



Makerfest & NEA Big Read 'Station' Eleven

NEA Big Read is integrating with one of Ocean County's most popular events, Jersey Shore Makerfest. On Saturday October 14, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at High School North, among an impressive collection of vendors and maker activities will be “Station Eleven,” adjacent to the main entrance. What will it entail and how can you play an active part? Three major ways:

Musical instrument depository: We're inviting the community to drop off small or mid-sized **unwanted musical instruments**, which will receive a second life as part of our Station Eleven-inspired Halloween Parade float. Old instruments taking up space in your house or garage? WE'LL TAKE 'EM!



We'll be using the space to design and make elements of the Halloween Parade float, to be called “**Symphony of Hope.**” *What represents hope to you?* We'll be offering foam board, paint, and other materials as mediums to help students and passersby answer that question. Already have something you want to contribute? Bring it. The float will include these messages, representations, and symbols of **hope from the Toms River community.**



Costume design: Are you planning on registering for the Station Eleven Division of the Halloween Parade? We'll have a limited supply of old prom dresses and other tattered clothing, paint, access to a nearby sewing machine if needed, and the guidance of several High School North theater students. Already have a costume in mind? Bring it and refine it. Consider this the **Project Runway for pandemics.**



- We'll be giving away a free copy of Station Eleven each hour to active participants.
- Haven't read the book? Need a refresher? An audio book of Station Eleven will play throughout.
- The area will be managed by HSN theater students and a friend of the district with float construction and design experience.
- Float materials, flatbed, and driver contributed by Allied Building Products in Toms River.

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