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**Title: Chelsea District Library Opens Up the World of Comics For Kids of All Ages!**

Chelsea District Library (CDL), in collaboration with Kids Read Comics and Secret Crisis Comics, will host Kids Read Comics Chelsea (KRC), an all-day festival of comic book fun on Saturday, October 26, 2019. The event will feature cartooning demonstrations by comics creators, hands-on comics creation workshops, interactive games and activities, and culminate with a pizza party at Secret Crisis Comics. Throughout the day, artists will participate in Four Panel Mystery Games where visitors can guess the story as the comics are created before their eyes. Special prize drawings will be held, giving attendees the chance to win art supplies and comics simply by participating in events and completing a scavenger hunt.

Artists in attendance—displaying comics, books, and original art at their Artists Alley tables—will include *Dropout* creator Courtney Hahn; *Ellie McDoodle* author and illustrator Ruth McNally Barshaw; master of mini-comics Matt (*Cynicalman*) Fezell; action-packed cartoonist and comic writer Katie Cook; *Out and About* author, illustrator, and dragon enthusiast Corinne Roberts; *Ellie on Planet X* creator James Anderson; and local favorite SRSly student artists. They will be eager to talk about the comics they make, the comics kids love, and the comics kids love to make.

A special guest this year is the nonprofit cosplay group League of Enchantment. These volunteer costumed crusaders visit hospitals and assist with Make a Wish to bring special experiences to kids in need. For families who love dressing up, the League of Enchantment will have multiple sessions of crafting costume accessories, and you may see a League member or two in full costume at the event!

In addition to meeting artists at the library, kids and families will have a chance to join them at a special pizza party at Secret Crisis Comics after the day's events. The day's events also include chalk art workshops, crafts, and a special costume event where kids and families are invited to come dressed in their superhero or Halloween finest!

"A great thing about comics is the way kids are enlivened by them," said Edith Donnell, CDL youth and teen librarian, Kids Read Comics co-founder, and event organizer. "They become storytellers, they want to talk about what they're seeing. They want to draw, write, and create after being exposed to comics." Donnell believes that Kids Read Comics Chelsea will kickstart that creative process. "Kids meet comic book artists and watch them at work, and also get the chance to explore some of those skills themselves. By the end of a KRC event, we hear stories about kids who are already drawing their own comics, inspired by what they've experienced."

Kids Read Comics Chelsea runs from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 26. More information is available at [www.chelseadistrictlibrary.org/krc](http://www.chelseadistrictlibrary.org/krc). *This event is sponsored by the Friends of Chelsea District Library.*

About Us: Chelsea District Library is a not for profit organization whose mission is to engage, inspire, and equip through evolving services and resources. The Library currently serves 15,010 residents in the Chelsea area including the City of Chelsea plus Dexter, Lima, Lyndon and Sylvan townships. More than 16,000 individuals visit the Library each month. For more information visit [chelseadistrictlibrary.org](http://chelseadistrictlibrary.org).

About Kids Read Comics: Kids Read Comics is a nonprofit organized in 2008 by four Michigan residents dedicated to putting comics, and the tools to make comics, in the hands of young people. In addition to librarian Donnell, they are artist and cartooning teacher Jerzy Drozd, Green Brain Comics co-owner Dan Merritt, and comic book writer Dan Mishkin. Kids Read Comics puts on the annual Ann Arbor Comic Arts Festival.

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