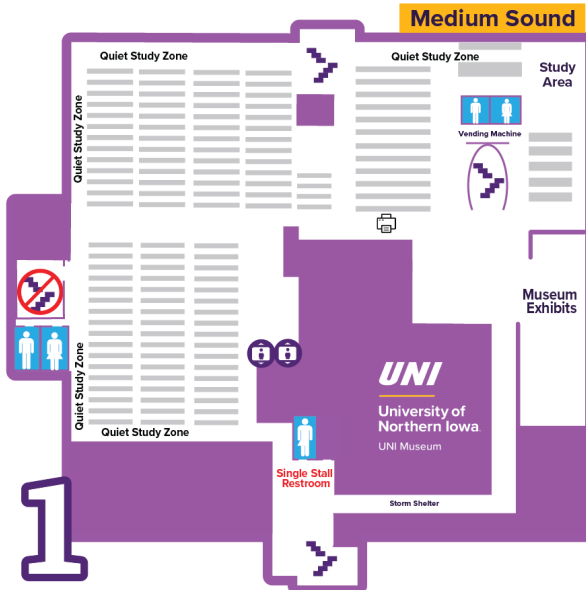
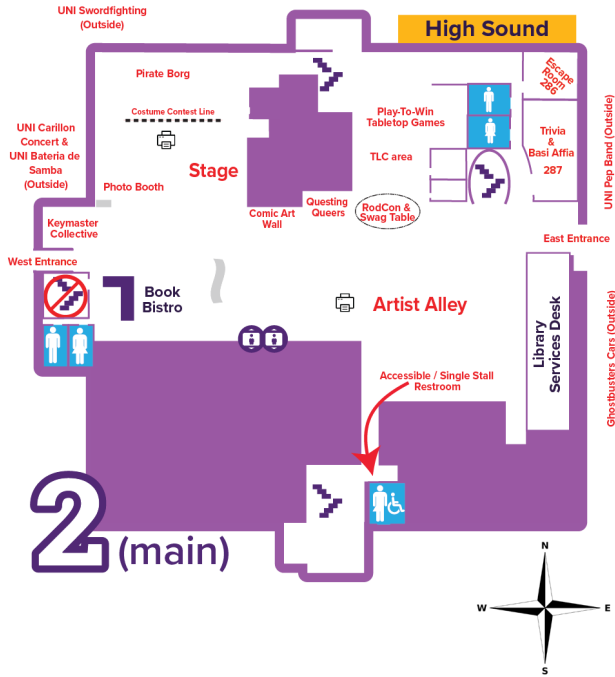
Several UNI departments and community organizations have collaborated with Rod Library to make RodCon possible. Many thanks to UNI Departments of Art, Chemistry and Biochemistry, UNI College of Education, UNI Swordfighting, Panther E-Sports, UNI Gallagher Bluedorn and the School of Music for helping with this event.

By participating in RodCon, all participants agree to allow the Rod Library to use their images for promotional purposes. Stay tuned to our social media for album access to see photos of the event.

Rod Library is always **free** and **open to the public**. You can stop by the Library Services Desk and sign up for a free visitor card. The card will grant you in-house access to any library databases and the ability to check out materials.

**You need a photo ID to get a visitor card.*

LOCATIONS





EVENTS SCHEDULE

*Events run all-day unless time listed

Comic Art Wall	Main floor (2nd floor)
Dark Vassal Gaming Area	4th floor
Duck Hunt	Rod Library
Escape Room	Room 378 (3rd floor) Room 286 (Makerspace 2nd floor)
Friendly Meeple Board Games	TLC Area (2nd floor)
Ghostbuster Car	Outside (Between Rod Library and Maucker Union)
KIDZONE & Puppet Theatre	Youth Collection & Tree Room (3rd floor) 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Panther Esports	Room 301 (3rd floor)
Photo Booth	Main floor (2nd floor)
Quiet Room	Room 324 (3rd floor)
Society for Creative Anachronism	3rd floor (near elevators)
Swag Table	TLC Desk (2nd floor)
Tarot, Palm Readings, Runes, & More	3rd floor lounge
UNI Swordfighting	Outside (north lawn) 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

9:30 a.m.

