

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY 2025 VENDOR APPLICATION

Governor's Inn & Patio: Artist's Alley & Costume Contest
Hanson Street Block Party: Vendors, Food, Bands, & A Beer Garden
SPACE IS LIMITED - PAYMENT IN FULL DUE BY APRIL 21 TO ENSURE YOUR SPOT

Saturday, May 3, 2025 - 10AM-4PM

PRESENTED IN PART BY Rochester Opera House, Rochester Main Street, & The City of Rochester, NH

GENERAL INFORMATION

What is the Rochester Free Comic Book Day Festival?

Free Comic Book Day is a world-wide celebration of comic books, authors, and artists. People can visit a participating comic book store and receive a free comic book. Thanks to our sponsors and thriving downtown community, Rochester celebrates as a full downtown festival! Local businesses can purchase comic books (thru Rochester Opera House) to give away the day of the event. We are also partnering with local libraries and authors to celebrate the incredible literacy found in comic books, graphic novels, and visual art pieces.

Comic books for this event are NOT free to businesses or scavenger hunt stops. We are partnering with FCBD Emeritus and local business Jetpack Comics to purchase the comics at a deeply discounted rate (along with the help of our sponsors). Attendees of the event can download or view a map that shows all participating businesses, as well as other fun stops, along the way.

Making their way from stop to stop, attendees can collect a comic book from each participating location (we recommend one comic per group). This annual event attracts thousands of visitors and families, and is an economic driver for downtown businesses each spring - bringing new customers to you!

What's In It For Me?

So very glad you asked! Rochester Opera House will provide you with table space at either our Artist's Alley & Costume Contest at the Governor's Inn and their covered patio, or at our Hanson Street Block Party, where there will be bands, a beer garden, and gets you a little closer to the masses while they are walking around. Your business will be linked on all social media posts, email, blasts - you get the idea. Also, you are invited to the After Party! Rochester Opera House will host all businesses that took part in the day at the Garage after the event, and provide you with a little entertainment (food and beverages not provided, unfortunately).

Please note that our vendor spaces fill up rapidly. We're adding another location this year, and will strive to keep comic artist's in Artist's Alley at the Gov Inn - so register ASAP! Applications will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

What Am I Responsible For?

Show up. Show your talents. Hopefully make some money! You may also become a comic book stop on our Scavenger Hunt by [FILLING OUT THIS SCAVENGER HUNT FORM](#), so you can give away some free comics at your booth, and get some extra marketing on our maps.

What's the Difference Between All Age and Teen Comics?

All Ages comic books are similar to movies with a G rating. Teen comics are similar to movies with a PG rating (may have vulgar language, gore, etc.). It is your responsibility as a scavenger hunt stop to responsibly give away the comic books you purchase. Please only give TEEN comics to a teen or with parental permission of the adult human with the smaller ones.

Are you In? Flip the Page to...

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REGISTER ONLINE!



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FCBD VENDORS will be located at either the ballroom and covered patio at the Governor's Inn, or our Hanson Street Festival Space. We will try to keep comic artists at the Governor's Inn Space unless otherwise requested. Space is provided in the order that all payments & forms are received. You will receive a space large enough for a 6' table, and chairs will be provided. Please note that power might not be available to your table. You may bring your own table 6' or less to waive the table rental. Tables may be no larger than 6' long by 2.5' wide, or will be subject to a \$20 surcharge to set up.

Purchase comic books to give away and we will include your information on the map and website. If you would like to give away comic books at the event (and be listed on our scavenger hunt map for more marketing) please be sure to fill out and return the [DOWNTOWN BUSINESS/SCAVENGER STOP APPLICATION](#) with payment*.

FCBD VENDOR SPACE: Spaces will be located at the Governor's Inn and their covered patio, as well as on Hanson Street downtown. Again, we will strive to keep comic artists at the Governor's Inn in our Artist Alley - all vendors will be assigned on a first come, first reserved basis after payment is made.

- \$70: I would prefer space at Governor's Inn.
- \$70: I would prefer space at the Hanson Street Block Party.
- \$25: I need to rent a 6' table. *Table rental must be made at time of application.*

The Fine Print:

- Payment must be paid in full by April 1st to guarantee your spot.** Space is limited and may sell out.
- We can accept payment by check (made out to Rochester Opera House), by CC, Apple Pay, etc. at any of our offices (RPAC, Stage Door Tickets & More), or can invoice you online (a \$3 fee will apply).
- Mail forms and payment to Rochester Opera House, 31 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH 03867.
- This application must be submitted in paper form (mail or drop off), or [FILLED OUT ONLINE](#) by April 21st. Note that all spaces in a venue may be sold out before this date.

Business Name _____

Business Type (what are you selling at FCBD?) _____

Street Address _____ **Business Phone** _____

Website _____ **Email Address** _____

Owner / Representative printed name _____ **DATE** _____

Owner / Representative signature _____ **DATE** _____

your signature indicates your acknowledge and acceptance of your responsibilities in regards to your participation in Free Comic Book Day

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PLEASE BE SURE TO FILL OUT THE HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT ON THE NEXT PAGE. FAILURE TO SUBMIT THIS WITH YOUR APPLICATION WILL MEAN YOUR APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE.

THE ROCHESTER FREE COMIC BOOK DAY FESTIVAL HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT
Saturday, May 3rd, 2025

Hold Harmless Agreement for 5/3/2025 Rochester Free Comic Book Day Festival

The event participant company or individual agrees to hold harmless any and all parties or participants involved with organizing and facilitating The Rochester Free Comic Book Day Festival, also known as Rochester Comic Book Day, FCBD, and any and all variations of said title and event designation, for the FCBD event taking place in and around Rochester, New Hampshire on 5/3/2025.

This Hold harmless agreement to include, but not limited to, Rochester OperaHouse, The City of Rochester, The Rochester Main Street Program, The Governor's Inn, The Garage at the Governor's Inn, Jetpack Comics LLC, dba Jetpack Comics and Games, dba Jetpack Comics, any and all variations of said individuals or organizations to include their owners, board members, staff, volunteers or share holders, to be known as the event facilitators.

Participation in the event does not provide the exhibitor any implied rights or benefits beyond those named in the event application, if accepted and paid for, with all necessary paperwork as required by the event facilitators.

Participants agree to hold the event facilitators harmless for any and all liabilities resulting from event participation, including but not limited to any foreseen or unforeseen circumstances. The event participant, on behalf of themselves, their staff and patrons, assumes all risk and danger of injury, physical or otherwise, associated with the event, to include but not limited to, illness, damage to property, including death, and all other hazards arising from, or related in any way to, the event, caused by accident, negligence, gross negligence, or otherwise. The participant releases the event facilitators, its employees, volunteers and its agents from any and all liabilities/ claims resulting from such risk, illness, danger, damage, injury, liability or death.

All participants are required to have liability insurance to cover any and all incidents that may occur on or around their property including vendor display / set up.

TLDR: This is to tell you that you are responsible for your staff, property and actions. We agree, in exchange for proper payment, to provide comic books for give-away, or vendor space, or both, and to promote the event via our website and social media channels.

Event Agreement

This Event Agreement is made effective as of _____ (date), by and between the event organizer, Rochester Opera House, and aforementioned exhibitor / vendor and/or scavenger stop.

Certification

I hereby affirm that all information supplied is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I understand that this information will be considered material in the evaluation of quotations, bids, and proposals. Notice must be given of any change in status impacting the information provided within ten (10) days of said change.

Printed/Typed Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____