Geek out with Graphic Novels!

Best practices, tools, titles, and events...
We will discuss...

1. Best selection practices
2. Best selection tools
3. Best titles and read-alikes
4. Best programs
Graphic does not mean...

Explicit Content
Popular characters across collections...
Definitions to Know

• **Comic Strip**: A short sequence of 1 page or less

• **Comic Book**: Serialized comics appearing in a magazine-sized booklet

• **Graphic Novel**: Novel-length comics or a collection of comic books that tell a single narrative arc appearing in book form

• **Manga**: Stylized Japanese graphic novel in which both page and panels are read right to left.

• **Anime**: Animation of Japanese origin that can share both style and narrative tropes with manga. Not to be confused with a book; is television or film format.
Major Publishers

• Marvel Comics
• DC Comics
• Dark Horse Comics
• Image Comics
• IDW Publishing
• Gemstone Publishing
• Fantagraphics
• Kodansha
• Viz
What Graphic Novels Offer

• They give you all the visual stimulation of a movie with the textual experience of a book
• They give you a different way to experience events both fictional and historical
• They engage both the right and left hemispheres of your brain.
Educational Benefits

- Reluctant Readers
- Vocabulary Exposure
- Visual Literacy
- Comprehension
Benny and Penny in Just Pretend: A Toon Book
Hayes, Geoffrey
AR Quiz No. 121596 EN Fiction
\( \text{IL: LG - BL: } 1.1 \ - \ AR \text{ Pts: } 0.5 \)
\( \text{AR Quiz Types: } RP \)
\( \text{Rating: } \star \star \star \star \)
Benny wants to be a brave pirate, but it's hard to pretend when his pesky little sister, Penny, is always tagging along. He tries to lose her, but when he does, he starts to feel a little lost himself.

Benny and Penny in Lights Out!: A Toon Book
Hayes, Geoffrey
AR Quiz No. 151998 EN Fiction
\( \text{IL: LG - BL: } 1.3 \ - \ AR \text{ Pts: } 0.5 \)
\( \text{AR Quiz Types: } RP \)
\( \text{Rating: } \star \star \star \star \)
At bedtime two mouse siblings take turns telling stories and calming night fears.

Benny and Penny in the Big No-No! A Toon Book
Hayes, Geoffrey
AR Quiz No. 127908 EN Fiction
\( \text{IL: LG - BL: } 1.3 \ - \ AR \text{ Pts: } 0.5 \)
\( \text{AR Quiz Types: } RP \)
\( \text{Rating: } \star \star \star \star \)
Two mice meet their new neighbor and discover that she is not as scary as they feared.

Benny and Penny in the Toy Breaker: A Toon Book
Hayes, Geoffrey
AR Quiz No. 155535 EN Fiction
\( \text{IL: LG - BL: } 1.3 \ - \ AR \text{ Pts: } 0.5 \)
\( \text{AR Quiz Types: } RP \)
\( \text{Rating: } \star \star \star \star \)
When their cousin Bo comes to visit, Benny and Penny hide their toys and try to go on a treasure hunt without him, but Bo will not stop pestering them.
Kids’ (J) Graphics & Manga
We have comics too!
Selection Practices

• Split between 3 selectors:
  – Adult
  – Children’s
  – Teen

• Input information into a Google Doc Spreadsheet

• Looking at collection as a system
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Best selection tools

Beginner/ Not enough time...

- B&T/Ingram
- Amazon.com Best Sellers
- NYT Best Sellers
- SLJ/PW
- ALA Lists*

Intermediate/Advanced

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Selecting:
Do it like the pro’s…

• Get it for free if you tell your favorite comic book shop you’re a librarian!

• Published by Diamond Comic Distributors, Inc.

• Best features:
  • Annual Free Comic Book Day preview
  • Top 10 Lists:
    • Graphics
    • Manga
    • DVDs
    • Games (tabletop)
    • Books (F/NF)
More blogs to follow...

