



**Press Release**  
Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 2011

## **PARL's Super Contest for Super HEROES! ... 'Finish the Comic Strip Contest' for Free Comic Book Day 2011!**

Reading, writing and drawing – what more fun can you have? Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library is pleased to present our 1<sup>st</sup> 'Finish the Comic Strip Contest' for kids, to help celebrate the annual North American celebration of Free Comic Book Day which is held the first Saturday in May.

Adam Noble, Supervising Branch Librarian for New Glasgow and Trenton Public Libraries (and resident PARL expert on everything Graphically Novel-inclined) said "this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that PARL has participated in celebrating the day. Each year a different theme is chosen, and this year, it is 'Thor' - in anticipation of the movie being released on the day before FCBD 2011." The idea for the comic strip completion contest for kids germinated from a conversation Steve MacLean (PARL Program Assistant) had with Calum Johnston, the store owner of *Strange Adventures* in Halifax. The comic strip contest story lead and the entry form itself is the design of Jess Davey (Youth Web Intern @ PARL). Winners will be chosen at each of the branches, for each of the 3 age categories, and prizes have been generously donated by the *Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program*.

**Entry forms, and entry information is available online (downloadable) from [www.parl.ns.ca](http://www.parl.ns.ca) as well as at any of our local library branches.**

### **Artists must**

- 1. hold a valid PARL card.**
- 2. be under the age of 18 years (... there are age categories – ages 4-6, 7-11, 12-17).**
- 3. submit only original work!**
- 4. By entering, artists agree to have their work on public display in the library.**

**Contest is open from Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 2011 and closes on Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.**

**Completed entries are to be returned to your nearest local Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library branch.**

In addition to the comic-drawing contest for kids, there will be a series of comic-inspired movies to be shown at the New Glasgow Public Library throughout that Saturday afternoon (May 7<sup>th</sup>). Which ones, will depend upon the online voting poll being held at [www.parl.ns.ca](http://www.parl.ns.ca). A list of popular films from *Spider-Man*, *The Incredibles* to the classic – *Condorman* and more are up for nomination ... so please vote! The top 2 chosen movies will be shown, with screening starting at 1:00 pm.

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For more information, please contact Trecia Schell or Steven MacLean, PARL-HQ Programming Department (755-6031), or Adam Noble, Supervising Branch Librarian – New Glasgow and Trenton Public Libraries (752-8233); or visit our online PARL Events calendar at [www.parl.ns.ca](http://www.parl.ns.ca).

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