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> **MINI COMIC-CON AT HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY** *Author talks, movies, drawing class and more highlight gathering for all things comics*

(**Belcamp, Maryland – October 5, 2016**) -- Harford County Public Library presents its 2016 Mini Comic-Con October 14-22 at library branches across the county.

The Mini Comic-Con focuses on all things comics related. Among the highlights is "Meet the Author: John Dixon" on Thursday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Abingdon Library. Dixon is the author of young-adult books "Phoenix Island" and the follow-up "Devil's Pocket." "Phoenix Island" was the inspiration for the CBS series "Intelligence." Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

Both books won back-to-back Bram Stoker awards in 2014 and 2015. The Bram Stoker Award is presented annually by the Horror Writers Association for "superior achievement" in dark fantasy and horror writing. Presented since 1987, winners include Stephen King, Peter Straub and Jonathan Maberry.

The following day, Friday, October 21, is the major Comic-Con event with artists, games, comics, costumes, trivia and a green-screen photo center at the Aberdeen Library from noon to 5 pm.

Other events throughout the week include movie matinees and movie nights, art programs and more. Additional information about the Mini Comic-Con and the full schedule of events may be found at hcplonline.org.

Teens and adults can earn badges by attending programs. Go to hcplonline.beanstack.org to create an account or use your summer reading account information to log in. The more Mini Comic-Con programs folks attend at the library, the greater their chances of winning prizes. Harford County Public Library operates eleven branches located throughout Harford County, Maryland. The library serves over 185,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of over 3.8 million. Harford County Public Library is committed to connecting people with information and promoting the love of reading within the community.

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Photo caption #1: Author John Dixon will be visiting the Abingdon Library on Thursday, October 20 at 6:30pm. His appearance is part of Harford County Public Library's 2016 Mini Comic-Con.