

ROD CON



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**ROD
CON**

Saturday, April 1, 2023
10 A.M. - 4 P.M.
Free & Open to the Public
Rod Library, UNI Campus

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Games

Comics

Crafts

Costume Contest

Save the date
RodCon 2024
Saturday April 6, 2024



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RodCon:
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WELCOME TO

RODCON

Welcome to the 8th Annual Rod Library Mini Comic 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 **#RodCon2023** 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 Counseling Center, UNI Swordfighting, Panther E-Sports, Panther Tabletop Gaming, UNI Gallagher Bluedorn, School of Music, and Cedar Falls Holmes and Peet Jr. Highs for helping with this event.

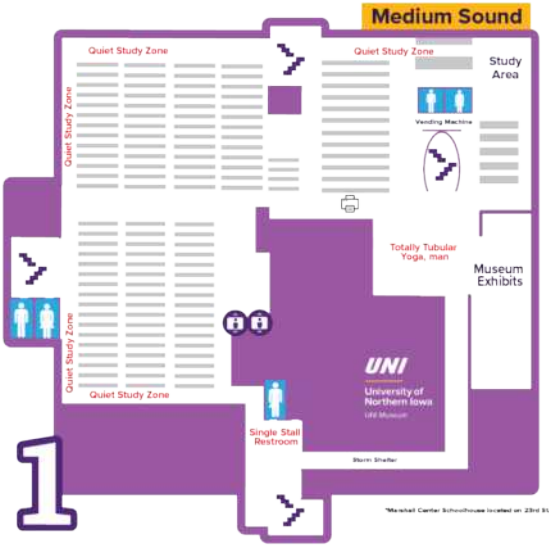
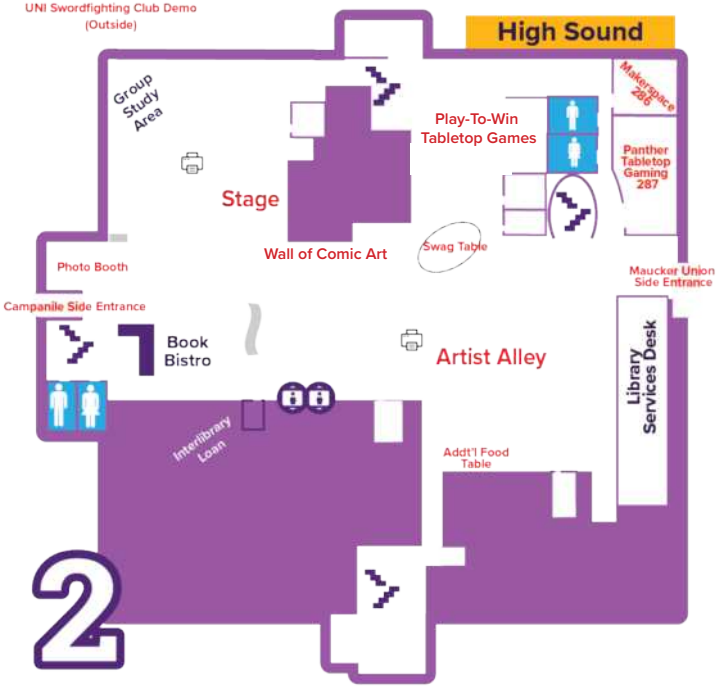
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Rod Library is always free and open to the public. You can stop by the Library Services Desk and sign up for a free visitor card. The card will grant you in-house access to any library databases and the ability to check out materials.

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



LOCATIONS



*Mauker Center Schoolhouse located on 23rd St.

