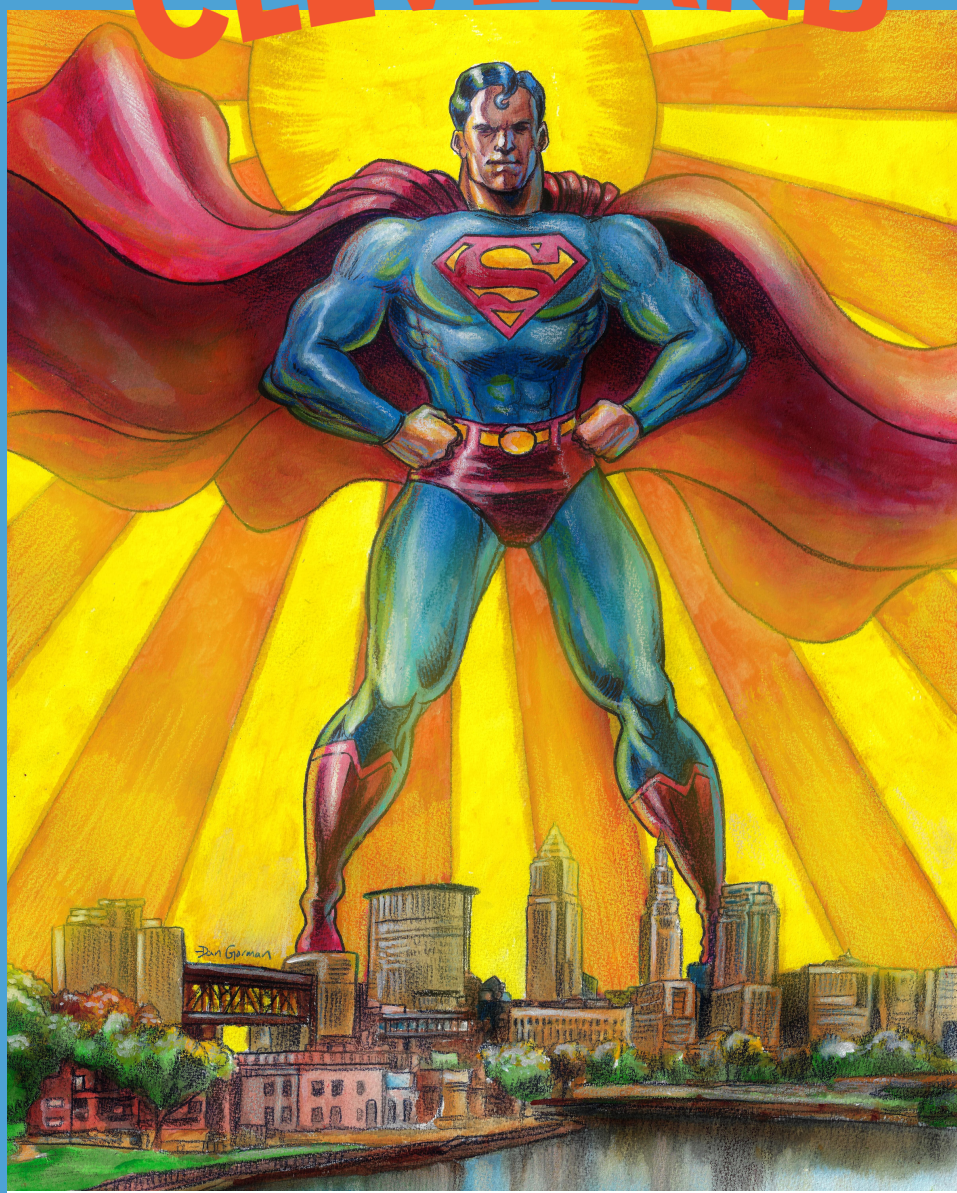


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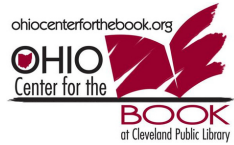
This year marks the 85th anniversary of the creation of Superman, the first superhero and Cleveland's most iconic contribution to American and world cultures created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster

