CALL FOR CONTRIBUTORS

Children's Comics, Past and Present

In connection with the Children's Literature Association Conference that is being hosted by The Ohio State University in 2016, the Billy Ireland Cartoon Library and Museum at OSUL (The Ohio State University Libraries) will mount an exhibit on children's comics, past and present. The exhibit will open June 4, 2016 and run through October 30, 2016.

The Billy Ireland has partnered with the University Libraries Digital Publishing Program for this venture and plans to publish a peer-reviewed digital exhibit catalogue of critical essays about children's comics, past and present. The essays will address a variety of aspects of children's comics—artists, characters, titles, themes, trends, publishers, etc.—and are intended to augment the material displayed in the exhibit. The essays are intended for a general educated readership and so need to be written in accessible prose that is free of academic jargon.

Please submit 500-word abstracts by October 15th, 2015 to Michelle Ann Abate at <u>abate.30@osu.edu</u> and Joe Sutliff Sanders at <u>dr.joess@gmail.com</u>.

Full-length essays of 5,000 words will be due by January 1st, 2016.

The peer-reviewed digital exhibit catalogue of critical essays will be released sometime in summer 2016 to coincide with the exhibit.