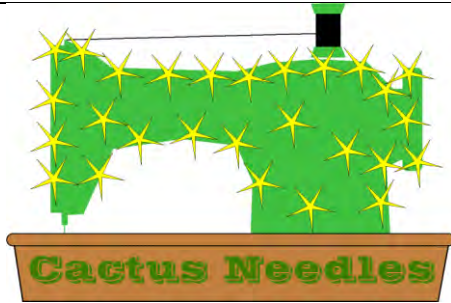


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Briefs

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IN MEMORIUM

Mahaila Jean Sweebe passed away on October 19, 2025, at the age of 77.
Born on October 27, 1947, Mahaila Jean Sweebe was a resident of Glendale, Arizona.

Mahaila had been part of the guild as long as any of us can remember.
She will be sorely missed
And remembered with great affection

Recent Events

Your desultory editor got overwhelmed with life

Minutes

Here is a minute of humor - in honor of the season

What key can't open a lock? a turkey
What kind of turkey tells jokes? a comidi-hen
A pie went to the dentist – why? It needed a filling
Why was the mother truly worried about her little turkeys? They had engaging in fowl play.
When a bunch of sweet potatoes get together to make music – what do you call it? A yam session
How do you fix a broken pumpkin? Apply a pumpkin patch

Calendar

Do you know an event of interest to Arizona costumers? Please contact your editor with the details. **Red text and an asterisk*** designate an SWCG-sponsored event. *Unless otherwise noted, our monthly meetings start at 1PM.*

Nov 28-30 Loscon – Hilton, los Angels Airport <https://loscon.org/>

Adult - \$65 thru Aug 31, \$75 thru Nov 20th Child 3-11 \$25

Hotel info - <https://book.passkey.com/event/51018510/owner/50954/home>

LIBCON West - Saturday, December 6, 2025, from 10-3 PM (guest registration begins at 8 AM)

Foothills Branch Library • 19055 N 57th Ave Glendale AZ 85308

The event will take place indoors and outdoors at the **Foothills Branch Library**, as well as around the neighboring ball parks on the Storywalk Path. However, there is ample space inside in case of rain.

CHECKING IN - Registration for cosplay guests will begin at **8 AM** and continue throughout the day. ***Please check in at the guest registration table outside the library's west entrance.*** We encourage you to attend for the entire day if possible. If you have been approved to have a table at LIBCON West (please see the **TABLES** section below), you will be sent additional check-in instructions by the Vendor Coordinator. (SWCG will have a table)

COSTUMES - LIBCON West is an all-ages, family-friendly convention. All costumes should be age-appropriate for an audience including kids and teens. Any prop weapons may be tagged by security. *No real weapons will be allowed.* The official weapons procedure can be viewed at libconwest.org/weapons-procedure.html.

AMENITIES - You may use our staff restrooms as changing areas. We will again be providing a Cosplayer Lounge for our cosplay guests in the Youth Department's Storytime Room, which will offer bottled water, snacks, an emergency costume repair kit, and a place to store your belongings. Access to the lounge will be monitored and you will be asked to sign in. There will also be food trucks on-site.

PHOTO OPS - While we are not scheduling formal photo ops, we encourage you to circulate and take photos with attendees. Feel free to bring your own photo op backdrops and/or props if you like.

PERFORMANCES AND ACTIVITIES - If you are interested in presenting a performance/activity or if you just have some suggestions, please let us know! You can perform within our small meeting room. Any questions

Saturday, January 31, 2026, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Tempe Public Library is hosting its 2026 Tempe FanCon

Comic and cosplay fans grab your capes and superpowers and come to the Tempe Public Library for a celebration of comics and pop culture. Join us for free family fun including costume contests, authors and artists, entertainment, activities for the kids, photo ops with characters, fandom related items for sale, and food trucks. There is no table fee for exhibitors and the event is free and open to the public.

The event will be held outdoors in the Library Plaza. All exhibitors are required to supply their own tables, chairs, and optional canopy with weights. The library will supply a 10' x 10' space for each exhibitor. External gas generators are prohibited. Battery packs are fine. Please leave all pets at home or you will be asked to remove them from the event.

Responding to Jill Brenner's invitation, your veep has reserved a space at Tempe FanCon, to be held on the Tempe Public Library grounds at SWC Rural Road and Southern Avenue on January 17, 2026.

We'll put up a canopy and table as a meet and greet booth, as we have done for the past several years. Last year's presence was a great success, gaining us three new members. Please join in!

I suggest you bring a project to work on and demonstrate while hanging at the booth. These always draw welcome attention.

Ye editor does not have much data further out

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