SCHEDULE

ON-GOING EVENTS

*Events run all-day unless time listed

Artist Alley	Learning Commons (2nd Floor)
Dark Vassal- Magic: The Gathering Tournament, Warhammer 40k Demos, and Card Grading	4th Floor tables
Door Prizes	Library Services Desk (2nd Floor)
Duck Hunt	In or near the library
Kids' Zone (until 3 p.m.)	Youth Collection (3rd Floor)
Mental Health Center (until 2 p.m.)	Outside Elevators (3rd Floor)
Panther E-Sports	Room 301 (3rd Floor)
Panther Tabletop Gaming	Room 287 (2nd Floor)
Play-to-Win Tabletop Games (Friendly Meeple)	The Learning Center Area (2nd Floor)
Photo Booth	West Lounge (2nd Floor)
Quiet Room	Room 324 (3rd Floor)
Swag Table	The Learning Center Desk (2nd Floor)
Tarot Reading and More	3rd Floor Lounge
Wall of Comic Art	Art Wall (2nd Floor)

8 - 9 a.m.

Magic: The Gathering Modern Tournament (Registration @ 8 a.m., Start @ 9 a.m)	4th Floor
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9:30 - 10 a.m.

UNI Pep Band	Outside (East Entrance)
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10 a.m.

D & D Character Building	Outside Youth Collection (3rd Floor)
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SCHEDULE

11 a.m.

Hogwarts Potion Class

Stage (2nd Floor)

11:30 a.m.

Kid's & Teen Costume Contests

Stage (2nd Floor)

Noon

UNI Swordfighting Club Demo

Outside
(Northside of Library)

12:30 p.m.

80's Trivia
Yoga ages 18+

Room 373 (3rd Floor)
UNI Museum (1st Floor)

1 p.m.

The Magic of Superheroes by
the Amazing Zeon

Stage (2nd Floor)

So You Want to be a Stormtrooper

Makerspace
(2nd Floor)

1:30 p.m.

Video Games Music (Heather Gillis)

Stage (2nd Floor)

Totally Tubular Yoga, Man
(all ages welcome)

UNI Museum (1st Floor)

D&D Short Adventure

Outside Youth
Collection (3rd Floor)

2 p.m.

Stranger Things Trivia

Room 373 (3rd Floor)

2:45 p.m.

RodCon Raffle Drawing

Stage (2nd Floor)

3 p.m.

Adult Costume Contest

Stage (2nd Floor)

WHAT'S THAT?

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

80's Trivia

Room 373 @ 12:30 p.m.

Come join the RodCon team as we take a deep dive into all things 1980's. Brush up on your pop culture and be ready to play for fabulous prizes.

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! *Any one wearing anything extremely risqué, overly gory or costumes deemed inappropriate by our staff will be asked to leave or change. Prizes are awarded for Adult: 1st, 2nd and Best in theme "All things 80's". Contestants will meet by the Family Study Room in the Northwest corner of 2nd Floor by 2:45 p.m. The contest will begin at 3 p.m. on the Stage.

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. They will have a satellite location near Room 218 on the 2nd (Main) Floor.

Dark Vassal - Magic: The Gathering Tournament, Warhammer 40k Demos and Card Grading

**4th Floor @
all-day**

Join Dark Vassal on the 4th Floor for a Magic the Gathering Tournament. Registration opens at 8 a.m. and the 64-man tournament with a cut to Top 8 begins at 9:00am. Top 8 will be played back at Dark Vassal Gaming due to time constraints. The format will be Modern and will have a prize structure worth over \$3,000 retail. They will be doing Warhammer 40K demos at their booth and teaching people about card grading and taking cards for submission to PSA or Beckett Grading Services.

Duck Hunt & Door Prizes

Inside and Near Library@ all-day

Hidden inside and outside the library you will find 100 of your favorite superheroes and villains in duck form. Be on the lookout, they can be very sneaky. Find a duck, bring it to the Library Services Desk for a prize and for a chance to be entered into a raffle for an even bigger prize! (One duck per contestant please). Fill out the entry for door prizes at the welcome desk. Names will be drawn ever 30 minutes check on the large whiteboard to see if you are a winner. Prizes can be claimed at the Library Services Desk.

