

## **Collection Management Strategies**

- Be familiar with a few major categories to start
- Don't forget manga
- Talk to your vendor! Create graphic novel selection carts
- Visit your local comic book shop
- Read reviews
- Talk to your readers

### **Popular Authors:**

- Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm
- Kazu Kibuishi
- Jarrett J. Krosoczka
- Gene Luen Yang
- Raina Telgemeier
- Doug TenNapel

### **Major Series:**

- *Amulet* by Kazu Kibuishi
- *Astronaut Academy* by Dave Roman
- *Babymouse* by Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm
- *Bone* by Jeff Smith
- *Chi's Sweet Home* by Konami Kanata
- *Hazardous Tales* by Nathan Hale
- *Ms. Marvel* by G. Willow Wilson
- *Squish* by Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm
- *Zita the Spacegirl* by Ben Hatke

### **Nonfiction Titles:**

- *Bio-Graphics* (series) from Magic Wagon
- *The Great American Dust Bowl* by Don Brown
- *Lewis & Clark* by Nick Bertozzi
- *Olympians* (series) by George O'Connor
- *Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdikas* by Jim Ottaviana & Maris Wicks

### **Major Awards:**

- Will Eisner Award
- Cybils
- Nerdy Book Awards (from the Nerdy Book Club)

### **Classic Titles:**

- *American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang
- *Anya's Ghost* by Vera Brosgol
- *Avengers*, et al (Marvel Universe)
- *Batman*, et al (DC Universe)
- *Sandman* by Neil Gaiman
- *Watchmen* by Alan Moore
- *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi
- *Maus* by Art Spiegelman

### **Adaptations of Prose:**

- *The Boxcar Children* (series) from Magic Wagon
- *The Graphic Novel Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* (series) from Magic Wagon
- *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman
- Jane Austen adaptations from Marvel
- *Oz* (series) by Eric Shanower & Scottie Young
- *Percy Jackson* (series) from Disney/Hyperion
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Hope Larson

### **Major Publishers:**

- Amulet
- DC
- First Second
- Graphix
- Magic Wagon
- Marvel
- Papercutz
- TopShelf

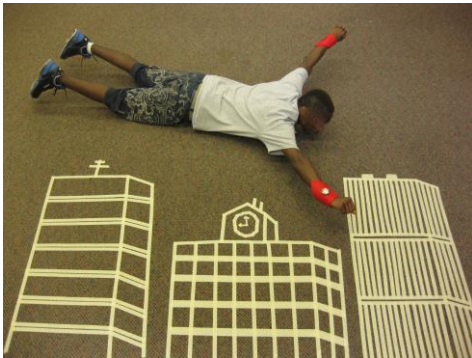
### **Manga Publishers:**

- Kodansha Comics USA
- Tokyopop
- Yen Press

## Graphic Novels in Programming & Services

### Superheroes Program (gr K-5):

- Books:
  - Superman
  - Captain Underpants
  - Cleopatra in Space
- Activities:
  - “Flying” photos
  - Flip-O-Rama
  - Blaster practice



(photo from Maggie Block, *Rad Books for Rad Kids*)

### Lunch Lady Program (gr K-5):

- Books:
  - *Lunch Lady* titles
  - *Platypus Police Squad*
- Activities:
  - Lunchroom relay game
  - Spatula skills
  - Condiment art
  - Decorate aprons

### Comic Book Day (gr K-12):

- Set up a comic studio
  - Paper
  - Rulers
  - Pencils/pens
  - Coloring tools
  - Drawing books
- Invite an author/artist
- Free Comic Book Day
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May
  - Talk to your local comics shop
- 24 Hour Comics Day
  - Every October
  - 1 page per hour



### Manga/Anime Club (gr 6-12):

- Materials tie-in:
  - Manga
  - Anime
- Food:
  - Ramen
  - Pocky
  - candy sushi
- Activities
  - Discussion
  - Crafts
  - Games
  - Cosplay



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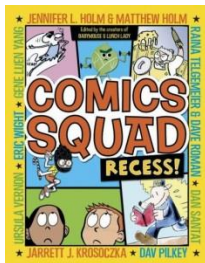
### Tips for Readers’ Advisory

- Create thoughtful reading lists
  - Start with common hot titles (e.g., *Avengers*, *Wimpy Kid*)
  - Cross-pollinate—add graphic novels to traditional lists, put semi-graphic chapter books on graphic novels lists
- Be prepared to defend graphic novels

**Titles to Know**



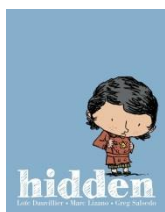
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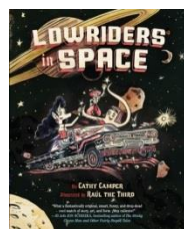
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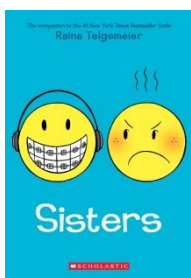
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First Second, 2014  
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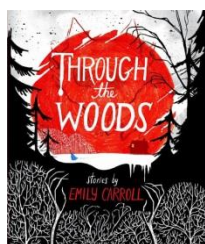
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Chronicle, 2014  
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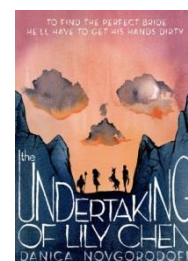
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Raina Telgemeier  
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ISBN 9780545540599



***Through the Woods*** (YA)  
Emily Carroll  
Margaret K. McElderry Books,  
2014  
ISBN 9781442465954



***The Undertaking of Lily  
Chen*** (YA)  
Danica Novgorodoff  
First Second, 2014  
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## Resources

### Core Collection Resources:

- “Core Collection of Graphic Novels – 2012 Update” from ALSC, <http://www.ala.org/alsc/compubs/booklists/grphcnvls>
- “The Core Lists” from *GraphicNovelReporter*, <http://www.graphicnovelreporter.com/core-lists>
- “Graphic Novel Resources” from Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, <http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/programs/Pages/GraphicNovels.aspx>
- “Manga for Teens” from Skokie Public Library, [http://www.skokielibrary.info/s\\_teens/tn\\_books/tn\\_booklists/manga.asp](http://www.skokielibrary.info/s_teens/tn_books/tn_booklists/manga.asp)

### Review Resources:

- Journals
  - *School Library Journal*
  - *Kirkus*
  - *Publisher’s Weekly*
  - VOYA
- Blogs
  - *Graphic Novel Reporter* <http://www.graphicnovelreporter.com/>
  - *ICV2* <http://www.icv2.com/articles/reviews/>
  - *MangaBookshelf* <http://mangabookshelf.com/>
  - *Manga Worth Reading* <http://comicsworthreading.com/manga-worth-reading/>
  - *No Flying No Tights* <http://noflyingnotights.com/>

### Literacy Research Resources:

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