UNI Pep Band	Outside (Between Rod Library and Maucker Union)
--------------	--

9:45 a.m.

UNI Bateria de Samba	Outside (Between Rod Library and Campanile)
----------------------	--

10 a.m.

D&D Character Building (10-11:30 a.m.)	Outside Youth Collection (3rd floor)
Pirate Borg: Session 1 (10-11:30 a.m.)	Booths near stage (2nd floor)

EVENTS SCHEDULE

11 a.m.

Chemistry Magic Show

Stage (2nd floor)

Snoopy Trivia

Room 287 (2nd floor)

11:30 a.m.

Kid/Teen Costume Contest

Stage (2nd floor)

NOON

D&D Trivia

Room 287 (2nd floor)

UNI Carillon Concert

Outside at Campanile

1 p.m.

Dr. Z. Magic Show

Stage (2nd floor)

Basi Affia The Power
Of Storytelling

Room 287
(2nd floor)

Pirate Borg: Session 2
(1-3 p.m.)

Booths near stage
(2nd floor)

1:30 p.m.

D&D Short Adventure
(D&D Club)

Outside Youth Collection
(3rd floor)

2 p.m.

So You Want to Be a Stormtrooper

Stage (2nd floor)

Sanrio Trivia

Room 287 (2nd floor)

3 p.m.

Adult Costume Contest

Stage (2nd floor)

WHAT'S THAT?

Adult Costume Contest

Stage (2nd floor) @ 3 p.m.

Wearing a costume makes it a more fun day for all! We encourage you to dress as your favorite comic book/anime/manga/sci-fi/movie/game/series character! Anyone wearing anything extremely risqué, overly gory or costumes deemed inappropriate by our staff will be asked to leave or change. Prizes are awarded for - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Contestants will meet by the Foretpan Room in the northwest corner of the second floor by 2:45 p.m. The contest will begin at 3 p.m. on the stage.

Basi Affia The Power of Storytelling

Room 287
(2nd floor) @ 1 p.m.

Basi Affia is the owner of Iowa's first black-owned comic book company and owner of Sensi'il Studios. Basi will be giving a presentation that ponders the influence of storytelling on the individual and society alike, for better and for worse, Q & A to follow.

Book Bistro

2nd floor @ all day

The Book Bistro offers grilled cheese sandwiches and grab-and-go options. The Bistro is located on the 2nd (main) floor near the west entrance.

Chemistry Magic Show

Stage (2nd floor) @ 11 a.m.

Calling all curious minds! Witness thrilling color-changing solutions and other astounding scientific feats with affiliates of the American Chemical Society (ACS).

Comic Art Wall

Main floor (2nd floor) @ all day

Look at the response from local elementary students to the question, "Who makes our community great?" The UNI Art Education students curated and collaborated on this exhibit to highlight the amazing work of these local aspiring artists.

D&D Club

Outside Youth Collection
@ 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Join the Holmes Jr. High Dungeons & Dragons club for character building from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., then come back at 1:30 p.m. for a short adventure.

Dark Vassal Gaming Area

4th floor @ all day

Visit the Dark Vassal Gaming booth or head up to the 4th floor to learn how to play, participate in a game, or observe others playing some of the following games: Warhammer, Dungeons & Dragons (D&D), Lorcan, One Piece, Pokémon, and Magic: The Gathering.

WHAT'S THAT?

Duck Hunt

Hidden inside the library and few around the outside of the library, you will find your favorite superheroes and villains in duck form. Be on the lookout, they can be very sneaky. Find a duck and bring it to the Library Services Desk for a chance to win a prize! (One duck per person)

Dr. Z. Magic Show

Stage (2nd floor) @ 1 p.m.

Be prepared to be filled with awe and wonder while witnessing the magical stylings of The Amazing Zeon. This all-ages magic show will be on stage at 1 p.m., following the kid's costume contest.

Escape Room

Room 286 (Makerspace, 2nd floor) &
Room 378 (3rd floor) @ all day

We need your help! The Tamariki Makala, after messing around in the Udara Kingdom's library, discovered a hidden room filled with ancient texts. Excited to cause a little mischief and fun, Makala stole an ancient scroll from the library! Can you find the scroll before it becomes irreparably damaged? Join us in room 286 or 378 to participate in this Lost Island-themed escape room!

