THE FIRST AMENDMENT GUARANTEES OUR RIGHT TO FREE EXPRESSION, BUT POP CULTURE HAS TOO OFTEN ATTRACTED THE SCRUTINY OF CENSORS OVER THE YEARS...

...AND "MORAL PANIC" HAS GIVEN THESE CENSORS MANY TARGETS...

FROM KING KONG AND TARZAN...

...TO ROCK MUSIC IN THE '50s...

...EVEN CLASSIC LITERATURE IS ATTACKED!

...HEAVY METAL IN THE '80s...

...AND RAP AND HIP HOP IN THE '90s...
BUT COMICS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN HIT THE HARDEST!

THIS IS WHERE THE COMIC BOOK LEGAL DEFENSE FUND COMES IN!

THE ANTI-CENSORSHIP WORK OF THE CBLDF IS VITAL, AND MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER! IN 2012, WITH THE HELP OF OUR MEMBERS, WE WERE ABLE TO DO MORE THAN EVER BEFORE!
THANKS TO FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND EXPERT TESTIMONY FROM THE CBLDF, ALL CHARGES AGAINST RYAN "BRANDON X" MATHESON WERE DROPPED!

BECAUSE OF THE INNOCUOUS MANGA ON HIS LAPTOP, RYAN WAS SEARCHED AND ABUSED BY CANADIAN AUTHORITIES WHO WRONGLY ACCUSED HIM OF IMPORTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY.

NOW A FREE MAN THANKS TO YOUR DONATIONS, RYAN SPEAKS AT CONVENTIONS TO HELP OTHERS PROTECT THEIR RIGHTS!

WE CONTINUE TO PAY DOWN HIS LEGAL FEES THROUGH OUR FUNDRAISING—WE ARE HOPING TO RESTORE THE REMAINING $34,000 OUT OF THE $75,000 THE CASE COST.
As recently as 2011, the 2nd most challenged book in U.S. libraries was a graphic novel!*

The CBLDF is on the job, protecting the rights of libraries! We continually write letters and defenses standing up for graphic novels, and work with the Kids Right to Read Project, American Library Association, and the Office of Intellectual Freedom to keep comics on library shelves!

We are also a sponsor of Banned Books Week, a national celebration of the freedom to read. Learn what comics have been banned and how you can help at www.cbldf.org!

*"The Color of Earth", First Second Books
THE CBLDF IS DOING MORE THAN EVER TO RAISE AWARENESS OF COMICS' RIGHTS! OUR EDUCATION ACTIVITIES HAVE US LECTURING ABOUT COMICS CENSORSHIP TO LAWYERS, LIBRARIANS, ACADEMICS AND FANS ALL OVER THE WORLD AT SYMPOSIA, COLLEGES, AND COMIC CONVENTIONS!

WE ARE CONTINUING TO BUILD OUR BEST PRACTICES GUIDES FOR STORES AND LIBRARIES, WITH NEW ARTICLES ALL THE TIME!

WE'VE ALSO COMPLETELY REBUILT OUR WEBSITE AS AN EVEN BETTER RESOURCE FOR STUDENTS (OR ANYONE) TO LEARN MORE ABOUT COMICS CENSORSHIP! THERE ARE CASE FILES, COURT DECISIONS, AND MORE!
WE'VE HELPED STOP CASES BEFORE THEY EVER WENT TO COURT! THE CBLDF HELPS COMICS FANS AND ARTISTS FACING BOTH CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS, AND CIVIL SUITS THAT THREATEN THEIR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS!

THE CBLDF'S PUBLICATIONS ARE MORE ROBUST THAN EVER, WITH OUR NEW WEBSITE BEING UPDATED EVERY DAY WITH CENSORSHIP NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD, AND ADVISORY TOOLS TO HELP PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF STUDENTS, RETAILERS, AND FANS.

WWW.CBLDF.ORG
IN THE 1950s, MORAL PANIC ALMOST KILLED COMICS...

APPROVED BY THE COMICS CODE AUTHORITY

UNDERGROUND COMICS WERE TARGETED IN THE 1960s, AND DESTROYED IN THE 1970s...

CENSORS HAVE ATTACKED ARTISTS...

...AND EVEN READERS!

...AND COMIC SHOPS...
The comic art form is more popular than ever, but the threat of censorship looms over everything we do.

Free expression is too often taken for granted, but its limits are dangerously close, and censors push the line closer all the time.

We have to stand together—fans, creators, retailers, publishers, students, educators, librarians... together we continue to fight censorship and moral panic, and ensure that free expression has no boundaries!
BY JOINING OR DONATING TODAY, YOU HELP US KEEP THIS FIGHT GOING! THERE ARE TONS OF GREAT INCENTIVES FOR MEMBERSHIP, BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT INCENTIVE IS KNOWING THAT...

...YOU ARE HELPING THE ART FORM YOU LOVE GROW, WITHOUT FEAR OF CENSORSHIP!

JOIN OR DONATE TODAY!
Stranger Fictions presents... FUND RAISING FOLLIES

WHY DO WE SUPPORT THE CBLDF, CAP?
YO--THEY HELP A ROBOT LIKE ME GET THIS BAG OF "FILTH" COMICS INTO CANADA WITH NO FUSS.
I THINK THEY DO MORE THAN THAT, LIKE PROTECTING OUR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS AND SUCH.
SAY WORD? WHAT ELSE THEY INTO, D?

THEY TRY TO STOP LIBRARY BANS ON COMICS, AND PREVENT BOOK BURNINGS!
BUT IN THIS ECONOMY, CAN WE AFFORD NOT TO BURN COMICS?
AND THEY HELP DEFEND OUR RIGHT TO SAY WORDS LIKE, $#@%%%!
I LOVE SAYING $#@%%%! SUPPORT THE CBLDF!

DONATION FORM!

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

MEMBER ($25) MEMBERSHIP CARD
SUPPORTER ($50) CARD, BUTTON, WINDOW CLING
ADVOCATE ($100) CARD, BUTTONS, CLING, CHOICE OF: WATER BOTTLE, TOTE BAG, OR T-SHIRT
DEFENDER ($250) CARD, BUTTONS, CLING, CHOICE OF 2: WATER BOTTLE, TOTE BAG, OR T-SHIRT
PROTECTOR ($500) CARD, BUTTONS, CLING, WATER BOTTLE, TOTE BAG, T-SHIRT, EXCLUSIVE PRINT
CHAMPION ($1,000) ALL OF THE ABOVE PLUS SIGNED GRAPHIC NOVEL OF YOUR CHOICE:
MAUS, WATCHMEN, PREACHER DELUXE EDITION, HABIBI

TO MAKE MY DONATION GO FURTHER, PLEASE SEND NO MEMBERSHIP PREMIUMS.

NAME ____________________________
E-MAIL __________________________
ADDRESS ____________________________
CITY, STATE, ZIP ____________________________
SIGNATURE ___________________ DATE ___________________
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