

Dear Salt Lake City Educators:

The City Library would like to invite educators to a very unique seminar, **Secret Origin of Good Readers**, which offers practical ideas and research in improving literacy and interest in reading through comic books. This seminar will take place Saturday, May 8th 2005 at The City Library Auditorium from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This seminar will be of interest to teachers and librarians of elementary and secondary age students and across a variety of curriculums including, but not limited to; Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, ESL, Foreign Language, Math and other content areas.

Dr. Robyn A. Hill from National University—with Mike Carlin/DC Comics and Mimi Cruz/Night Flight Comics—will present a review of scholarly research that supports the notion that, as a form of high interest reading material or "pleasure reading", comic books may be utilized to bridge the gap between familiar visual media, such as television, movies, and video games, and traditional text-based narratives.

The 90-minute multimedia **Secret Origin of Good Readers** presentation will provide educators with an introduction to the comic book medium, an overview of how and why to use comic books in the classroom, and information on how to obtain comic books for classroom use. All attendees will also receive a goodie bag/resource kit with complimentary comic books and additional materials that include resource information, as well as specific ideas, activities, and sample lesson plans for using comic books in the classroom.

There are also six breakout sessions for educators to choose from after the initial presentation. A schedule of the seminar is attached, along with a convenient pre-pay lunch option. Attending educators will be allowed 4 credits towards licenser for this seminar. The seminar has limited seating and is free to educators who pre register by April 29th 2004.

We hope that you take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Sincerely,

Lisa Myron—Children's Library Manager
The Salt Lake City Library

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