

Youth Art Month at the San Bernardino Public Library

The San Bernardino Public Library will be hosting a drawing class by artist and cartoonist Phil Yeh in observance of National Youth Art Month in March.

The class will be open to ages 10 and up. It will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 2:00-5:00 PM in Kellogg Room A at the Feldheim Central Library, 555 W. 6th Street in San Bernardino. This class will help the new student as well as the advanced student to use the library to further increase your own drawing abilities. Yeh will also help you create your own characters.

Phil Yeh began publishing in 1970 at the age of 16 and has written and illustrated more than 90 books, comics and graphic novels. He published one of the first American graphic novels in 1977 and is known as the Godfather of the Modern American Graphic Novel. While still in high school, Phil started Eastwind Studios to both sell his work and to publish his magazines and books. He was designing t-shirts, pottery, leatherwork, comics, murals, and painting in watercolors and oils at his first studio location in Anaheim. Yeh has had solo shows in galleries in San Francisco, Carmel, and New York City and has been a part of group shows in Hawaii, Arizona, and California. In 2006, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History had a five-month exhibition of Phil's original oil paintings from his best-selling book *Theo the Dinosaur*. His latest work includes a series of watercolors and fine-art prints representing cities around the world that have some meaning for him.

Youth Art Month was founded in 1961 and is an annual observance each March to emphasize the value of art and art education for all children and to encourage support for quality school art programs. Some of the goals of Youth Art Month are to recognize art as a necessity for the full development of better quality of life for all; direct attention to the value of art education for divergent and critical thinking; expand art programs in schools and stimulate new art programs; encourage commitment to the arts by students, community organizations, and individuals everywhere; provide additional opportunities for individuals of all ages to participate in creative art learning; and to increase community understanding and interest in art and art education through involvement in art exhibits, workshops, and other creative ventures.

For more information on the workshop call 909-381-8238 or visit www.sbpl.org

For more information on Youth Art Month, visit <http://www.arteducators.org/news/yam>