Generously supported by Ohio Humanities and hosted by the Rust Belt Humanities Lab at Ursuline College and the Ohio Center for the Book at Cleveland Public Library, *Superman's Cleveland* gathers institutional partners from across Northeast Ohio

Superman's Cleveland is for everyone: comics fans, families, scholars, history buffs, and all lovers of the culture of the greater Cleveland area

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WELCOME

If you are reading this, you probably know the story: Superman was born on Krypton but created in Cleveland. However, we also imagine you are holding this program in your hand because of your personal story with the Man of Steel. Maybe you saw Christopher Reeves don the cape on the big screen. Maybe you found a Superman comic on the spinner rack at your local comic shop. Or it might have been you saw a Saturday morning cartoon featuring Superman. If you are here celebrating with us today, chances are there was a moment where Superman entered your life, when a feeling of hope was stirred inside of you, a moment you believed a man can fly, as you looked upon the hero created in Cleveland.

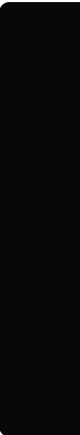
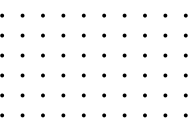
Each one of us has a Superman story. So does our city. That is why we are here. Because for 85 years Superman has not only triumphed over the evil of Lex Luthor, Brainiac, and even Mister Mxyzptlk, but because he continues to inspire us and our city after all these years. He inspires us to be better, to do better.

We believe our city should be recognized for contributing one of the greatest icons to American culture, an icon rooted in Cleveland's history and future. The celebration that you are part of today and that continues throughout these two months aims to remind Clevelanders and the world that Superman's mission to fight for truth, justice, and the American way began here.

We celebrate the 85-year lineage of our hometown hero, created by two of Cleveland's greatest sons, Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster. We celebrate a legacy that stretches into the future. We celebrate the city in which Superman was born.

Up, up and away!

The Superman's Cleveland Team



SEPTEMBER 6 - 23, 2023

01

WED
SEPT 6
12-1 PM

Book Discussion: *Super Boys* by Brad Ricca
Ursuline College
2550 Lander Rd • Pepper Pike, OH 44124

THUR
SEPT 7
6:30-
7:30 PM

Book Discussion: *Superman--The One Who Fell*
by Phillip Kennedy Johnson
Get Graphic with the Ohio Center for the Book Graphic Novel Book Club
Bookhouse Brewing
1526 W 25th St • Cleveland, OH 44113

SAT
SEPT 16
12-4 PM

Zine-Making Workshop
with Zygote Press
Glenville Branch of the Cleveland Public Library
11900 St Clair Ave • Cleveland, OH 44108

TUES
SEPT 19
6-7 PM

Presentation: "Superman Was Born at Glenville High"
Dennis Dooley
Cleveland Public Library West Park Branch
3805 W 157th St • Cleveland, OH 44111

THUR
SEPT 21
12-1 PM

Author Talk: Brad Ricca, *Super Boys*
Ursuline College
2550 Lander Rd • Pepper Pike, OH 44124

SAT
SEPT 23
1:30-3 PM

A Live Conversation with Phillip Kennedy Johnson
with Katharine Trostel
Literary Cleveland's Inkubator Writing Conference
Cleveland Public Library
525 Superior Ave • Cleveland, OH 44114

SAT
SEPT 23
4-6 PM

Book Signing: Phillip Kennedy Johnson
Carol and John's Comic Book Shop
17462 Lorain Ave • Cleveland, OH 44111



SEPTEMBER 24 - 02 OCTOBER 7, 2023

SUN
SEPT 24
11 AM-
2 PM

Comics-Making Workshop with Chad Bilyeu &
Superman Poster Signing with Dan Gorman
West Side Market in Cleveland
1979 W 25th St • Cleveland, OH 44113

TUES
SEPT 26
4-5 PM

Book Discussion: *Superman Son of Kal-El--The Truth*
by Tom Taylor and John Timms
Cuyahoga Community College Western Campus
11000 W Pleasant Valley Rd • Parma, OH 44130

WED
SEPT 27
12-1 PM

Book Discussion: *Super Boys* by Brad Ricca
Ursuline College
2550 Lander Rd • Pepper Pike, OH 44124

