

All's Faire in Love and Libraries

Celebrating Gail Borden Public Library's Renaissance Family Fair
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Hear ye! Hear ye!

Relish the revelry at the Rakow Renaissance Faire!

Dressed with flair, our costumes are not
a disguise to despise; they are a mirror to the magic

of our lives, reflecting our resplendent
spirits. We are in good spirits - juggling with jesters,

dancing with dragonlings, celebrating our
freedom to read. Dragons guard nests; libraries protect

stories. We are the wonders of fairy tales,
born from books. Just one more chapter. One more page.

We are spellbound. We can't put the book
down. Can't pull ourselves away from that magical land

far away. We claim this magic for ourselves,
donning desires like a second skin. Our chivalrous attire

inspires us to be braver. Our faerie wings
teach us to fly freer. When we are someone we are not -

be it bard or barbarian, human or dragon -
we hear our own voice beckoning. Hear me! Hear me!

Relish the revelry at the Rakow Renaissance Faire
and dare to be someone else

to be yourself.