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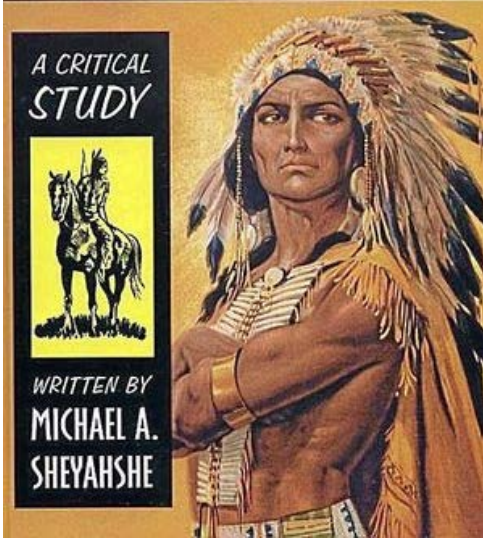
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NATIVE AMERICANS IN COMIC BOOKS



Michael Sheyahshe wrote "Native Americans in Comic Books: A Critical Study," which explores how Native Americans have been and continue to be portrayed in comic books. Sheyahshe will appear at two workshops this week.

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By JIMMIE TRAMEL World Scene Writer | 0 comments

People of all ages are invited to learn how to create comics the Native American way during one of two free workshops this week at the Zarrow Regional Library, 2224 W. 51st St.

The first of the workshops — "Create Comics the Native American Way: Meet the Indigenous Narratives Collective" — is scheduled 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday. The seminar will focus on the history of Native American images in comics and the emergence of indigenous creators in the comic-book industry.

The second workshop — "The Indigenous Narratives Collective Presents Let's Make Comics!" — is scheduled 5-8 p.m. Thursday. Participants will create a one-page comic, and you don't have to be a great artist to make a comic. You just have to want to tell stories with words and pictures. Paper and pencils will be provided.

Roy Boney (Cherokee), Michael Sheyahshe (Caddo) and Arigon Starr (Kickapoo/Creek) will take part in both workshops.

Boney is an award-winning filmmaker, artist and writer, as well as the Language Program manager at Cherokee Nation. As a graphic novelist, he has worked on several titles,

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including the critically acclaimed zombie series "Dead Eyes Open," and was a contributing artist to the Eisner Award-nominated anthology "Trickster: Native American Tales."

Sheyahshe wrote the book "Native Americans in Comic Books: A Critical Study," which investigates how Native Americans have been and continue to be portrayed in comic books. He is a former Gates Millennium Scholar and Ronald E. McNair Scholar. He also was awarded the Smithsonian Institution's Native American Award.

Starr is an actress, musician and artist. Using illustration and lettering skills, she created "Super Indian" as an online comic book series and a graphic novel. "Super Indian Volume Two" was published in April. She also is a founder of the Indigenous Narratives Collective, a group of Native American comic creators who published "Tales of the Mighty Code Talkers."

The workshops are sponsored by Tulsa Library Trust and American Indian Resource Center.

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