Ghostbuster Car

Outside (between Rod Library &
Maucker Union)

The Iowa Ghostbusters are a non-profit cosplay group affiliated with Sony Pictures and Ghost Corps. Any profits and donations are distributed to our various charitable causes, the main one being the Stead Family Children's Hospital at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics (foriowa.info/Ghostbusters). We make appearances free of charge to conventions, public events, birthday parties, and more! At our table, you will find hand-crafted Ghostbusters-inspired items for sale as well as carnival-style games in which ALL donations go directly to Stead's. Book us to be your next event's paranormal investigators and eliminators!

KIDZONE

Youth Collection (3rd floor) @ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

UNI Art Education students will provide engaging art activities ranging from creating your own Wild Robot puppet, crafting "wicked witch" masks, and designing evil villain "Wanted" posters! You have the opportunity to practice your anime drawing skills with experts, fold an animal crossing bookmark, or construct your very own mini book. Wait, you love fantasy? Design a fantasy map or a pirate puppet and a ship for him to sail away in! Come ready to explore over ten art and literacy activities!

WHAT'S THAT?

Kid/Teen Costume Contest

Stage (2nd floor) @ 11:30 a.m.

Come and strut your stuff on the catwalk for fabulous prizes. Attention! This contest has two categories: 10 & under and 11-17. Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in both categories. Anyone wearing anything extremely risqué, overly gory, or costumes deemed inappropriate by our staff will be asked to leave or change. Contestants will meet by booths in the northwest corner of the second floor by 11:20 a.m. The contest begins at 11:30 a.m. on the stage.

Panther Esports

Room 301 (3rd floor) @ all day

Panther Esports players, members, and executives will be playing some casual games and giving out merch! Panther Esports is the University of Northern Iowa's gaming organization and has exciting events planned year round, including Smash Bros local tournaments nearly every week Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in Maucker Union. Join the Discord: <https://discord.gg/cr5n3vx> and check out our other socials on our link tree at <https://linktr.ee/UNIPantherEsports>.

Photo Booth

Main floor (2nd floor) @ all day

Gather a group or take a selfie with our do-it-yourself photo booth. Images can be emailed, texted, or sent to you via social media.

Pirate Borg

Booths near stage (2nd floor)

Learn to play PIRATE BORG, a rules-light, art-heavy, scurvy-ridden tabletop RPG. Cross swords with skeletal pirates, explore the DARK CARIBBEAN, and search for magical treasures. No experience needed, all materials provided, and action-packed adventure guaranteed! Session 1 focuses on naval combat and exploration. Session 2 includes a good old-fashioned dungeon crawl and an epic boss fight. Play in either one, or stay for both!

Play-to-Win Tabletop Games

TLC area (2nd floor) @ all day

Come play some tabletop games for an opportunity to win a game to take home with you! With support from Double Exposure's Envoy Program, local gaming group Friendly Meeple will be hosting play-to-win games. Stop by and play a game and your name will be entered into a drawing to win that game at the end of RodCon. Stop back after the adult costume contest to see if you won!

Puppet Theater

Tree Room within Kids' Zone
(3rd floor)

Want to get silly and act out a story- take a minute to make silly wearable gear to look like your favorite character, or enjoy time in our GIANT shadow puppet theater located in the Tree Room on the 3rd floor.

WHAT'S THAT?

Questing Queers

Table near TLC desk (2nd floor)

Tabletop Role Playing Games (TTRPGs) are much more than just Dungeons and Dragons. Stop by the Questing Queers table to learn about a variety of different TTRPG systems, and find the roleplaying game style that is right for you.

Quiet Room

Room 324 (3rd floor)

Sensory-friendly space prepared by and supplies provided by the UNI Spectrum Project. The UNI Spectrum Project at the University of Northern Iowa is a performing arts program for individuals with differing abilities aged 5-21. This student-run initiative, facilitated by UNI students, transforms the ideas and creations of the performers into captivating shows and art exhibits. Serving as directors, UNI students collaborate with performers to craft routines, songs, dance sequences, scenes, and art pieces. The culmination of their efforts is a public show and art exhibit held at the Gallagher Bluedorn each spring, aiming to challenge and reshape perceptions about people with disabilities. For more information, contact Kevin.Droe@uni.edu or visit music.uni.edu/spectrum-project.

