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A couple of weeks ago I went to a local elementary school to talk to the students about the upcoming Summer Library Club Reading Program. This year's theme for kids 12 and younger is *Every Hero Has A Story*. To get the kids excited about all of the activities we are going to have at the library this summer I started out by asking them if they knew the names of any superheroes. I got typical responses like Superman, Batgirl, Ironman, The Hulk, Supergirl and Captain America. But then I asked about other kinds of superheroes and they were just as quick to respond with firefighters, teachers, police men and women, parents, and soldiers. One of the kids even said librarian. Okay, I may have done some prompting on that one...

The Beloit Public Library is the place to be this summer if you are looking to fill your superhero quota. Kids, teens and adults of all ages will enjoy superhero story times, superhero movie marathons, a visit from a K9 superhero and much more. All of the Summer Library Club programs start on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> with a Kick-Off event at the library from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Kids can sign up for the Reading Program and make superhero crafts. Teens and adults can pick up Reading Game Cards and a free comic book. And everyone can enjoy a visit from Scoopie and Culver's frozen custard.

For more information about Summer Library Club Reading Programs and events for all ages visit [www.beloitlibrary.org](http://www.beloitlibrary.org) or stop in and pick up a brochure. In the meantime, be sure to check out these new books coming soon to your Beloit Public Library:

*Among Heroes: True Stories of Friendship, Sacrifice and Heroism in the U.S. Navy Seal Teams* by Brandon Webb and John David Mann. In *Among Heroes*, Webb offers eight intensely personal profiles of uncommon courage—who these men were, what they stood for, and how they came to make the ultimate sacrifice. These are men who left behind powerfully instructive examples of what it means to be alive—and what it truly means to be a hero. (Book Description)

*League of Regrettable Superheroes: Half-Baked Heroes from Comic Book History* by Jon Morris. In *The League of Regrettable Superheroes*, you'll meet one hundred of the strangest superheroes ever to see print, complete with backstories, vintage art, and colorful commentary. So prepare yourself for such not-ready-for-prime-time heroes as Bee Man (Batman, but with bees), the Clown (circus-themed crimebuster), the Eye (a giant, floating eyeball; just accept it), and many other oddballs and oddities. Drawing on the entire history of the medium, *The League of Regrettable Superheroes* will appeal to die-hard comics fans, casual comics readers, and anyone who enjoys peering into the stranger corners of pop culture. (Book Description)

*Reading with Pictures: Comics that Make Kids Smarter!* By Josh Elder. ...unites the finest creative talents in the comics industry with the nation's leading experts in visual literacy to create a game-changing tool for the classroom and beyond. This full-color volume features more than a dozen short stories (both fiction and nonfiction) that address topics in Social Studies, Math, Language Arts, and Science, while offering an immersive textual and visual experience that kids will enjoy. (Book Description)