

Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grant for Libraries

Application Cover Sheet

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Applying for (check one): Growth Grant x_____ Innovation Grant _____

Project Title: Mock Will Eisner Awards

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Brief Summary of Project (2 or 3 sentences):

The Sachem Public Library would like to expand our graphic novel collection to include more diverse, iconic, and classic graphic works. Utilizing these graphic works we would like to expand the reach of our associated programming to encourage aspiring young illustrators and writers to complete their own graphic projects. At the culmination of our yearly programming, we plan to host our first Mock Will Eisner Awards event, in conjunction with our existing comic-con called SachemCon, where young adults will have the opportunity to present their completed stories to a panel of judges for consideration and the winners will be given a featured art exhibit at our annual Teen Art Show in April 2020.

Sachem Public Library Will Eisner Graphic Novel Growth Grant Timeline- May 2019- April 2020

<p>May 4, 2019 2:00pm-4:00pm</p>	<p>Free Comic Book Day- All Ages Partnership Off Site Event with Genesis Comics our local comic shop Introduce the new Will Eisner Graphic Novel Library Collection with thanks to Will Eisner Growth Grant and have several targeted activities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Graphic Fairy Tale Bookmarks 2. Button Maker- DIY Draw Your Own Buttons using Will Eisner's works as the inspiration 3. Digital Art Demonstrations using images from Will Eisner's books
<p>June 8, 2019 10:00am-4:00pm</p>	<p>Learn Something Saturday: Making Comics Series of documentaries Examples include: "Will Eisner: Portrait of a Sequential Artist" "She Makes Comics" "With Great Power: the Stan Lee Story"</p>
<p>July 18-21, 2019</p>	<p>Live Stream International Comic-Con in San Diego <i>Art Challenge: Create Your Own Graphic Story</i> Use Graphic Novels from past Will Eisner Awards as inspiration prompts.</p>
<p>September 2019</p>	<p>Post Bibliographies of Will Eisner Award Books</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staff created bibliographies will be displayed in the Adult & Teen Graphic Novel spaces 2. Expanded Graphic Novel Collection will be moved to a larger shelving area with book display space. Monthly themed displays will be coordinated from October 2019-January 2020 featuring Will Eisner and Will Eisner Award selections.
<p>October 4, 2019</p>	<p>Live Stream New York Comic-Con Anime Night & Animation Studio -Cosplay Dance Party -Team Comic Trivia -Graphic Sketch Contest- choose artistry from Will Eisner Award books.</p>
<p>October 19, 2019 2:00pm-4:00pm</p>	<p>Star Wars Reads Day – All Ages Showcase the Will Eisner Award winner books -Create Your Own Star Wars Comic</p>
<p>November 2019</p>	<p>Monthly Art Challenge- "One Picture Story"- Can you create a story with one picture without using words? <i>Pair challenge with artists from Will Eisner grant books.</i></p> <p>Graphic Novel Podcast Choose one Will Eisner Award book to read and discuss over a podcast, using our podcast studio. Compare and contrast with Will Eisner works.</p> <p>Begin Advertising for Mock Will Eisner</p>
<p>December 2019</p>	<p>Monthly Art Challenge- "Your Fantasy World"- We all know Hogwarts, Narnia and Middle Earth. What would your world look like?</p>

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January 2020	Will Eisner Graphic Novel Month
<p>Tuesdays January 7, 14, 21 6:00pm-7:00p m</p>	<p>Story Boarding Fan Fiction: Story Writing Script Writing Pair with Will Eisner grant books</p>
<p>Wednesday January 15 6:00pm-7:30p m</p>	<p>Digital Storytelling</p>
<p>Thursdays January 9, 16, 23 3:30pm-4:30p m</p>	<p>Design a Comic Book Cover Design Your Own Characters Comic Board Creation <i>Pair with Will Eisner grant books</i></p>
<p>Thursdays January 9, 16, 23 6:00pm-7:30p m</p>	<p>Closet Couture: Cosplay Costume Designing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Selecting Designs 2. Basic Sewing 3. Finishing Touches
<p>Fridays January 3, 10 & 17</p>	<p>Fanart Fridays Marvel/DC Sailor Moon Steven Universe Miyazaki/Studio Ghibli Present alongside art books and related graphic novels to compare and contrast styles.</p>
<p>Saturday January 18 (2 sessions)</p>	<p>Graphic Review Session- Teens will present their Independent Graphic Projects to two of our teen librarians with backgrounds in graphic design and digital art. We will assist with pointers and feedback on work for submission to the Mock Will Eisner Awards at SachemCon.</p>
<p>Friday, January 24</p>	<p>Graphic Novel Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Avant Garde Comics Display and viewing of Independent Graphic Projects ● Partnership with Inbeon and Red Riot for graphic novel panel discussion ● Judging and Awarding of Mock Eisner Awards
<p>Saturday, January 25 1:00pm-4:00p m</p>	<p>SachemCon main event- All Ages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Graphic author and illustrator speaker panel in partnership with Genesis Comics ● Cosplay Contest ● Mock Eisner Award participant projects on display and winners acknowledged

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Comic Trivia Challenge● Live Art Demonstrations● 3-4 Crafting Stations● Vendor Area● J-Pop Performance
April 2019	Teen Art Show- Mock Will Eisner Exhibit

Sachem Public Library Will Eisner Graphic Novel Growth Grant Budget:

