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Derf Backderf - MY FRIEND DAHMER

Wednesday, April 18, 7 pm Main Library Auditorium

The graduating class of 1978 from Revere High School in Richfield, Ohio included Derf Backderf, who would go on to become a popular and award-winning satirical cartoonist... and it also included Jeffrey Dahmer, who would go on to



become perhaps the most infamous serial killer in American history.

MY FRIEND DAHMER is Derf's amazing account of his friendship with Dahmer in Jr High and High School. At times humorous, at others harrowing - and always haunting, MY FRIEND DAHMER is Derf's sympathetic but unblinking attempt to make sense of this troubled young man, struggling helplessly against horrific urges that would ultimately lead to monstrous and unforgivable crimes.

Already one of the highest-praised graphic novels in years, earning rave reviews from Kirkus, Publisher's Weekly, Esquire, and The Onion, Derf Backderf's MY FRIEND DAHMER is unlike anything you've read before.

Derf's multimedia program will include his drawings and artwork and rare photos. A Q&A session follows the presentation. Copies of MY FRIEND DAHMER will be available for sale.

DON'T MISS THIS VERY SPECIAL MAIN EVENT!

Presented by the Akron-Summit County Public Library and Friends of Main Library. Auditorium doors open at 6:30 pm. Parking in the High/Market deck is free for those arriving after 6 pm.

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