RodCon Booth

TLC desk (2nd Floor)

Support RodCon! Visit the RodCon team at The Learning Center (TLC) desk and purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win amazing prizes. Raffle tickets are 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, and 15 for \$10, and we have 4 different opportunities to win.

So You Want to be a Storm Trooper?

Stage (2nd floor) @ 2 p.m.

We've all seen Star Wars...and you've probably wondered, "What if I could be a part of it?" A long time ago, in a galaxy not so far away, a group of fans got together and started one of the largest fan groups the world has ever seen. You've probably seen members of the 501st at movie premieres, festivals, and comic conventions all around the country...and now you can find out how to join them.

Society for Creative Anachronism

Outside 3rd floor elevators

Come visit with representatives from the Shire of Deodar to learn about the Society of Creative Anachronism and life in Western Europe between 600-1600 CE. There will be demonstrations, photo opportunities, and more!

WHAT'S THAT?

Tarot, Palm Readings, Runes, & More

3rd floor lounge

Stop by the third-floor lounge for a glimpse into the unknown. Local divination experts will be on hand to provide readings at no cost (though tips are welcome and appreciated!). Visit with Mama Mage offering Lenormand and bone readings from 1 to 4 p.m. and Madam Fortuna offering tarot readings from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Trivia

Room 287 (2nd floor)

Are you a Peanuts prodigy? What about a Sanrio savant? Or a dominator of Dungeons & Dragons? Come compete in trivia related to Peanuts, Sanrio, and Dungeons & Dragons to see if you are the most knowledgeable fan. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 winners in each category. *Players must have a smartphone to participate.*

Snoopy Trivia: 11:00 a.m.

Dungeons & Dragons Trivia: 12:00 p.m.

Sanrio Trivia: 2:00 p.m.

UNI Bateria de Samba

Outside Rod Library at the base of
the Campanile @ 9:45 a.m.

UNI Bateria de Samba is excited to share some rhythms of Brazil with you! Members of the UNI Bateria de Samba will welcome our RodCon visitors into the library with some lively music! UNI Bateria de Samba is part of the UNI World Music Club, whose mission is to explore different styles of music and to learn more of the cultures they originate from. They are currently looking for new members to enroll or participate for the fall 2025 semester. The UNI School of Music offers world ensembles open to all students: West African Drum ensemble, Kaji Daiko Taiko Drums, and Brazilian Samba. Everyone is encouraged to join, and no prior music experience is required. Contact staci.toma@uni.edu for more information.

UNI Guild of Carillonneurs

Outside at the Campanile @ 12 p.m.

The UNI Guild of Carillonneurs is a student-governed organization founded in 2014 that aims to spread the music, history, and tradition of the Campanile to anyone who wants to listen. They have created on-campus events such as their annual Campaniling concert during Homecoming week, a community Easter Egg hunt, and a Halloween concert. They have had the privilege to take informative trips to visit other carillons and carillonneurs, including at Iowa State University and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Find the Guild at carillon.uni.edu, @UNICampanile on Instagram, or @UNICarillon on Facebook, where audiences can watch all of their concert live streams - song requests are accepted!

WHAT'S THAT?

UNI Pep Band

Outside of Rod Library Main entrance
@ 9:30 a.m.

Members of the UNI Pep Band will warm up the RodCon crowd with some pop culture and geek-inspired music. Cheer them on, sing along and enjoy! Visit bands.uni.edu for more information on pep bands and other bands at UNI.

UNI Sword Fighting

Outside (north side of Library) @ Noon - 3 p.m.

See the UNI Swordfighting Club (Belegarth Medieval Society) to learn this full contact, fun, easy-to-learn game of medieval/fantasy-style combat using foam padded weapons starting at noon on the northwest side of the library, outside.

ADDITIONAL INFO

Bathrooms

Located just off of east and west stairs on every floor. A single stall ADA accessible restroom is available on the main floor on the southeast side of the building.