Categories	Existing Library Funding	Growth Grant Supplement	Total Budget Cost
Salaries & Wages Librarian Hours for all Timeline Programs \$30.00 per hour @ 223 hours	\$6,690		\$6,690
Graphic Novel Collection Development Collections to Purchase with Examples <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Middle Grade Novels for Girls- Surfside Girls, Zita the Space, Ozma of Oz, Raina Telgemeier books (<i>Budgeted= \$500</i>) 2. Iconic Series- Hellboy Collection (\$240), Maus (\$50), Persepolis (\$35), Amulet (\$115), Bone Compilation (\$150) and Omnibus collections (<i>Total Budgeted= \$900</i>) 3. Graphic Novel Classics (<i>Budgeted= \$250</i>) 4. Diverse Graphic Novels (<i>Budgeted= \$350</i>) 	\$9,000	\$2,000	\$11,000
Equipment Maintenance Digital Art Tablets & iPad Pros (if needed) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tablet Replacement Cost \$99 2. Stylus Replacement Cost \$30 3. iPad Pro Replacement Cost \$675 4. Apple Pencil Replacement Cost \$95 Art Software Costs <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (2) Clip Studio Additional License \$29 each 2. ArtRage/Sketchbook Apps- Free Photoshop Suite \$600 annual fee	\$1,559		\$1,559
Program Materials & Supplies Printing- Poster Machine/Flyers \$200 Facebook Paid Posts 4 @ \$20 each- \$80 Star Wars Reads Day \$300 Art Supplies \$1,500 SachemCon \$2,000 Teen Art Show \$600 Graphic Novel Book Discussions \$300 Learn Something Saturday Streaming \$50	\$5,030		\$5,030
Guest Creators/Speakers for SachemCon & Graphic Novel Night - Inbeon - Red Riot - Scott Schneider and other author/illustrators for speaker panel in partnership with Genesis Comics		\$1,000	\$1,000
Conference Cost for ALA (<i>Total \$2255</i>) Travel \$465 Hotel \$1085		\$1000	\$1,255

Registration Fees \$305			
Food \$400			
Total Cost			\$26,534

Grant Narrative:

Sachem Public Library's graphic novel collection and associated programs reflect Will Eisner's values of freedom of speech and creative expression. Our current Teen Services graphic novel collection consists of nearly 2,000 titles accessible to all users, with a focus on readers grades 6-12. We ensure our collection is inclusive and diverse, representing individuals of all backgrounds and cultures. Our goal is to create an increasingly diverse, quality driven collection that suits all readers in our community. With the success of graphic artists like Raina Telgemeier, there has been a surge in girls reading comics and a demand for new voices in the genre. Graphic novels serve as a literacy bridge for many, and we use our collection for reluctant and special needs readers. Those with dyslexia or special needs may not be able to read on a level deemed appropriate for their grade, and "easy reading" books are not relatable to our teens and older patrons. The graphic novel is the perfect alternative, as it contains relatable content and is more comprehensive for these patrons to read. Funds from the growth grant will allow us to offer even more creative voices, artistry, and writing styles to our community of readers.

During staff facilitated graphic and creative arts programming, teens are encouraged to think outside conventional norms of art styles and formatting. Graphic novels are used alongside our all ages programs and events that celebrate pop culture including Star Wars Reads Day, our Comic Con called SachemCon, and Free Comic Book day. At these events, the community is invited to participate in activities highlighting artistry, crafts, games, and cosplay. Patrons learn about creating their own comic art. Local illustrators and comic book creators talk about their work. Graphic novels from our collection are displayed throughout the event and often acquired as giveaways for our readers.

Graphic novels are used in our library programs to inspire emerging artists to create works of their own. Teens receive guidance to become creators, learning to draw characters, think about story writing, and discuss how much work goes into making a comic. Our librarians with a background in graphic and digital art teach comic, manga, and animation programs at our local middle schools and library. The library supplies art materials and technologies the school district does not have access to, such as graphic tablets and comic software, giving teens the ability to use the same tools as professionals. Teens are then asked to evaluate selected works to see what they notice about the comics—themes, formats, and stylizations. We have reached over 900 students with our graphic art programming and will use the Will Eisner Growth Grant to expand our programming further.

We plan to introduce dedicated graphic novel programming leading up to 2020's SachemCon. Programs will concentrate on scheduled viewings of related documentaries, comic and manga art, story boarding and writing techniques, art challenges, podcasts, and cosplay or fan art creation both traditionally and digitally. Teens will have the opportunity to work independently on graphic creations using library supplies and equipment. Teens who complete a short graphic story or comic strip will be able to submit their creation for consideration to win a Mock Will Eisner Award at our Graphic Novel Night before SachemCon. Our mock award criteria will judge completed graphic works by creativity, originality, and substance in conjunction with Will Eisner's legacy of creative expression. There will be guest judges provided by a partnership with Genesis Comics. The new Will Eisner collections received with the grant will be incorporated into these programs and those creators who win the Mock Will Eisner Award will be given a small collection of Will Eisner books to keep. Grant funding assists in defraying programming fees for professional artists to teach workshops and secure notable creators for SachemCon. Many times teens ask for inspiring authors and creators that fall outside our budget constraints. The library hosts an annual art show each April for teens to showcase artistic works in the library's gallery.

Teens submitting graphic works for the Mock Will Eisner Award will be encouraged to submit works to the art show, where all patrons can appreciate it. A reception will be held to honor featured Will Eisner winners in the exhibit. All programs and events will have language denoting they were made possible with funding from the Will Eisner Growth Grant both in our library newsletter, on our library website, and on digital advertising including social media.