- Io9
- iFanboy
- DC Women Kicking Ass
- The Mary Sue
- Bleeding Cool
- Robot 6 @ Comic Book Resources
- The Beat
More blogs to follow

• Good Comics for Kids (School Library Journal)
• No Flying No Tights
• Graphic Novel Reporter
• About.com Manga
• Anime News Network
Websites/Apps

• Viz Media
• Yen Press
• Image Comics
• Dark Horse Comics
• Kaboom! Studios
• Marvel
• DC
Netgalley

- www.netgalley.com
- Sign up and receive e-galleys from publishers
- Offer children’s, teens, and adult graphic novels
- Great resource to preview graphics before purchasing
Everyone has catalogs & mailing lists!
READERS BY AGES
Beginning Readers: Toon Books

- **The Big No-No!**
  - AR: BL: 1.8
  - PTs: 0.5

- **The Cow**
  - AR: 1.8
  - BL: 1.3
  - PTs: 0.5

- **A Trip to the Bottom of the World**
  - AR: BL: 1.3
  - PTs: 0.5

*Science Title*
Beginning Readers: Phonics Comics and My First Graphic Novel

AR
BL: 1.7
PTs: 0.5

AR
BL: 1.7
PTs: 0.5
School Age Titles: Babymouse and Squish

AR
BL: 1.8 - 2.6
PTs: 0.5

AR
BL: 2.1 - 2.4
PTs: 0.5
School Age Titles

AR
BL: 2.3 - 2.6
PTs: 0.5 – 1.0

AR
BL: 1.8 - 2.2
PTs: 0.5

AR
BL: 2.2 - 2.8
PTs: 0.5
School Age Titles – TV
School Age Titles

- **Smile**
  - AR: 2.6
  - BL: 2.6
  - PTs: 1.0

- **Giants Beware!**
  - AR: 2.3
  - BL: 2.3
  - PTs: 1.0

- **Bone**
  - AR: 2.0 - 2.9
  - BL: 2.0 - 2.9
  - PTs: 1.0

- **Big Nate Out Loud**
  - AR: 2.5 - 2.7
  - BL: 2.5 - 2.7
  - PTs: 1.0-2.0

- **Amulet**
  - AR: 2.0 - 2.9
  - BL: 2.0 - 2.9
  - PTs: 1.0
Non-Fiction

Isabel Soto series

AR
BL: 3.7 - 5.1
PTs: 0.5

Max Axiom series

AR
BL: 3.9 - 5.6
PTs: 0.5
More Non-Fiction

**AR BL: 4.0**  
PTs: 0.5

**AR BL: 4.3**  
PTs: 0.5

**AR BL: 3.5**  
PTs: 0.5

**AR BL: 4.5**  
PTs: 0.5

**AR BL: 4.0**  
PTs: 0.5

**AR BL: 4.4**  
PTs: 0.5
Science Titles – School Age

- **squish**: AR BL: 2.1 - 2.4, PTs: 0.5
- **Secret Science Alliance**: AR BL: 3.1, PTs: 1.0
- **Nancy Drew and the Glue Crew**: AR BL: 2.9, PTs: 0.5
- **Guinea Pig**: AR BL: 2.3 - 2.6, PTs: 0.5 – 1.0
- **In Search of the Fog Zombie**: AR BL: 2.9, PTs: 0.5

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Science Titles – School Age

Tornadoes!

Vampires and Light

The Secret Lives of Plants!

Hurricanes!

Zombies and Electricity

The Incredible Work of Engineers

The Lonely Existence of Asteroids and Comets

A Journey Through the Digestive System

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Hot Titles – Teen

- Animal Man
- Batman
- Batwoman
- Green Arrow
- Green Lantern
- Justice League
- Superman
- Swamp Thing
- Teen Titans
- Wonder Woman

- Avengers
- Captain Marvel
- Dead Pool
- Fantastic Four
- Guardians of the Galaxy
- Spider Man
- X-Men

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Teen Titles – Pop Culture

P. Jayne, K. King-Oaks, K. Widener
Popular Adaptations

P. Jayne, K. King-Oaks, K. Widener
Graphic Biographies

- *Maus* by Art Spiegelman
- *Anne Frank* by Sid Jacobson and Ernie Colón
- *Johnny Cash: I See a Darkness* by Donald E. Westfall
- *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi
- *Darkroom* by Lila Quintero Weaver
- *My Friend Dahmer* by Derf Buckner
- *Yummy* by Ayun Hali-Day and Paul Hoppe
Graphic Classics & Non-fiction
Science Titles for Teens

- Darwin: A Graphic Biography
- Trinity: A Graphic History of the First Atomic Bomb
- Evolution: The Story of Life on Earth
- Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Birute Galdikas

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Science Titles for Teens

- **Relish**
  - "Step aside, Joy of Cooking."
  - Alison Bechdel, author of *Fun Home*

