

Comics, Creativity, and Culture: International and Interdisciplinary Perspectives

Related Events

September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 2011

Poemics: An Iowa Youth Writing Project Language Arts Workshop

Participants will use the comic-strip form as a tool for “close reading” of classic poems and unlocking their own potential as writers.

Open to: Middle school and high school students

Location: Coralville, North Liberty and Iowa City Public Libraries

Time: 1-4 p.m.

Cost: Free

To enroll, contact: theteam@iywp.org or call 319-804-9979.

More information: <http://www.iywp.org>

September 23, 2011

WorldCanvass on “Comics, Creativity, and Culture” with host Joan Kjaer

WorldCanvass explores international topics through lively conversation in front of a live studio audience. The show is recorded for later broadcast on UITV, Iowa cable television systems, iTunes, Iowa Public Radio and Public Radio Exchange. KRUI-FM provides a live broadcast and video streaming is available online.

Open to: Everyone

Location: Senate Chamber of the Old Capitol

Time: 5-7 p.m.

Cost: Free

Contact: Joan Kjaer, International Programs, joan-kjaer@uiowa.edu or 319-335-2026.

More information: <http://accents.international.uiowa.edu/worldcanvass>

September 24 – December 11, 2011

“Graphic Language: The Art and Literature of Comics”

An exhibition of original comics art – including major historical figures, such as Jack Kirby and Steve Ditko, and contemporary artists, such as Chris Ware and Alison Bechdel

Open to: Everyone

Location: Black Box Theatre, UI Memorial Union

Time: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday; 12-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Cost: Free

*A public opening with the curators will be held Sept. 25 at 4 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre.

Contact: Erika Brown, UI Museum of Art, 319-335-1727

More information: <http://uima.uiowa.edu/graphic-language>

September 25, 2011

Craig Thompson reading

Author/illustrator of *Blankets* will read from his new graphic novel *Habibi*.

Open to: Everyone

Location: Iowa City Public Library

Time: 2 p.m.

Cost: Free

Contact: Jan Weismiller, Prairie Lights, 319-337-2681

More information: <http://www.prairielight.com>

September 27, 2011

Conversations and Controversies series on *Footnotes in Gaza* by Joe Sacco

When books inspire national debate, we join the discussion right here in the UNESCO City of Literature. At this event we will be discussing *Footnotes in Gaza* by award-winning comics journalist Joe Sacco.

Open to: Everyone

Time: 4 p.m.

Location: Times Club, Prairie Lights Bookstore

Cost: Free

Contact: Neda Barrett, 319-335-4034

More information: <http://www.prairielight.com>

September 28 – November 30, 2011

The Comics Continuum

An exhibit presented by the University of Iowa Libraries Special Collections and University Archives

Open to: Everyone

Time: Regular Main Library hours (<http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/hours>)

Location: 3rd floor, Main Library

Cost: Free

Contact: Gyorgy "George" Toth, Special Collections and University Archives, 319-335-5921

More Information: <http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/spec-coll/resources/guides/ComicBookCollections.html>

October, 2011

Comics Display at Iowa City Public Library

Open to: Everyone

Time: Mon-Thurs 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun. 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Location: Second floor, Iowa City Public Library

Cost: Free

Contact: John Hiatt, Iowa City Public Library, 319-356-5200

More Information: <http://www.icpl.org>

October 4, 2011

"Thought Balloons: Talking About Comics": Comic Book Café

Drop in at the Main Library's Comic Book Café and share your thoughts about comics: creating them, reading them, collecting them.

Open to: Everyone

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (bring your own lunch)

Location: Comics Book Café, First floor of UI Main Library

Cost: Free

Contact: Lisa Martincik, UI Libraires, 319-384-0648

More information: <http://www.lib.uiowa.edu>

October 5, 2011

"Comics and Creativity": A 7th -12th Grade Student/Teacher Workshop

A day of interactive workshops for 7-12 grade students will include presentations by James Sturm, director of the Center for Cartoon Studies; Jessica Abel, co-author of *Drawing Words and Writing Pictures*; and John Porcellino.

Open to: Middle school and high school students and teachers

Time: Morning session for middle school students and teachers; afternoon session for high school students and teachers

Location: IMU Main Lounge

Cost: Free

Contact: Dale Fisher, UI Museum of Art, 319-335-1730

More information: <http://uima.uiowa.edu>

October 5-8, 2011

"Comics, Creativity, and Culture: International and Interdisciplinary Perspectives"

This symposium will bring together international scholars and artists to discuss comics -- broadly defined to include comic strips, comic books, and graphic novels -- in order to foster dynamic exchange between the creative practices of making and publishing comics and the critical practice of analyzing the cultural function of comics for diverse readers around the world.

Open to: Everyone

Cost: Free

[See the full symposium schedule](#)

Keynote Lectures:

Wednesday, October 5

Phoebe Gloeckner
IMU Main Lounge
5 p.m.

Friday, October 7

Joe Sacco
Shambaugh Auditorium
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 8

Gilbert and Jaime Hernandez
Shambaugh Auditorium
7:30 p.m.

Special Presentation by Craig Yoe, Oct. 6, 2:30 p.m. at the UI Center for the Book on editing and publishing comics

Contact: Corey Creekmur, corey-creekmur@uiowa.edu or 319-335-2824

More information: [See the full symposium schedule](#)

October 7, 2011

Comic themed First Friday party at the Englert Theatre

Get your super hero attitude on and join symposium presenters, curators and others for a light cash bar and refreshments.

Open to: Everyone

Location: Englert Theatre

Time: 5 p.m.

Cost: Free

Contact: Erika Brown, UI Museum of Art, 319-335-1727

More Information: <http://uima.uiowa.edu>

October 12, 2011

Drawn into Learning

A hands-on workshop for UI faculty and teaching assistants about how to help students tap into deep learning—and their visual and kinesthetic learning styles—by creating cartoons and comic strip; led by Mark Isham and Rachel Williams.

Open to: UI faculty and teaching assistants

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: University Capitol Centre, Room 2390

Cost: Free

To register and for details, contact: Center for Teaching at 319-335-6048

More information: <http://www.centeach.uiowa.edu>

November 9 -10

Political cartooning exhibit

Held in conjunction with the Civil Discourse symposium

Open to: Everyone

Location: Iowa City Sheraton Hotel lobby

Time: All day

Cost: Free

Contact: Jean Willard, Public Policy Center, 319-335-6815

More information: <http://ppc.uiowa.edu>

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