D & D Club

**Outside Youth Collections
@ 10 - 11:30 a.m. and 1 - 2:30 p.m.**

Join the Holmes Jr. High Dungeons & Dragons club for character building (10 - 11:30 a.m.) and a short adventure (1 - 2:30 p.m.).

WHAT'S THAT?

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

Hogwarts Potion Class

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

Join the Hogwarts Potions Class for a "Demonstration of Magical Proportions!" See color-changing solutions and other astounding spells produced by the Wizards from the student affiliates of the American Chemical Society (ACS). Demonstration begins at 11 a.m. on the main Stage.

Kids' Costume Contest

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

Come and strut your stuff on the catwalk for fabulous prizes. Attention! This contest is for ages 10& under. Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd and best in theme "All things 80's". Contestants will meet by the Family Study Room in the Northwest corner of 2nd Floor by 11:20 a.m. The contest begins at 11:30 a.m. on the Stage.

Kids' Zone

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

Join UNI Art Education students for kids and teens crafts. Kid Zone runs 10-3 in the Youth Collection (3rd Floor). This year we will be creating Bluey ears, Pokemon trading cards and origami, Dungeon and Dragons necklaces, Emoji masks, Lego crafts, Superhero masks and shields, mini notebooks, Monster bookmarks, Shrinky Dinks and more!!

The Magic of Superheroes by the Amazing Zeon

Stage @ 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 take place on the Stage at 1 p.m., following the kid's costume contest.

Mental Health Center

**Outside 3rd Floor Elevators
@ 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

The UNI Mental Health Center is here for you. Stop by their table for more information on available services.

Panther E-Sports

Makerspace (2nd Floor) @ all-day

Panther E-sports players, members, and executives will be playing some casual games and giving out merch! Panther E-sports is the University of Northern Iowa's gaming organization, and has exciting events planned year round. Including a Rocket League tournament in late April. Join the Discord: <https://discord.gg/cr5n3vx> and check out our other socials on our link tree at <https://linktr.ee/UNIPantherEsports>.

WHAT'S THAT?

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

Panther Table Top Gaming

Room 287 (2nd Floor) @ all-day

UNI's Panther Tabletop Games, we will have "learn to play" tables of Magic the Gathering, eight-person Jenga tournaments happening every hour, and role-playing games like Betrayal at the House on the Hill.

Play-to-Win Tabletop Games

TLC (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!

Photo Booth

West Lounge (2nd Floor) @ all-day

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

RodCon Raffle Drawing

Stage (2nd Floor) @ 2:45 p.m.

Be sure to stop by the RodCon booth (7) to purchase your raffle tickets \$1 each, \$5 for 6 tickets, or \$10 for 15 tickets. (Proceeds go to support RodCon event) The RodCon Raffle Drawing will take place at 2:45 p.m. from the stage.

So You Want to Be a Stormtrooper?

Makerspace @ 1 p.m.

501st Central Garrison

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.

Stranger Things Trivia

Room 373 @ 2 p.m.

Bring your Eggo's and test your knowledge of Hawkins and the Upside Down.

Tarot Reading and More

3rd Floor Lounge @ 10 a.m.

Stop by 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! (Suggested donations \$5-\$20) Visit with Mama Mage offering Lenormand and bone readings 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., and Jennifer Roberts offering tarot readings 12 to 4 p.m.

WHAT'S THAT?

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

Teen Costume Contest

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

Come and strut your stuff on the catwalk for fabulous prizes. Attention! This contest is for ages 11-17. Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd and best in theme "All things 80's". Contestants will meet by the Family Study Room in the Northwest corner of 2nd Floor by 11:20 a.m. The contest begins directly following the Kid's contest at 11:30 a.m. on the Stage.

Totally Tubular Yoga, Man

**UNI Museum (1st Floor)
@ 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.**

Join Kelsey Hahn from Gray Lane Yoga for Totally Tubular Yoga, man. It's like I've actually taken a chill pill after her class. It'd be gnarly if you came. Session 1: 18+ only at 12:30p.m., Session 2: All ages welcome at 1:30p.m.

