



# Institute for Professional Development

The Rosa J. Kolker Professional Development Series

## Geeking Out: Integrating Geek Culture in Play Therapy

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The play landscape of childhood has always included epic quests to vanquish the villain, brave heroes saving the day, along with stories of resilience in the face of tragedy and light driving out the dark! And nowhere do these themes and stories come to life more richly than in modern geek culture. As it turns out, geek therapy IS play therapy!

In this training, participants will explore geek culture and genres, and learn about their relevance to the current play therapy landscape, including practical interventions to bring back to the therapy room today!

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*General Public: \$37.50*

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**May 24, 2023**

**12:00 – 1:30 pm (EDT)**

*via Zoom Video Conferencing*

**1.5 Category I CEUs**

**As a result of this training,  
participants will be able to:**

- Define Play Therapy and identify the seminal theories and historically relevant approaches that guide its practice
- Define geek culture and identify genres and their relevance to current play therapy landscape
- Identify play therapy interventions that combine characters, themes, and/or narratives present in Geek Culture that harness the therapeutic power of play to support the mental health and well-being of children, adolescents, adults, families.

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