WE WILL DISCUSS...

1. Introduction / Brief History
2. Educational Benefits
3. Graphic Novels for Children / Teens
4. Graphic Novels for Adults
5. Shelving / Cataloging
6. Resources

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, it television or film format.
WHAT IS A GRAPHIC NOVEL?

Telling a story through sequential art

The Librarian of Congress and the Greatness of Humility
The New Yorker, Sunday, February 19, 2017
GRAPHIC NOVEL ELEMENTS

- Color
- Line
- Composition
- Frames
- Speech Balloons
- White Space
- Media/Tools
- Artistic Style

MAJOR PUBLISHERS

- Marvel Comics
- DC Comics
- Dark Horse Comics
- Image Comics
- IDW Publishing
- Gemstone Publishing
- Fantagraphics
- Kodansha
- Viz

POPULAR CHARACTERS ACROSS COLLECTIONS...
GRAPHIC DOES NOT MEAN...

Explicit Content

A BRIEF HISTORY

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

- Reluctant Readers
- Vocabulary Exposure
- Visual Literacy
- Comprehension
“Does having read the novelization of the latest superhero movie “count” as having read a book?”

“How about a graphic novel based on a line of toys?”

The Goosebumps Conundrum: What Makes a Children’s Book Good?

The New Yorker

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.

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AMIRA IN AMERICA

- ALA sponsored Project Welcome conference in Chicago
- Resource for refugees in the process of resettlement
- Free – “Zine” Distribution Model
  - http://thehornbakery.tumblr.com/
  - lizlaribee.com
READERS BY AGES

BEGINNING READERS: TOON BOOKS

BEGINNING READERS: PHONICS COMICS AND MY FIRST GRAPHIC NOVEL
SCHOOL AGE NON-FICTION

SCIENCE TITLES – SCHOOL AGE

HOT TITLES – TEEN

• Avengers
• Captain Marvel
• Deadpool
• Guardians of the Galaxy
• Spider Man
• X-Men
HISTORY TITLES FOR TEENS

MANGA

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

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

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!

POPULAR SERIES ADAPTATIONS

CHILDREN’S MANGA

- Pokemon
- Hikaru No Go
- Dragon Ball Z
- Beyblade
- Fairy Idol Kanon
- Yotsuba
GRAPHIC NOVELS FOR ADULTS

(Or for the kid at heart!) 

GRAPHIC NOVELS AND ADULTS

- Same educational benefits as children and teens
- Crossover appeal with children and teen titles
- Biggest difference: Mature themes and subject matter

SUPERHEROES
BATMAN VS. SUPERMAN

HORROR

SCIENCE FICTION / FANTASY
So where do I put this stuff?

Using 741.5... is not a great idea!

Can shelve with fiction collection (still not the best)

Use stand alone collection codes or stickers (the Best!!)

- GN (or GRAPHIC) + Cutter
- By Character = GN + Character (i.e. GN Batm = Batman titles)
- By Series = GN + Series title (i.e. GN Fabl = Fables series)
- By Author = GN + Author Last Name (for standalone titles)
CATALOGING

- Catalog individual volumes on separate records
- Easier for placing holds on the right volumes!

SHELVING

- Shelve by audience – absolutely DO NOT interfile...
- "But they want the Walking Dead..."
- Graphic Non-Fiction is its own genre; shelve accordingly

BEST PRACTICES - MARSHALL CO.
RESOURCES

How Do I Find This Awesome Stuff?

SOURCES FOR SELECTION

- Beginner/ Not enough time...
  - B&T/Ingram
  - Amazon.com Best Sellers
  - NYT Best Sellers
  - SLJ/PW
  - ALA Lists*

- Intermediate/Advanced
SELECT LIKE THE PROS...

- 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)

BLOGS TO FOLLOW...

- io9
- iFanboy
- DC Women Kicking Ass
- The Mary Sue
- Bleeding Cool
- The Beat
- Good Comics for Kids (School Library Journal)
- No Flying No Tights
- Graphic Novel Reporter
- Manga.about.com
- Anime News Network

MORE WEBSITES!

- Popular Graphic Novels for Adults
  [https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/adult-graphic-novels](https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/adult-graphic-novels)

- Graphic Novels: Suggestions for Librarians
  [http://ncac.org/resource/graphic-novels-suggestions-for-librarians](http://ncac.org/resource/graphic-novels-suggestions-for-librarians)
CURRICULUM GUIDES & DISCUSSION RESOURCES

Random House Children's Books
http://www.randomhouse.com/teachers/

NOVELIST

KENTUCKY LIBRARIES UNBOUND (OVERDRIVE)

- https://kyunbound.overdrive.com
- Graphic novels for a variety of ages
- Available to all consortium members!
KENTUCKY LIBRARIES UNBOUND (OVERDRIVE)

Can search by “Comic and Graphic Books” as a Subject!

GRAPHIC NOVEL PRINT RESOURCES!

