

Veteran Marvel and DC Comics Graphic Novelist, Barbara Slate, to give Workshop at Mason Library

Great Barrington (MA): Graphic novelist Barbara Slate will offer a series of her critically acclaimed "You Can Do A Graphic Novel" workshops for teens, at the Mason Library, April 20 through April 23, it was announced today by Anne Just, the library director. "We are very excited to offer this free series of workshops to the community," Just adds.

Described by comic book legend Stan Lee as "titanically talented," Slate will offer tips and instructions to teens at her first Berkshire area workshop. When asked if the students need to have artistic talent, Slate responds, "Don't worry if you think you can't draw. Bring your sketches, doodles, cartoons and if you don't have anything, just bring your enthusiasm for comic books."

Among the points Slate will teach are:

- Tapping into the creative process.
- Creating memorable characters.
- Developing the plot (using an ingenious method of color coded Post-it notes)
- How-to come up with compelling dialogue, and
- Laying out a successful graphic novel page.

"You Can Do A Graphic Novel" is a paperback original, published in January 2010 by Alpha Books, an imprint of Pearson Education. Copies of the book may be borrowed from the library or purchased at booksellers.

The workshop is for teens ages 11-18.

It will take place at the Mason Library on April 20, 21, 22 from 1:30PM - 3:00PM, and April 23 from 10:30AM - 1:00PM. For more information or to register for the workshop, call the library at 413-528-2403.