*** Additional Accessible restrooms with wheelchair-accessible stalls are located on the 4th floor of the building.**

*** Additional single-stall restrooms are located down on the 1st floor at the bottom of the south stairs.**

Elevators

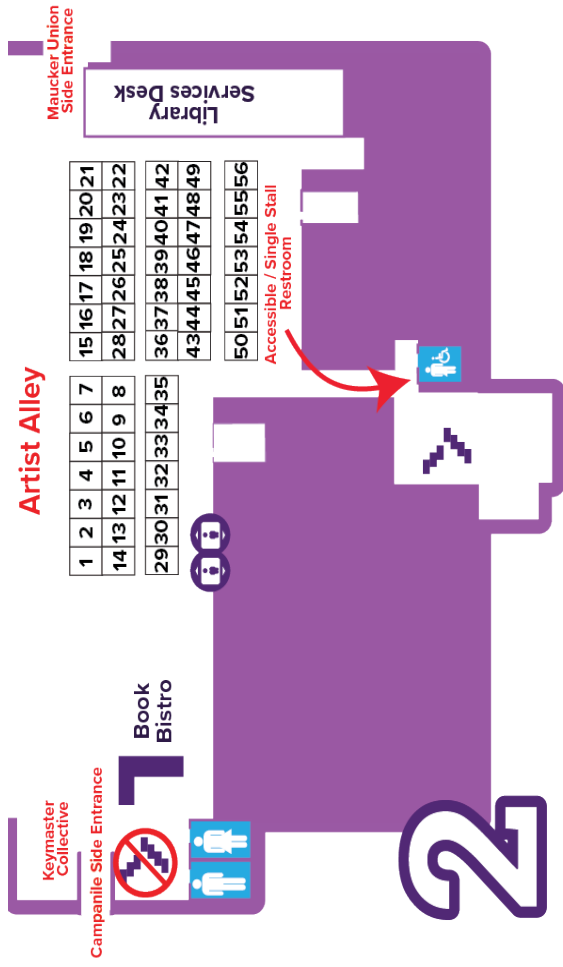
The library has **two** elevators located in the center of the building with braille signs.



Food

The Book Bistro will offer grilled cheese sandwiches and grab & go options for purchase and are located on the 2nd floor near the west entrance. Cedar Falls offers several restaurants on the hill and a short drive from campus as well.

- 1** The Core
- 2 & 3** The Whimsy Cellar & WC Sabers
- 4** Inkjoy Creations
- 5 & 6** Darby Harn, Author
- 7** Rowan's Oddities
- 8 & 9** soupnido
- 10** Kattitude Kult
- 11** BrittiniDraws
- 12** NEIA Weavers & Spinners Guild
- 13 & 14** Dark Vassal Gaming
- 15** Dire Atrium
- 16** Alex Burns Comics and Illustration
- 17** Rae Ann, Author
- 18 & 19** Dad's Dodads
- 20 & 21** AtomicKawaii
- 22 & 23** Dwarven workshop
- 24** Travis Bentley Design
- 25** Brandon Alvarado
- 26** Athena Moonbeam
- 27** Stuff AEA Made
- 28** The Core
- 29 & 30** Total Party Kill Games
- 31 & 32** TripleThread
- 33** Taylor creations
- 34 & 35** Lena D Artistry
- 36 & 37** Nerd Cave
- 38** Cat Loaf Studio
- 39** Dragon Child Graphics
- 40** Dark Moon Home Video
- 41 & 42** Harlan's Emporium of the Curious and the Bizarre
- 43 & 44** Rusted Icon Designs
- 45 & 46** Phoenix Dawn Creations
- 47** Division 53/AsbieArt
- 48** Evan Clouse, Author
- 49** The Three Pegases
- 50** TeriyakiWeasel
- 51** Akilaris Atelier
- 52** The Evil Nae Design & Illustration
- 53 & 54** JetFalco
- 55** Dailey Draws
- 56** Sensill Studios



THANK YOU!

SPONSORS

— Vigilante —
(\$500)

copyworks[®]

— Sidekick —
(\$250)



— Super Fan Club —
(\$100)

Escapology
GBPAC



Celebrating 10 YEARS

