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Bang! Pow! Socko! Free Comic Book Day at Sarasota libraries

Sarasota County libraries are partnering with The Dark Side Comics and Pop Comics and Games on Saturday, May 3, to celebrate Free Comic Book Day. Local libraries participating include North Sarasota Library 2801 Newtown Blvd., Sarasota, from 10 a.m.-noon, Fruitville Library, 100 Coburn Road, Sarasota, from noon-3 p.m.; and Selby Library, 1331 First St., Sarasota, from 1-4 p.m.

Now in its seventh year, Free Comic Book Day distributes more than 2 million comic books by participating stores and libraries, introducing as many people as possible to the wonders of graphic novels. The array of comic books being published today ensures that readers of all ages can find something appropriate to stir their imaginations.

“Comic books are a literary part of our culture that has endured for decades and continues to thrive,” said Philip Bloom of Fruitville Library. “They are more popular than ever, and with so many new themes and genres out there, they are being read by kids, teens and adults.”

Many of today’s most popular movie characters, including Batman, Superman, Spiderman and the X-Men originated in comic books. Another comic book character, Ironman, will make his big screen debut on the same weekend as Free Comic Book Day.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about Free Comic Book Day at Sarasota County libraries, or visit www.FreeComicBookDay.com