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Get Ready for an Action-Packed King Con 2021

It's a long-awaited moment, and one we're thrilled to announce: King Con is back for 2021!

<u>King Con 2021</u>, our annual festival of sci-fi, fantasy, comics, gaming, cosplay, and other pop culture fandoms, is happening June 24 to 27. Join us online for entertaining speakers, interesting workshops, and activities for all ages.

"This year's online King Con offers something for everyone," said Graeme Langdon, noting King Con's offerings are not just for children, teens, new adults and adults, but also include multigenerational programs.

Best-selling author of *Moon of the Crusted Snow*, Waubgeshig Rice, and comics artist/author of *Dakwäkãda Warriors*, Cole Pauls, launch the festival June 24 at 6 p.m., with <u>an evening conversation</u> about Indigenous futurisms.

Throughout King Con, attendees can choose from a full calendar of events, including:

- <u>Queer Witches and Magical Enbies</u>: Local YA fantasy author and academic, Adan Jerreat-Poole, will join Queen's Department of Film and Media's Tamara de Szegheo Lang for a conversation about the witch's role as a queer, feminist, and activist icon. This is a teaser for August's "Witch Institute", an international online symposium focus on contemporary imaginings of the witch in popular and visual culture.
- Live from the United Kingdom, British anime expert and author Helen McCarthy will talk about her career and <u>the history of cosplay in Japan</u>.
- Local YA author Emily Brewes with a <u>reading and discussion</u> around *The Doomsday Book of Fairy Tales*.
- Workshops in character creation, face painting, and making cardboard masks.

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- <u>A special superhero edition</u> of KFPL's regular Family Storytime for children.
- *Damned, Cursed Children* creator, Howard Wong, <u>will talk about what's involved</u> in creating, pitching, and publishing comics.
- Stephanie Cooke, Megan Huang, Meaghan Carter will talk about their experiences as women working full time in the comics industry.

A full listing of King Con events is available online <u>at this link</u>. KFPL looks forward to this exciting and eventful virtual convention!

For more information, visit www.kfpl.ca or call your local branch.

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