- 101 Outstanding Graphic Novels

- 100 Greatest Graphic Novels: the Good, The Bad, The Epic.
  by Katrina Hill, Alex Langley, Krause Publications, 2016

- Graphic Novels Core Collection
  edited by Kendal Spires, Gabriela Toth, and Maria Hugger.

- Read On...Graphic Novels: Reading Lists for Every Taste.
  by Abby Alpert, Libraries Unlimited, 2012

Search KDLA’s Catalog for professional titles and more:
- http://kdla.ky.gov/common/WorldCat Discovery
KDLA RESOURCES

- The Librarian's Guide to Graphic Novels for Children and Tweens
  by David S. Serchay, Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2008
  Record Link: http://tinyurl.com/z44ebyk

- The Librarian's Guide to Graphic Novels for Adults
  by David S. Serchay, Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2010
  Record Link: http://tinyurl.com/jbakja

- Wonderfully Wordless: The 500 Most Recommended Graphic Novels and Picture Books
  by William Patrick Martin, Rowman and Littlefield 2015
  Record Link: http://tinyurl.com/hj4k4wv

MORE KDLA RESOURCES!!

- Library Collections for Teens: Manga and Graphic Novels
  by Kristin Fletcher-Spear and Meredith Jensen-Benjamin, Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2011
  Record Link: http://tinyurl.com/prm892

- Developing and Promoting Graphic Novel Collections
  by Steve Miller, Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2005
  Record Link: http://tinyurl.com/pcm4cs

- The Reader’s Advisory Guide to Graphic Novels
  by Franciscia Goldsmith, American Library Assoc., 2010
  Record Link: http://tinyurl.com/cf4hbeq

- Comic Book Collections for Libraries
  Record Link: http://tinyurl.com/jvwee

GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK KITS FROM KDLA!!

- American Born Chinese / Gene Luen Yang
  http://tinyurl.com/h8nlexwz

- Babymouse / Jennifer L. Holm
  http://tinyurl.com/h67zubu

- El Deafo / CeCe Bell
  http://tinyurl.com/zndupax
**GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK KITS FROM KDLA!!**

- Out From Boneville / Jeff Smith
  http://tinyurl.com/qosq4fd
- Persepolis / Marjane Satrapi
  http://tinyurl.com/qd87uma
- Rapunzel's Revenge / Shannon & Dean Hale
  http://tinyurl.com/jt0nn3

**COMING SPRING 2017**

March, Volume 3 / John Lewis

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**PROGRAMMING KITS FROM KDLA!!**

- Comic Manga Mania : Understanding Anime, Manga and Graphic Novels (Teen Thematic Programming Kit)
  http://tinyurl.com/apdmvnh
  - Includes:
    - Books on anime, manga, comics
    - Kiki's delivery service, vol. 1 / Hayao Miyazaki
    - Princess Mononoke, vol. 1 / Hayao Miyazaki
    - Fruits basket, vol. 1 / Natsumi Takaya
    - Fullmetal alchemist, vol. 1 / Hiromu Arakaw
    - Batman : the Dark Knight returns / Frank Miller, Klaus Janson
    - Marvels / Kurt Busiek, Alex Ross

For more information about KDLA Kits:
http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/kits/Pages/default.aspx

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**FREE COMIC BOOK DAY**
May 6, 2017
THINK OUTSIDE THE ALA/LOCAL CIRCUIT...

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

GN COLLECTION ACTION PLAN
HTTP://WWW.DIAMONDBOOKSHELF.COM/HOME/1/1/20/181?ARTICLEID=37813

- Determine Needs
- Find an Expert (...or grow your own!)
- Purchase Titles
- Decide How To Catalog
- Decide Where to Shelve
- Market the “Merchandise”
- Evaluate Circ Data
- Poll the Customers

A FINAL REMINDER...

- You are your best reviewer...
- Promote your collection!
- Frequent your local shops!
QUESTIONS?

WRAP-UP

KDLA LISTSERVS

For Public Library Youth Services Librarians & Staff:

• **KYAC** is a discussion list devoted to those who work with children and teens in the library. By using this LISTSERV®, individuals from around the state will have the chance to ask questions, share ideas, voice concerns, and make valuable contacts all through their e-mail.

• **TO SUBSCRIBE** To join the list, send email with the subject "KYAC" to Krista.King-Oaks@ky.gov. In the body of the message, list your name and the name of your library. You will be emailed instructions for posting to this moderated discussion list.

• See the KDLA website for more information on our many listservs – for technology, adult services, bookmobile/outreach, & more!

http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/staffdevelopment/Pages/listservs.aspx
SAVE THE DATE!

Conversations Around Early Literacy: A Webinar Series with Saroj Ghoting
Part 1 is a large-group instructional session.
Part 2 is a small-group session with 1-on-1 feedback.

Part 1: Thursday, March 2
Part 2 (Choose ONE):
• Thursday, March 9
• Tuesday, March 14
• Thursday, March 23

All webinars are 1-2pm ET (12-1pm CT)

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