

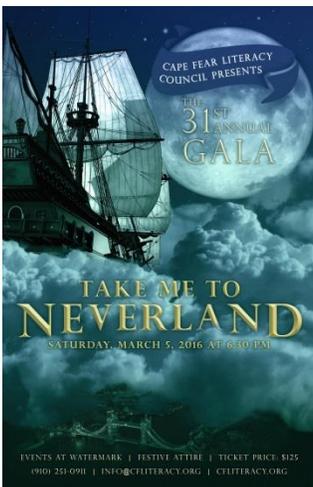


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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CAPE FEAR CELEBRATES THE SUCCESS OF ITS 31ST ANNUAL AND ANNOUNCES THREE APRIL FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES



CFLC ANNOUNCES THE SUCCESS OF THE TAKE ME TO NEVERLAND GALA

Cape Fear Literacy Council enjoyed a stellar start to the spring with its *Take Me To Neverland* Gala on Saturday, March 5th. The Gala was spectacular night that raised over \$60,000 to support the organization’s mission; to provide personalized education so adults can transform their lives and contribute to a stronger community. Photos and videos of the evening’s festivities can be found at [CFLC’s website](#) or the organization’s [Facebook page](#).

Piggybacking on the success of the 31st Annual Gala, the Literacy Council announces three community-based events in April that will raise funds for and promote the educational opportunities that CFLC provides , these events include:



SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH – THE MGC PARADE MILE

<http://www.ncazaleafestival.org/events/mgc-parade-mile/>

Local law firm McAngus Goudelock & Courie is teaming with Go Time and the North Carolina Azalea Festival to put on a one-of-a-kind road mile race that will take place ahead of the 2016 Azalea Festival Parade. The one-mile run will be an out and back timed race through a portion

of the parade route on 3rd Street starting and finishing in front of the Grand Stands of the North Carolina Azalea Festival Parade. Proceeds for the 2016 MGC Parade Mile benefit the Cape Fear Literacy Council. Competitive runners, casual competitors, and families simply looking for a little pre-parade fun can all enjoy the MGC Parade Mile. Race entrants are invited to lace up their sneakers and put on their sharpest seer sucker suit or prettiest spring dress and join McAngus Goudelock & Courie downtown for a good cause. Race start time TBD – see website.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH – CAPE FEAR COMICCON COMING TO WILMINGTON

<http://capefearcomiccon.com/index.php>

The Cape Fear ComicCon will be held on Saturday April 16, 2016 from 10AM to 7PM at the Wilmington Moose Lodge, 4610 Carolina Beach Rd, in Wilmington, NC. This event will feature special guests, a room full of vendors, entertainment, and the ever-popular costume competition celebrating superheroes and villains from the comic and cartoon world. In addition to the full day of family-oriented fun, money will be raised to help support the Cape Fear Literacy Council. Special guests at the Cape Fear ComicCon include (in order of their acceptance to appear):

Gregory French - A well-known walker from the hit series "The Walking Dead," French is currently starring in two independent films. He is an in-demand guest for comic book and sci-fi/fantasy cons and events throughout the nation.

Handsome Jimmy "Boogie Woogie Man" Valiant - Jimmy is a member of the prestigious WWE Wrestling Hall of Fame, and former world champion wrestler. Jimmy Valiant will be joined by his manager, Nightmare.

Andrew Hiller - A former NPR correspondent and author who has worked with, written for, and produced a number of episodes and content with the original Jim Henson Muppet gang, Hiller brings a wealth of experience in both journalism and popular media.

Lyle Pollard - Lyle is an experienced artist working for Hilburn Associates, who in turn does work for both Marvel and DC Comics. He is a well-known artist whose illustrations are in the hands of thousands of comic fans and collectors throughout the country.

Matt Slay - Matt has been in production art for the better part of a decade having generated images for IDW's Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Image Comics, The CBLDF, Upper Deck's "Marvel Premiere", "Marvel Beginnings series 2", and others; as well as Cryptozoic's Tarzan 100th Anniversary sets.

Tiffany Beckler - Tiffany has obtained various first place awards in Multimedias, as well as her most recent 4th Place Win in the North American Body Painting Competitions in 2015. You can now cheer on Tiffany Beckler in the competition television show *Skin Wars*, on the Game Show Network

Gregbo Watson – Gregbo is a well-known digital artist and illustrator with a wonderfully twisted imagination and dark sense of humor.

Derek & Julie Johnston – creators of SupergirlBatgirlRavager - original handstitched perlerbead beanies and hats.

John Hairston, Jr. - A regular at cons through the southeast, John's signature skill is to create a painting in front of visitors to his booth throughout the event. At the Cape Fear ComicCon, John will create the painting "Books and Green Slime," celebrating both the library scene from Ghostbusters, and support of adult literacy.

Ernie Suggs - Ernie is a cartoonist/illustrator/photographer (zombieernie.deviantart.com) out of Florence SC where he's also a member of the planning committee for his own local con, the Florence ComicCon.

Special events to be held at the Cape Fear ComicCon include a Costume Competition and Panels led by Matt Hayward and Dark Matter, an internationally recognized group of experts from Myrtle Beach in the area of Cosplay. Additionally, Cape Fear ComicCon will also include a Nerd Slam - Hosted by El'Ja. The Nerd Slam allows individuals to show their knowledge of a particular character, story/book/comic, or genre. Lastly, an art auction will be held, with proceeds benefiting the Cape Fear Literacy Council.

Tickets and Information: Admission will be \$5 in advance or online (even as attendees are entering the event), and \$7 if purchased by cash at the door. Kids under 12 will be admitted free-of-charge if accompanied by an adult.

For additional information, visit: Cape Fear [ComicCon's website](#) or email capefearcomiccon@gmail.com



SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WORK ON WILMINGTON

<http://www.workonwilmington.org/>

On April 23, 2016 hundreds of volunteers will take action and participate in a variety of service projects throughout the Cape Fear community with a common goal to make Wilmington a better place to live. *Work On Wilmington*, led by the 2016 class of Leadership Wilmington, seeks to energize the volunteer spirit in all of us by following the successful model active in more than 50 cities across the United States. *Work On Wilmington* works in partnership with community organizations and agencies to create meaningful, hands-on service projects that improve quality of life and achieve tangible results.

At the Cape Fear Literacy Council, volunteers are needed from 8 AM – 12 Noon to join the *Work on Wilmington* crew to paint the exterior of one of the buildings well as landscape the grounds of the CFLC campus. Interested volunteers may register online at workonwilmington.org (note that you would like to work at Cape Fear Literacy Council in the “Comments” section of the registration form).

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