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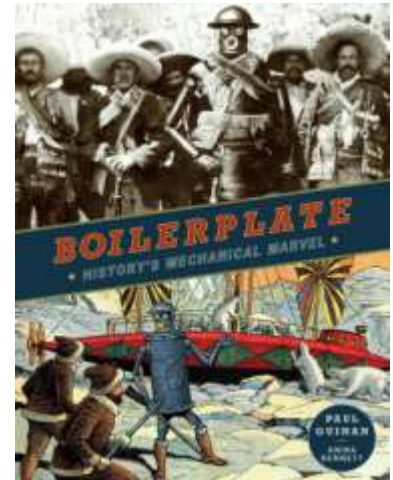
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Graphic artists & authors, Guinan & Bennett introduce 19th century robot, “Boilerplate”

Authors Paul Guinan and Anina Bennett will read excerpts from their new book, “[Boilerplate: History's Mechanical Marvel](#),” an illustrated history told through the adventures of Boilerplate, a robot invented in 1893 by Professor Archibald Campion. Find out the story of this nineteenth-century technological wonder at the [Olympia Timberland Library](#) on Saturday, May 8 at 2 p.m.

Accompanied by a slide show, the presenters will touch on historical events such as the World's Columbian Exposition, women's suffrage, the Klondike Gold Rush, and the Spanish-American War as well as Boilerplate's part in all of them. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Husband-and-wife team Guinan and Bennett have been collaborating in print since 1989. Together they created the groundbreaking science fiction series Heartbreakers. In 1998 they launched their web site, www.BigRedHair.com, which became the birthplace of Boilerplate. Their 2005 graphic novel Heartbreakers Meet Boilerplate was nominated for an Eisner Award for Guinan's innovative art. Boilerplate's Web site is www.BoilerplateRobot.com.



An avid history buff, Guinan has garnered international acclaim as the world's foremost authority on nineteenth-century robots. His favorite experiences are those that simulate time travel. Bennett, first published at age 15, went on to pen five Heartbreakers graphic novels; co-author The Art of Comic Book Inking, now an industry standard; and write reviews, articles, and interviews for various periodicals. She is a founding board member of Friends of Lulu, a nonprofit organization that works to get more women involved in comics. Originally from Chicago, Guinan and Bennett live in Portland, Oregon, near a small volcano they hope is extinct.

The Olympia Timberland Library is at 313 8th Avenue SE, Olympia. For more information, call (360) 352-0595 or go to www.TRL.org.