SAT
SEPT 30
10AM-
1 PM

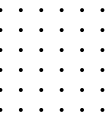
Coffee and Comics Workshop with Terri Libenson
Cleveland Museum of Art Community Arts Center (Pivot Center)
2937 W 25th St • Cleveland, OH 44113

THURS
OCT 5
6:30-
7:30 PM

Book Discussion: *Superman Birthright*
by Mark Waid and Leinel Yu
Get Graphic with the Ohio Center for the Book Graphic Novel Book Club
Bookhouse Brewing
1526 W 25th St • Cleveland, OH 44113

SAT
OCT 7
4-6 PM

A Live Conversation with Ed Gross & Mark Waid
Voices From Krypton
Via Zoom
See Supermancleveland.com to register



OCTOBER 13 - 21, 2023

03

FRI
OCT 13
6-8 PM

Book Signing: Mark Waid
Carol and John's Comic Book Shop
17462 Lorain Ave • Cleveland, OH 44111

FRI
OCT 13
8-10 PM

Superhero Trivia Battle
Mark Waid vs. Cleveland
Carol and John's Comic Book Shop
17462 Lorain Ave • Cleveland, OH 44111

SAT
OCT 14
9-5 PM

**It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's a Cultural Icon:
The Superman's Cleveland Conference**
Cleveland Public Library
525 Superior Ave • Cleveland, OH 44114

SAT
OCT 14
5-7 PM

A Live Conversation with Mark Waid
with Brad Ricca
Cleveland Public Library
525 Superior Ave • Cleveland, OH 44114

FRI
OCT 20
12:15-
1:30 PM

Presentation: Sina Grace
Lunch on Fridays Series
Cleveland Institute of Art
11610 Euclid Ave • Cleveland, OH 44106

FRI
OCT 20
6-8 PM

Book Signing: Sina Grace
Carol and John's Comic Book Shop
17462 Lorain Ave • Cleveland, OH 44111

SAT
OCT 21
11 AM-
3 PM

Artist in the Atrium: Sina Grace
Cleveland Museum of Art
11150 East Blvd • Cleveland, OH 44106

OCTOBER 27 - NOVEMBER 2, 2023

04

FRI
OCT 27
6-8 PM

Book Signing: Sarah Kuhn
Carol and John's Comic Book Shop
17462 Lorain Ave • Cleveland, OH 44111

SAT
OCT 28
10 AM-
12 PM

Coffee and Comics Workshop with Tony Isabella
Rising Star Coffee Roastery at the Hildebrand Building
3617 Walton Ave Cleveland, OH 44113

SAT
OCT 28
1-2 PM

A Live Conversation with Sarah Kuhn
with Vera Camden and Valentino Zullo
Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
1100 Rock and Roll Blvd • Cleveland, OH 44114

SAT
OCT 28
2:30-
3:30 PM

A Live Conversation with Laura Siegel Larson
with Samantha Baskind
Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
1100 Rock and Roll Blvd • Cleveland, OH 44114

SAT
OCT 28
6:30-
9 PM

Film Screening: *Superman II* (1981)
with an introduction by Laura Siegel Larson
Cinematheque at the Cleveland Institute of Art
11610 Euclid Ave • Cleveland, OH 44106

SUN
OCT 29
1-2 PM


Author Talk: Roy Schwartz, *Is Superman Circumcised? The Complete Jewish History of the World's Greatest Hero*
The Temple-Tifereth Israel
26000 Shaker Blvd • Beachwood, OH 44122

THUR
NOV 2
6:30-
7:30 PM

Book Discussion: *Superman The Harvests of Youth*
by Sina Grace
Get Graphic with the Ohio Center for the Book Graphic Novel Book Club
Bookhouse Brewing
1526 W 25th St • Cleveland, OH 44113



CREATOR BIOS



Chad Bilyeu is the author of *Chad in Amsterdam*, *The Re-Up*, and editor of *Megillah* anthology

Dan Gorman is a trained Medical Illustrator with over 15 years of experience as a Comic Book and licensed Trading Card artist

Sina Grace is the author/illustrator of *Superman Harvests of Youth*, *Iceman*, *Ghosts in LA*, *Rockstar and Softboy*, *Nothing Lasts Forever*, *Getting it Together*, and more