- **My Life in the Kitchen**
  - Lucy Knisley

- **Science: A Discovery in Comics**
  - Margreet de Heer

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Reading Western Comics vs Manga

Western
- Reads: L → R
- Usually in full color
- More square panels
- More varied art styles
- Third-person narrative
- More text heavy; narration

Eastern
- Reads: R → L (“backwards”)
- Usually in black and white
- More fluid layout
- Defined by specific art style
- First-person narrative
- Dialog and visuals move story
Manga/Anime Ratings

*Not necessarily comparable to Western age rating systems*
Yen Press Rating Summary

The goal of the Yen Press rating system is to provide parents, librarians and retailers with as much information about the contents of our books as simply and concisely as possible. Ultimately opinions about appropriateness of content for a particular reader are a subjective matter likely to vary from person to person. However, this is a useful tool to give readers some sense of what they may expect.

Yen’s ratings are structured in two tiers: age ratings (A, T, OT, M) and content indicators (L, V, S, N). Age ratings indicate a maturity threshold below which some parents or guardians may find the content unsuitable. Content indicators provide insight as to the material within the book that prompted a particular age rating. The frequency and/or severity of that material is reflected in the age rating.

AGE RATINGS

All Readers

An ‘A’ rating indicates that the material contained within the book has been deemed unlikely to be found inappropriate for any particular age group.

Teen

A ‘T’ rating indicates that there may be content within a book that some parents or guardians may consider inappropriate for children under the age of 13.

Older Teen

An ‘OT’ rated book contains material that some parents or guardians may consider inappropriate for readers under the age of 16.

Mature

An ‘M’ rated book is intended for a mature readership and may be considered inappropriate for readers under the age of 18.

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Manga vs. Anime

Manga = Text/Book

Anime = TV/Film
Broad Manga Genres

**Shonen**
- Boys, 10-18 years old
- Focus on friendship
- Adventures; coming of age
- Comedy
- Sports
- Sci-fi
- *Shonen Jump*

**Shojo**
- Girls, 10-18
- Focus on friendship, love
- Comedy
- Romance
- Paranormal
- *Shojo Beat*
Popular Shonen Manga

- Bleach
- Death Note
- Fullmetal Alchemist
- InuYasha
- Naruto
- One Piece
Popular Shojo Manga

• Dengeki Daisy
• Fruits Basket
• Fushigi Yugi
• Sailor Moon
• Tokyo Mew Mew
• “Alice” series

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If you like...

**Action/Historical Fiction/Suspense:**
- Afterschool Charisma
- Black Butler
- D Gray-Man

**Comedy:**
- The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya
- Ouran High School Host Club
- Ranma One Half
If you like...

**Paranormal Romance:**
- Black Bird
- The Earl and the Fairy
- Rosario Vampire

**Realistic Romance:**
- Ai Ore!
- La Corda d’Oro
- Toradora!

P. Jayne, K. King-Oaks, K. Widener
Popular Series Adaptations

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Children’s Manga

- Pokemon
- Hikaru No Go
- Dragon Ball Z
- Beyblade
- Fairy Idol Kanon
- Yotsuba
• Cosplays
• Tabletop Day
• Gaming clubs
• Geek Pride Day — May 25
• Final Friday Fandom
Programming Ideas – Middle School

- Kawaii Crafting
- Create a Comic
- Pokemon
School-Age Programming Ideas

• Adventure Time
  – Make Slime
  – Penguin Bowling
  – Finn and Jake Magnets

• Marvel Avengers
  – Throw Thor’s Hammer
  – Captain America shield
  – Marble Magnets

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Preschool Program Ideas

• **Princess Picnic**
  – Princess Read-Aloud
  – Make a Tiara
  – Tea Time
  – Write a letter to a Disney Princess

• **Superhero Storytime**
  – Hero Read-Aloud
  – Obstacle Course
INTERNATIONAL GAMES DAY

Game on @ your library!
Saturday, November 3, 2012

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MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU
Think outside the ALA/Local circuit...

Conventions:
• Cincinnati Comic Expo
• New York Comic Con
• Comic-Con International: San Diego

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Odds & Ends

• Be weary of “Best of” lists...
• You are your best reviewer...
• Promote your collection!
• Frequent your local shops!
• Need advice? Ask: gn4lib@yahoogroups.com
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