

# Clare Briggs & the Art of Cartooning



Historic exhibit for public viewing at the Reedsburg Public Library, celebrating the works of native son Clare Briggs; Oct. 17, 2023, photographer Jay Rath,

A biographical presentation on Reedsburg native Clare Briggs, who invented the daily comic strip in 1903; and three subsequent cartooning workshops for all ages, based on his principles, with a concluding collaborative class project. A highlight was the repeat attendance by elementary and high school students, who built on their skills each visit. More than 120 participants directly benefited, and many more learned about Briggs and his historic importance from publicity including an article in the Reedsburg Times-Press and an extensive display of rare materials including art, posters and books in Reedsburg Public Library showcases.



Visitors to the Reedsburg Public Library learn art techniques pioneered by cartoonist Clare Briggs. The Sauk County native invented the comic strip in 1903. Oct. 3, 2023, photographer Caitlin Opatik, assistant director, Reedsburg Public Library.



Attendees of all ages learn about the art and craft of cartooning from Jay Rath, veteran writer-cartoonist from The Onion, Disney and MAD magazine. Oct. 3, 2023, photographer Caitlin Opatik, assistant director, Reedsburg Public Library.