

FoMLASH

Friends of the Monona Library Annual Scavenger Hunt

The deets*

As a participant of FoMLASH you agree to abide by the “deets” and the “WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY PERMISSION FORM”

If you don't, you and your team become eligible for immediate disqualification.

1. Registration – You are only permitted to compete in FoMLASH and be eligible for the Grand Prize if you register and sign all registration documentation, electronically or on paper (You may print and bring or mail it to the library) by August 29th.

If you've paid but haven't turned in your waiver by August 30th, your payment becomes a straight out donation to the Friends of the Monona Library with no Scavenger Hunt participation by you. We'll miss you but thanks for your generosity. :)

If you sign the waiver but don't pay, you will not be placed on a team and we will be sad because you are so delightful but we will move on without you. Please do all the things that you need to do to join FoMLASH.

Anyone or any age may compete but little kids should join with their families and/or friends. We don't really want little people to end up on a team with people they don't know well who may be any old age, so please bear that in mind. Please join with them.

All participants must read all the FoMLASH deets for details on their eligibility. Your friends and family are welcome to help you out with the hunt but only team members are team members.

Every team member (or guardian of team members under 18) must sign the liability waiver.

2. Dates of the Hunt – The Scavenger Hunt list will be released on September 8th at approximately 9 am central time and submissions will be accepted through September 18th until exactly noon central time. Sign up will begin on August 1st and end on September 5th.

3. Rights – We intend to share your fabulous submissions with the world once the hunt is over. Therefore, by competing in the Scavenger Hunt, you agree to let us use your task submissions any way we see fit. We will use #FoMLASH2K17 and #MononaLibrary. We're so proud of you!

4. Behavior During the Hunt – Of course this isn't something you would ever do, but just to be safe, it is important to note that you are not permitted to physically, emotionally or psychologically hurt or attack yourself,

another FoMLASHer, or anyone inside or outside the Scavenger Hunt. In other words, be extra super friendly and kind.

Keep in mind that you will need to coordinate with other people on your team, probably via email, text and/or phone. You may not know all of these people already and you need to respect them and they need to respect you. Use your access to private information of others with respect and only for FoMLASH business.

5. Breaking the Law - Don't. If you believe an item requires you to break the law to complete it, DON'T DO THAT ITEM. It's super important that you don't break any law in attempt to scavenge an item and you need to know that FoMLASH or any other person in or around Monona or Madison WI or anywhere ever will not be responsible if you break any law.

6. Scavenging Safety – First rule when scavenging: be safe. Second rule when scavenging: Please be safe. If you think you might hurt yourself trying to complete the item, DON'T DO IT. Choose a different item. BE SAFE. We want you to take care of yourself; we really like you!

7. Item Interpretation – Please produce the item exactly as we request it. If we ask for a photo of you somewhere, we really really don't want a "photoshopped" version; we really really want you in that location. However, because we don't like to make your life miserable, if your interpretation is a TRULY inspired combination of creative genius and hard work and is funny, we might award you a few points, but it would have to be outstanding in every way and you wouldn't get full points. If we ask for something where it's impossible for a team member to be in the photo (it could happen) we expect to see a sign **IN** the picture (not added later) with #FoMLASH2K17 and your team name; again, no photoshopping.

8. Submissions Guidelines - Check the Submission Guidelines pdf for ... well ... the submission guidelines. We have come up with the way we want everyone to submit their completed tasks. We want to be able to enjoy all of your pictures and videos so please be sure to carefully follow the submission directions in the link above.

9. Scoring – Each item is worth 10 points. The judges may assign additional points (up to as many as we feel like additional points) to items that are most excellently executed. We take artistic merit, precision and creative ingenuity into account here. We will grant extra points for Chuck Norris level amazingness. We will award partial points for items that demonstrate an extremely good effort, but don't quite achieve the item task.

10. Complaining – Don't. You shall not complain, gripe, whine, lobby or bribe** any of the FoMLASH judges or volunteers. Use of our "FoMLASH" email to ask questions must be as a last resort and may be ignored. Please take time to have a think prior to asking questions. Maybe your question is answered in our [FAQs](#).

