

PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL26-000074

File #: 26-018748

Event Name: ComixCon 2026: Game On!

Business Name: Somerville Public Library

Application Type: Public Event License

Location: 79 Highland Ave

APPLICANT

Company Name: Somerville Public Library

Contact Name: Karen Stevens

Business Address:

Home Address:

79 Highland Ave
Somerville, MA 02143

Work Phone:

Home Phone:

Email: kstevens@somervillema.gov

of days: 1

Does this event occupy a public space or significantly affect nearby residents?: No

Describe the location in detail: The Library is organizing a family-friendly event on the grounds surrounding the Central Library, including the lawn in front of and the lawn to the right of the library.(79 Highland Ave.)

In the last 5 years, have you been found guilty, liable, or responsible, in any judicial or administrative proceeding, for any violation of the City Wage Theft Ordinance or any State or Federal laws or regulations regulating the payment of wages?

[City Wage Theft Ordinance](#): No

Date: 07/25/2026

Event Setup Begins: 09:00 AM

Start Time: 10:00 AM

End Time: 04:00 PM

Event Cleanup Ends: 05:00 PM

Do You Have a Proposed Rain Date for Your Public Event?: Yes

Date: 08/01/2026

Start Time: 10:00 AM

End Time: 04:00 PM

Organization name; if none, your name: Somerville Public Library

Describe any social or cultural benefits

of this event for Somerville residents : This will be the Library's 6th annual ComixCon, a day of free fandom-related activities for the whole family.

Describe any financial benefits of this event for Somerville businesses or organizations: This is event is free and open to all.

What is the budget for this event?: \$3,000

Complete Mailing Address : 79 Highland Ave Somerville MA 02143

Contact name for follow-up questions (Will be available to the public): Kerry O'Donnell

Email: keodonnell@somervillema.gov

Phone (Will be available to the public): 617-623-5000

Event Name : ComixCon 2026: Game On!

Describe the Event: This will be the Library's 6th annual ComixCon, a day of free fandom-related activities for the whole family. Activities are scheduled for both inside and outside the library. Highlights include a video-game inspired maze, face painting, a costumed story time, painting miniatures, and a D&D-inspired live magic performance.

Describe any Entertainment at the Event (if none, type None): Video-game inspired maze, face painting, a costumed story time, painting miniatures, scavenger hunt, video game competition, musical performance, and a D&D-inspired live magic performance. Cosplayers in attendance.

Describe any tents, inflatables, or other temporary structures to be used (if none, type None): Bouncy house

Describe any accessibility features available to attendees/participants: The Library is ADA-accessible. If accommodations are requested in advance, we will contact the City's ADA coordinator.

Estimated maximum attendance at one time : 150

Estimated total number of people attending: 400 total for the day

Estimated total number of Somerville residents attending : 350

Maximum number of attendees you will accommodate: 500 total for the day

Attendee.fees.or.suggested donations: none

Will this event be open to the public?: Yes

Describe your outreach/publicity: Promotion in the library, in the library's newsletter, on the library's social media accounts; posted and flyers posted around the city, press release to City Comms and local media outlets

Will food be served?: Yes

If yes, describe:1: We are still in negotiations to get a food truck.

Will the event be catered?: No

Will a grill/open-flame device be used? : No

Will any streets be blocked? : No

Will any sidewalks be blocked? : No

Will any public parks be used? : No

Has this event occurred in the last two years? : Yes

If yes, prior dates : Saturday July 26, 2025; Saturday July 20, 2024

Police Detail : No

Parking for Attendees : No

Restrooms : Yes

If yes, please describe the restrooms being provided, and if you are providing portable toilets, state how they will be delivered and removed:9: Public restrooms are available at the Central Library

Liability Insurance : No

Date(s): License is only for the exterior of the Library.

Approval Conditions:

Reviewer: Maureen Lee, ISD Health, Approved with Conditions

1. ISD Health has approved with the condition a Coordinators Checklist and vendor Temporary Food License is submitted 30 days prior to the event. If assistance is needed with the checklist or application process please contact Arturo Vazquez at avazquez@somervillema.gov.

Reviewer: Charles Breen, Fire Prevention, Approved with Conditions

1. Please be sure that the bouncy house location does not block any emergency access for the Fire Department.

Reviewer: CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved

Reviewer: Albert Bargoot, ISD Building, Approved

Reviewer: Kevin Roche, Engineering, Approved

Reviewer: Eric Weisman, Public Works, Approved

Reviewer: Suzanne Rinfret, Traffic and Parking, Approved

Reviewer: Mackenzie Richardson, Police, Approved

Reviewer: Courtney Henderson, City Clerk, Approved

Reviewer: Jesse Moos, Engineering, Complete

Reviewer: Emergency Management, Office of Emergency Management, Approved