Tony Isabella is the creator of DC Comics' first major African-American superhero, Black Lightning and Marvel Comics' Black Goliath, and Misty Knight; he has written comics for four decades

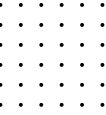
Phillip Kennedy Johnson is the author of *Action Comics*, *Superman*, *The Incredible Hulk*, *Green Lantern: War Journal*, *Alien*, *The Fellspyre Chronicles*, *007: For King and Country*, and more

Sarah Kuhn is the author of *Girl Taking Over: Lois Lane*, *Shadow of the Batgirl*, *Heroine Complex*, *Riverdale Diaries*, *Barbie*, *Star Wars: Doctor Aphra*, *Clueless: Senior Year*, and more

Terri Libenson is the author/illustrator of the *Emmie and Friends* series, the comic strip, *Pajama Diaries*, and more

Laura Siegel Larson is the daughter of Jerry Siegel; a former CNN correspondent, she has won more than 100 awards including 13 Emmys, 8 New York Festival Awards, awards from the AP, and more

Mark Waid is the author of *Batman/Superman: World's Finest*, *Superman: The Last Days of Lex Luthor*, *Superman: Birthright*, and more; he has written for every major comics publisher





PRESENTER BIOS

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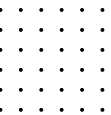
Brad Ricca is the author of *Super Boys: The Amazing Adventures of Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster--the Creators of Superman* and five other books

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Roy Schwartz is the author of *Is Superman Circumcised?: The Complete Jewish History of the World's Greatest Hero*

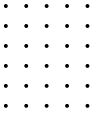
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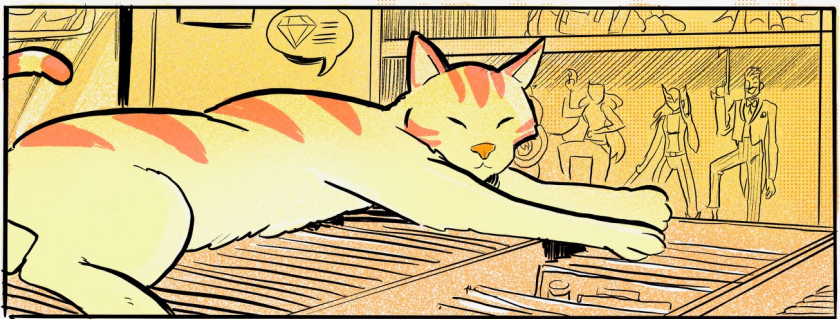
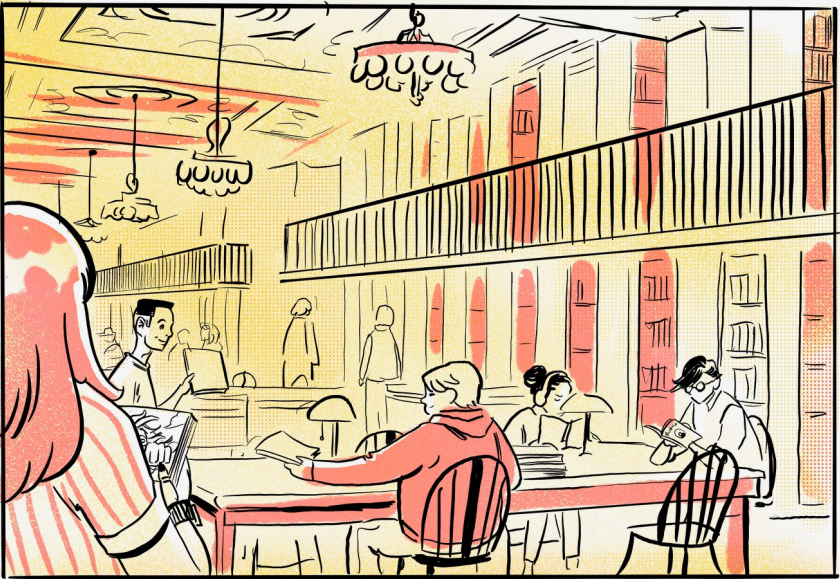
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