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The *Drawn-Out History of Comic Books* exhibit comes to a close September 6

ELMHURST, Ill. – It's been a summer that can only be described in terms like "*WHAM!,*" "*BANG!,*" and "*POW!*" The summer months have been bustling at Elmhurst Historical Museum, largely due to the presence of ***The Drawn-Out History of Comic Books*** exhibit, which will be on display at Elmhurst Historical Museum, 120 E. Park Ave. in downtown Elmhurst, through September 6.

The Drawn-Out History of Comic Books has been a popular draw for everyone from kids to adults. Patrons of all ages have been intrigued by the exhibit's story depicted in the various eras of comic book history – spanning from humble roots in the 1930s to the mega-industry of the present – and showcased through many examples of classic comic books, artifacts, and collectibles.

The exhibit also investigates the creative process of developing comic book characters, art, and stories through interactive multi-media displays, video footage, and more. The second floor artist's workshop shows – via time lapse photography – how three local comic book artists create their original artwork. A hands-on light table has been a hub of activity for aspiring comic book artists.

The Drawn-Out History of Comic Books is in its last few weeks, and Spider-Man, Superman and their pals will pack up and move on after the exhibit closes on September 6. If you haven't had a chance to catch this interesting and fun-filled exhibit, there's still time. The exhibit is open Tuesday through Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m., and admission is

free. For more information on *The Drawn-Out History of Comic Books* and Elmhurst Historical Museum's upcoming exhibits and events, go to www.elmhursthistory.org.

The Elmhurst Historical Museum is a local history museum dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the history of Elmhurst and the surrounding community. Galleries are open to the public **Tuesday through Sunday, 1:00-5:00 p.m.** General admission is free with nominal fees for special programs. For more information, call 630-833-1457 or visit our web site at www.elmhursthistory.org.

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Caption 1: Spider-Man has been keeping watch over the comic books exhibit all summer long.

Caption 2: Jacob Rosner enjoyed the Batman collectibles in "The Drawn-Out History of Comic Books" exhibit.

Caption 3: Christina Warner tried her hand at sketching comic book characters in "The Drawn-Out History of Comic Books" exhibit.