

## **Comic Con Details**

The event will be all day on Saturday, June 20, 2015. This event will be used as a kick-off event to Enoch Pratt Free Library's summer reading program. The theme this year will be "Heroes." The event will be held in the auditorium of the Southeast Anchor Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library system. The event will begin at 11:00 AM and will carry on throughout the day until 4:00 PM.

All individuals having tables for the event will begin setting up once the library opens up at 10:00 AM.

Here is the proposed schedule:

10:00 AM – Participant set up

10:30 AM – Open doors for patrons

10:30 PM – Create your own superhero cape/mask (Children's Story-time Room)

Young patrons will be given an opportunity to create their own superhero capes and masks. Resources will be donated by Art Way Alliance and Justin Switzer.

11:00 AM – Cosplay Ethics

A group of cosplayers will discuss their own experiences with cosplay and what it means to them, while touching on being makers and cosplay ethics.

1:00 PM – Art Way Alliance Class (Children's Story-time Room)

Drawing Word Game:

During this game, AWA's Guest Artists will ask for 3 words from 3 different people in the audience, and then draw a picture using those words. There will be a few rounds of this and then the instructor will call up 3 people from the audience to draw just as the instructor did! This game will have you thinking outside of the box.

1:00 PM – Women and Comics Panel Discussion (Myerberg Room)

Come discuss what it means to be a woman in the comic industry with some local talent.  
Panel Participants: Penelope Gaylord and Stephanie "Alaska" Kellum

Penelope has done work on titles ranging from Adventure Time to Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and loves what she does. She hopes to share her love with other young women who are interested in one day working in the comic industry.

<http://www.pengpengart.com/>

Alaska S. Kellum is an illustrator, comic artist, loner and rebel. She is a Maryland native and graduate of the Maryland Institute College of Art. She currently works on her Web Comic "Where Dwell the Ghouls", a comic about ghost hunting, werewolves, and Baltimore history. <http://alaskaskellum.tumblr.com/>

Ma. Victoria Robado (Shouri) is a comic artist and graphic designer from Argentina. Her art showcases cute styles with lively colors while telling engaging, heartfelt stories, with many chibi-riffic notes. Victoria's works include self-published comics, such as "Fragile" and "Springiette". As part of Pixie Trix Comix, she collaborates on "Sticky Dilly Buns", "Eerie Cuties" and "Magick Chicks", doing pencils, inks and finishes. Freelance work includes coloring for IDW Publishing ("Jem and the Holograms", "Littlest Pet Shop", "My Little Pony") and lettering for Seven Seas Entertainment ("Monster Musume", "12 Beast", "D-Frag!", "Kanokon")." <http://www.shouri.com.ar/>

1:00 PM – Art Way Alliance Class (Children’s Story-time Room)

From Concept to Completion: An Intro to Comic Book Creation/ the Art of Penciling, Inking, Coloring and Lettering Class

From start to finish, a step by step class in making comics. From coming up with ideas, to scripting, penciling, inking, colors, and lettering/design. There are many steps in making a comic book, and in this class students will learn: How to focus ideas into a single concept for a story. What a script looks like and how to format their own. The art process from initial layouts and pencils, to bringing dimensions and layers to art through inking, as well as adding shading, mood, and more depth through coloring. Finally they will learn about adding dialogue and sound effects with lettering and overall comic design.

Local writer/creator Jordan Clark and artist Kofi Simmons will also discuss their own process, and help students work in groups to create their own one to two page comic.

2:00 PM –The Bouncing Ball Basic Animation (Children’s Story Time Room) AWA

Bring your drawings to life with these simple steps and learn the basics of animation.

2:00 PM – “Breaking into the Comic/Writing Industry” John Sazaklis and Jerry Gaylord

Have these very successful men talk about how to make a career out of what you love to do in your free time. Think of all the possibilities! Ask questions and get all sorts of tips on ways to become the writer or artist you’ve always wanted to be.

3:00 PM – Costume Contest (Will take place in the Auditorium)

The costume contest is one of the most popular events at any comic-con, attracting fans from far and wide who come to dress up as their favorite characters, show off their hard

work in creating fantastic-looking costumes, or to observe and/or photograph costumed attendees!

4:00 PM – Comic-Con wrap up

### **All day**

- Cosplayers will be in attendance that will entertain and discuss what it means to be a cosplayer.
- Local comic shops will be promoting their own shops and events they will be hosting. This is to establish a working relationship between the library and comic shops.
- John Sazaklis Signing and Book Discussion. John Sazaklis is a New York Times bestselling author who loves telling stories about his favorite characters. To him, it is a dream come true. John has been writing stories and drawing pictures since before even the Internet! He lives in the Big Apple and takes a bite out of it every day
- Jerry and Penelope Gaylord will be signing and character drawings. Jerry Gaylord has been working in the comics biz since 2002. He has had the good fortune to work on many Marvel and Star Wars licensed projects as well as comics with friends and industry pros. Currently, Jerry is working as a full time artist and just published a new graphic novel, “Fanboys Vs. Zombies.”
- M. Victoria Robado will be promoting her own work and doing some sketches.
- Baltimore Science Fiction Society will be handing out informational materials and free stuff.
- Innovate Our World will be demoing their new game, Lunar Destiny Videogame.

See a tech demo of an upcoming game where you can be the Hero - on the Moon! You'll get to race rovers for lunar land that contains valuable resources. Develop those resources and send back to Earth to get better equipment and more land to build your empire. But first, you must survive a disaster that could derail your plans for lunar domination and later face not only the harsh lunar environment but also your competitors. Can you be a lunar hero?

Help us build our story. If you were creating a comic around Lunar Destiny, what would you like to see? All who make suggestions will receive a discount on a future release of the Lunar Destiny game!

## **Evaluation**

After the event, Enoch Pratt Free Library will record the number of patrons who attended the mini Comic-Con. We will have individuals take brief surveys of the event prior to leaving the mini Comic-Con.

## **Conclusion**

The Enoch Pratt Free Library seeks to improve and promote literacy among numerous demographics through this program and improve the standing relationship with those who already use the library.