

May 7, 2013 - Regular Meeting
Agenda Item #9

Subject

Betty Davis Miller Youth Services Award

APPROVED In Open Session
Manatee County Board of County Commissioners

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

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Action Requested

Recognition by the Board of County Commissioners for Betty Davis Miller Youth Services Award recently received by Manatee County Library System from The Florida Library Association.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

Background Discussion

- The Betty Davis Miller Youth Services Award given by the Florida Library Association, recognizes the state's outstanding program of direct service to youth.
- This honor was given to the annual Mana-Con Comics Convention for Teens, which has grown into a signature event for the Central Library.
- This program was founded in 2010 by Adult Services Supervisor, Ericka Dow, and features art workshops, Japanese culture, student art showcase, crafts, contests, prizes, gaming, activities for kids, and the very popular Cosplay Runway.
- Last year's award-winning planning team included Ericka Dow, Linda Sell, Stephanie Katz, Monica Songy, Debbie Reagan, Chris Culp (and former County employee Stacy Reyer). Kudos also should go to Renee Stokes and Julie Farmer for organizing 'Star Wars Reads Day' children's events, held simultaneously for the younger set. Last year's event drew over 900 attendees, which tripled the number of attendees from the previous year.
- The 2013 planning team has been working diligently to build the programs and offerings for this teen crowd pleaser, so mark your calendars for our next Mana-Con Saturday, October 5, 2013!

County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Instructions to Board Records

N/A

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

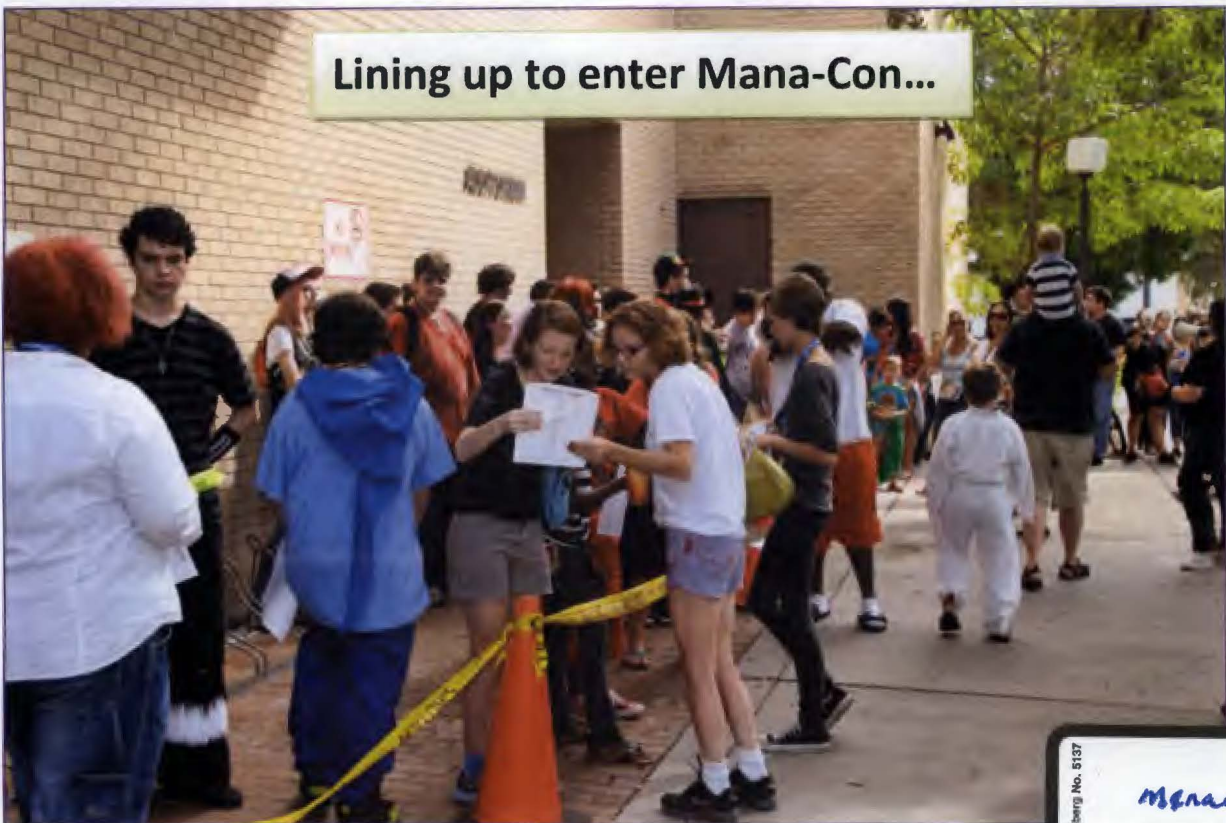
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Lining up to enter Mana-Con...



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The Kimono Club, and Star Wars characters (aka Brian and Melissa Nell)



DOJO Martial Arts studio performing with their students...



A young patron is very happy to meet Boba Fett from Star Wars!

