

Orcas Island Library Hosts Wizards of the Coast July 23 @ 4:30pm, via Zoom

The Wizards are coming! Join the Orcas Island Library for an amazing opportunity to meet members of the creative team from gaming giant **Wizards of the Coast** as part of the 2020 Summer Reading Program, *Imagine Your Story: Fantasy, Fables, & Myths*. As many already know, Wizards of the Coast ('WotC') is a global leader in role playing games (RPGs), publishing such phenomenally successful games as **Magic the Gathering** and **Dungeons & Dragons**, along with many other titles for tabletop, desktop computer, handheld, and online gaming, as well as a broad spectrum of fantasy literature and imagery. From the moment of their debut in 1993, WotC has won countless industry awards and attracted literally billions of fans worldwide. But what those less familiar with role playing gaming may be surprised to learn is that virtually all of these games are largely contemporary forms of storytelling!



Those who play these games each inhabit character roles, and literally invent a story together as the games play out. The storylines, characters, fantasy creatures, landscapes and societies around which these games revolve are themselves drawn from a far wider and older spectrum of fantastic literature, folklore and mythology going back thousands of years. In this way, role playing games are actually a modern expression of the still-evolving art of human storytelling.



On July 23rd, local author and illustrator Mark Ferrari will host an interactive video discussion with Wizards of the Coast Executive Producer Dan McAuliffe and Narrative Lead for Digital Publishing Alison Luhrs, who will talk about the literary sources and fundamental role of fantasy narrative and storytelling in their ongoing creation of **Dungeons & Dragons** and **Magic the Gathering**. Dan and Alison's presentation will be followed by a question and answer session with participants. Don't miss the fun! Information on this and other programs and activities for summer reading can be found at the Library's website, www.orcaslibrary.org **Registration is required** for the Wizards of the Coast event. You may [REGISTER HERE](#).