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CRESCENT CITY COMICS

celebrates six years

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It may not have been San Diego Comic Con, but that doesn't mean there weren't superfans. Crescent City Comics celebrated its sixth anniversary on Freret Street this Saturday with a 15 percent discount on all inventory, and a keg.

"It was kind of a comic rager," Assistant Manager Justin Colomb said. "This party, I showed up fashionably late because I didn't think it was gonna be too much, and the store was packed, man."

The store was, in fact, packed. Nerds and free beer mixed together beautifully and created an incredibly warm and welcoming atmosphere.

The party served as a showcase for everything the store has to offer — comics lined every wall with a special section for staff picks, T-shirts hung from the ceiling emblazoned with superhero pin-ups and logos, and collectibles and toys were scattered around the room. All of it was flying off the shelves.

"We have T-shirts, and comics and toys," Colomb said. "We have graphic novels or trades of pretty much every comic book that's on the shelf right now."

Crescent City's impressive variety ranges from the greats like "Batman" and "Wonder Woman" all the way to indie darlings like "Deadly Class" and the "Unbeatable Squirrel Girl." Their swag ranges from cutesy Pop Funko figurines to some truly badass posters.

The most striking aspect of the night was the number of families at the party. Parents could be seen sharing their favorite stories with kids as young as 3 years old, encouraging a new generation of comic book lovers. The staff are some of the friendliest on Freret, and are always willing to help patrons find what they're looking for.

"That status quo 'Simpsons' comic book guy attitude, we don't have that here," Colomb said. "It's always very important for us that nobody feel imposed upon, or out of place here. Crescent City Comics is a safe zone for everyone."

Crescent City Comics is everything a comic book store should be. Friendly, a little weird and unlike any store around it. It's a place where both die-hard comic book fans and novices to the artform feel at home.