11. Understanding Items – If you aren't exactly quite clear what we're asking for with an item, that's because we're prepensely being casuistical. Don't bother to query anyone who you think may be in the know regarding the eligibility or interpretation of an item. Once they're posted, it's up to you to proceed. That's part of the challenge and fun of FoMLASH. We can't wait to see what you come up with.

12. Outsourcing – We strongly encourage you to reach out to family, friends, neighbors, students, teachers and your social media communities to assist you with gathering props, serving as additional bodies in your multi-person photos and videos, connecting you to people and places, and otherwise assisting you with the completion of the items.

We do expect YOU and YOUR TEAM to be the primary participants in completing your items. The majority of your items must be sourced, created and performed by your team – meaning at least one of your team’s members must be in the majority of the videos and images.

You can always outsource props and stuff. If you tweet that you’re looking for a Viking hat so you can borrow it to conquer Lake Monona in your kayak, well, that’s just fine – ideally teams will borrow instead of buy. Use your head on this. If we see a bunch of submissions that have lots of people who aren’t on your team, you’re not following our scattered and unclear deets and we really want you to follow our scattered and unclear deets.

13. Video/Image Plagiarism – Don’t submit any items that were created by another team. Any team that is caught submitting another team’s item shall be eligible for disqualification and will receive such a frowning. You may not submit any items that were taken before the start of this year’s Scavenger Hunt. This has happened before and that submitted item got zero points.

14. Updates – Remember to check FoMLASH’s Facebook page and/or Twitter feed on a daily basis during the Scavenger Hunt. Items may be added or removed from the list, or rules may be changed mid-hunt, so stay on it. Look out for #14. It likes to mess with your head.

15. Scoring – Team scores shall be compiled by tallying up the total points accumulated and assigned to the team’s item submissions by our judges. In our final judging, an item’s points may be increased or decreased based on the quality of the submission. You can win by not only submitting many items, but by accumulating bonus points for excellent submissions. FoMLASH judges will be wildly subjective. We really like laughing (hint, hint).

16. Keep Submissions Private – Don’t share images or videos publicly until after the Scavenger Hunt. They are a secret until the hunt is completed. Also, please don’t password-protect them because we need to access them for judging. We do strongly encourage you to share your images and videos AFTER FoMLASH is officially over, after 12 pm Central Time on September 18th. We certainly will. Please (AFTER THE HUNT IS OVER) use #FoMLASH2K17 and #Mononalibrary when sharing.

17. Collaboration – Don’t collaborate with other teams unless an item specifically requests that you do. This is a competition. However, collaboration with any of the following is strongly encouraged: real and/or imaginary friends, your teammates and their respective real and/or imaginary friends, enthusiastic pets, and everyone may collaborate with Mayor Mary.

18. Changes to the Item List During FoMLASH – May be placed on the FoMLASH Twitter feed or Facebook page during the course of the Scavenger Hunt. Watch it daily. This is a Really Really Important Rule. Pay attention. CHECK THE FoMLASH PAGES DAILY.

19. Grand Prize – There will be one, for one team. We don’t know what is yet but it’s a prize of some sort. No pressure but it may end up being HUGE! Financially, however, it’s absolutely not huge at all. It’s all relative. There may be a kitchen sink in there, we’ll see.

20. Runners Uppers – We will select 2 (or more!) runner-up teams. These teams will receive accolades, useless tokens of their amazingness and the envy of everyone (except the winning team who will not be envious at all because their prize is better).

21. **Teammate or Other Team Cheerleading** – Yes! This is encouraged. It is in the spirit of FoMLASH. If you do it, you will be making FoMLASH, your life, your neighbors' lives and (probably) the lives of lots of people in this world happier and more enjoyable. What's not to like about that?

22. **Privacy** - Some of the tasks ask for you to take a picture with specific people. Please do not bother anyone at his/her home or when he/she is with his/her family. Be respectful of his/her private life.

23. **Fun** - Required and will be on the test. Please have fun. Let your guard down, let your inner strangeness shine through and you will be fascinated by what you create!

*deets means details for those not hip with today's lingo.

** Bribes are ok if they aren't real