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Librarians, Educators Explore Comics as Powerful Learning Tool

COMIC-CON INTERNATIONAL AND SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY JOIN FORCES TO HOST INAUGURAL COMICS CONFERENCE

San Diego – As celebrities and super heroes walk the red carpet in Downtown San Diego, professional educators will also receive star treatment when Comic-Con International (Comic-Con) teams up with the San Diego Public Library to host a free four-day Comics Conference for Educators and Librarians.

Comic-Con is expanding its programming with this first-of-its-kind educational conference to explore the role comic books play in promoting education and literacy for all ages. The conference will take place July 20 through July 23 in the Shiley Special Events Suite on the ninth floor of the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common.

Library professionals and educators are invited to attend for free and can expect to learn creative and exciting ways to incorporate comics and graphic novels into their work. Through presentations and panel discussions, the conference aims to engage the community, promote comics as a powerful tool for learning and celebrate the medium as an important literary art form. The Comics Conference for Educators and Librarians is also an opportunity for attendees to connect and dialogue with publishers and industry professionals.

Each day of the conference will focus on a different theme:

- Wednesday, July 20, 4 to 6 p.m. - Teaching with Comics Workshop for Educators
- Thursday, July 21, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. - Librarian-Focused Panels
- Friday, July 22, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. - Publisher Panels for Educators & Librarians
- Saturday, July 23, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - Educator-Focused Panels

The conference is free to attend, but space is limited and registration is required for each day. To reserve a seat, visit <http://comics4schoolsandlibraries.bpt.me>. Comic-Con badge-holders with valid single same-day or four-day badges are welcome to attend and are not required to register.

About Comic-Con International

Comic-Con International (CCI) is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to creating awareness of, and appreciation for, comics and related popular art forms, primarily through the presentation of conventions and events that celebrate the historic and ongoing contribution of comics to art and culture.

About the San Diego Public Library

San Diego Public Library, which is the largest library system in the region, serves a population of more than 1.3 million people. Its mission is to inspire lifelong learning through connections to knowledge and each other. Learn about other events at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common and 35 community branch libraries, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's online catalog at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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