Quiet Room

Room 324 (3rd Floor)

Need a quiet space to decompress from all of the stimulus happening during RodCon? Come chill on bean bags and recharge your social battery.

UNI Pep Band

Outside East 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 Swordfighting Club Demo

**Outside @ Noon - 4 p.m.
(Northwest side of library)**

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 noon.

Video Games Music (Heather Gillis) Stage (2nd Floor) @ 1:30 p.m.

Graduate music student and pianist Heather Gillis will perform piano music from video games, as a project of the newly launched Ludomusicology course with Dr. Alison Altstatt. Heather will present contextual information to experience the music in a new way and invites gamers, music enthusiasts, and anyone else to join in a popular interest.

Wall of Comic Art

Art Wall (2nd Floor) @ all-day.

View the amazing creativity featuring works from the Cedar Falls Holmes and Peet Jr. Highs and ARTED 4500 Issues and Theories in Art Education UNI students. Curated by Joel Wisner post -BA Art Ed major. The wall showcases common experiences contained in comics, including perservance, tribute, journeys, parody, and storytelling.

ARTIST ALLEY

- 1 Dylan Jacobson's Brimstone Studios
- 2 AtomicKawaii
- 3 & 4 Iron Pyrite Cosplay
- 5 & 6 Dark Vassal Gaming
- 7 RodCon
- 8 UnZeen
- 9 & 10 Big Trouble Art Studio
- 11 Brandon Alvarado
- 12 Dragon Child Graphics
- 13 Social Nonsense:
 - Doug Shaw's Book of Creativity Games
- 14 Travis Bentley Design
- 15 Rusted Icon Designs
- 16 & 17 Harlan's Emporium of the Curious and the Bizarre
- 18 Division 53 (EM Johnson)
- 19 & 20 Phoenix Dawn Creations
- 21 & 22 The CORE
- 23 & 24 Jet Falco
- 25 VampBun
- 26 & 27 Dwarven Workshop
- 28 Rusted Icon Designs
- 29 Midnight Creations
- 30 Moony's Dreamy Delights
- 31 & 32 The Whimsy Cellar
- 33 LoveKrafts
- 34 & 35 Total Party Kill Games
- 36 & 37 Shade's Findings and The Evil Nae
- 38 & 39 Tala Editorial
- 40 Kattitude Kult

- 41 & 42 Hearts Guild
- 43 Estela Marie
- 44 Stuff AEA Made
- 45 TeriyakiWeasel
- 46 Designs by Sydni
- 47 Ancha's Emporium
- 48 & 49 Creative Paints by Rainee Frank / Rainee May Creations
- 50 The Three Pegases
- 51 Green Unicorn Art
- 52 Crimes Against Hugh's Manatees
- 53 Weavers and Spinners Guild
- 54 CG Fluffystuff
- 55 DaileyDraws
- 56 Dire Atrium

Library Services Desk

15	16	17	18	19	20	21
28	27	26	25	24	23	22

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
14	13	12	11	10	9	8

Book Bistro

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43	44	45	46	47	48	49

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FOOD MAP



BOOK BISTRO: Grilled cheese sandwiches and grab & go options

ESSENTIALS: located in Maucker Union, Essentials will have grab-and-go sandwich and snack package options.

OFF CAMPUS OPTIONS

Under Half A Mile

Greenhouse Kitchen
Chad's Pizza
Sub City
Great Wall
Domino's
Jimmy John's
Oh my Grill
Kwik Star
Insomnia Cookies
Sidecar Coffee

More Than A Mile

Texas Roadhouse
Starbeck's Smokehouse
Buffalo Wild Wings
Whiskey Road
Pump Haus
Applebee's
Pepper's
Brass Tap
Carlos O' Kelly's
HuHot

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