

GRAPHIC NOVELS: A GATEWAY FOR RELUCTANT READERS

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HI THERE!

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- Currently a librarian at the Art Institute of Fort Worth
- Some of my favorite graphic novels and manga are...



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WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

- How comics are different
- Books and Programs for Kids
- Books and Programs for Teens/Young Adults



SPECIAL THANKS TO...

- Frisco Public Library
- Cool Cats Cards and Comics
- The Art Institute of Fort Worth



HOW COMICS ARE DIFFERENT

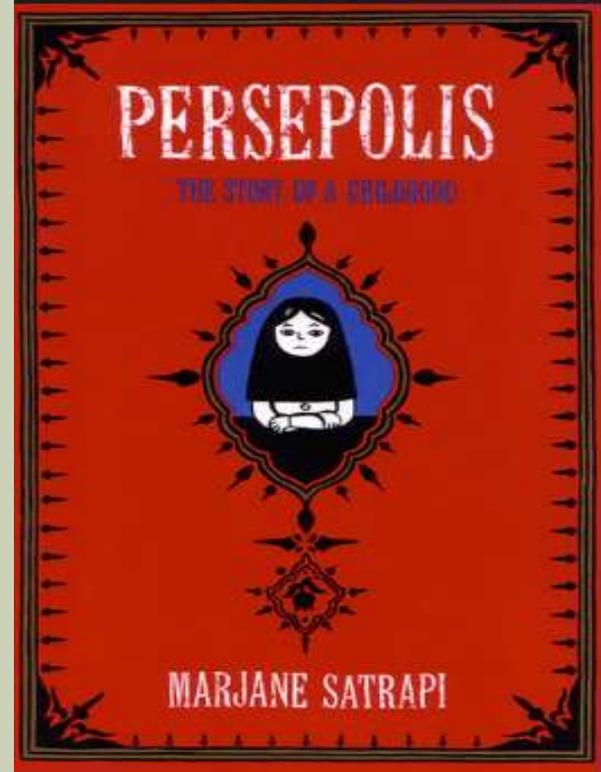
And what
are they
anyway?

**OH NO! YOU CAUGHT YOUR
KID/STUDENT/PET READING COMICS.**



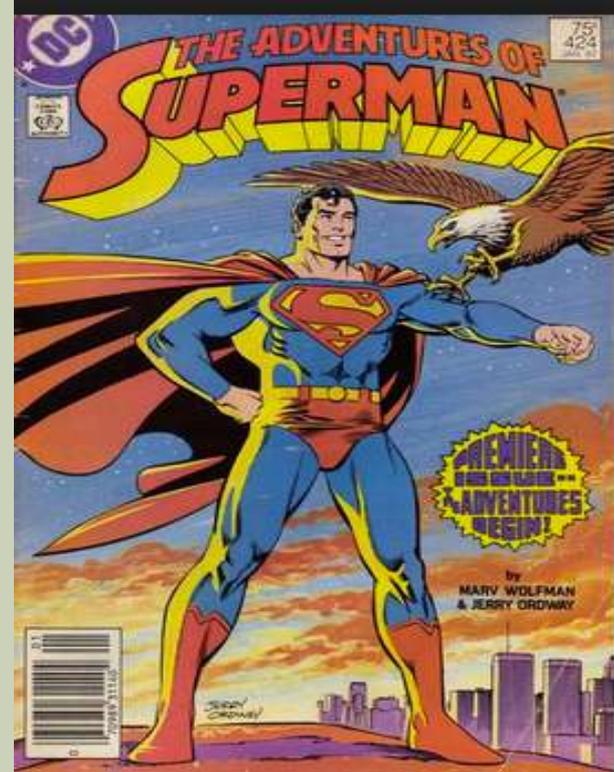
IS IT A COMIC? A GRAPHIC NOVEL? A MANGA?

- Graphic novel – a stand-alone title, often more “literary” in feel



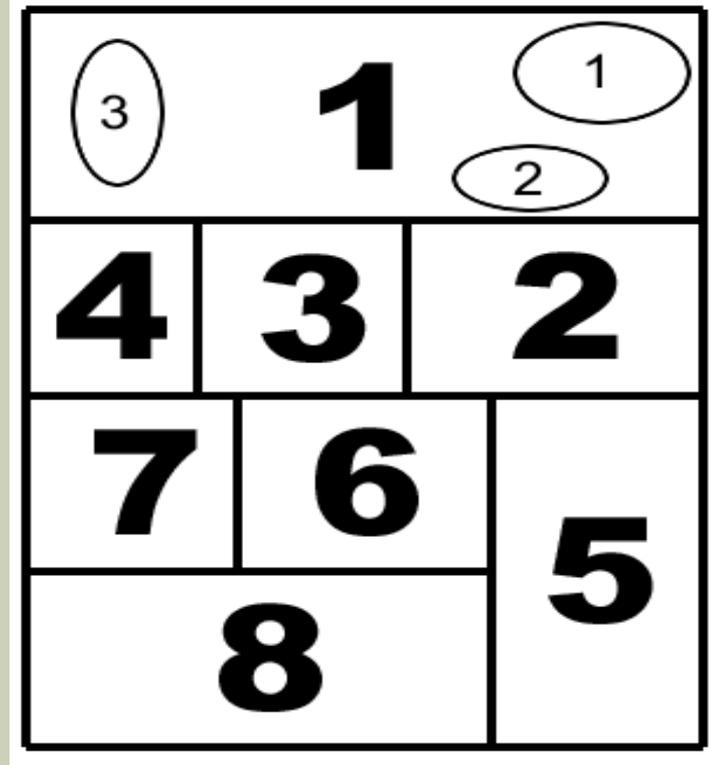
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- Comic – serialized; can be of the super-hero variety



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- Manga – Japanese comic, with a much longer history than American comics. Read right to left.



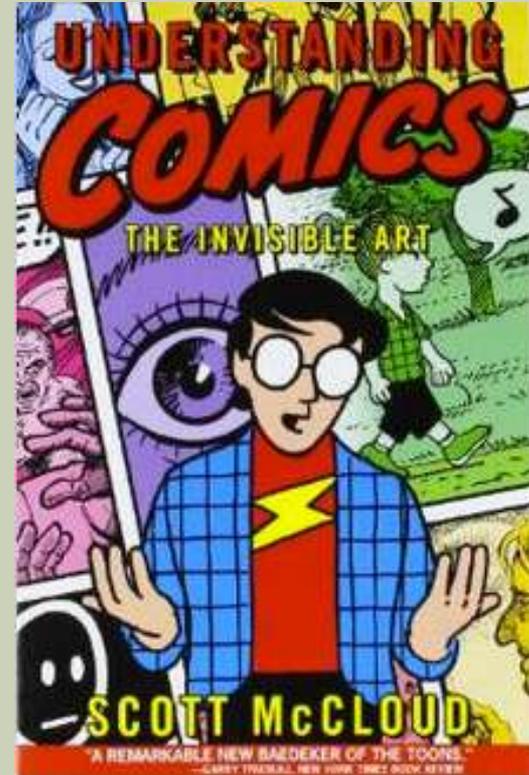
WHAT MAKES THEM DIFFERENT?

- Creative space between the panels
- Focus not just on external, but internal action



WHAT MAKES THEM DIFFERENT...

- To beginning readers?
 - Visual language
 - Puts reader in control
 - Learn language from context clues
- To young readers?
 - Can feel subversive and exciting
 - Focuses on emotion (especially manga)



ENGAGING KIDS AND TEENS IN YOUR LIBRARY

Programs

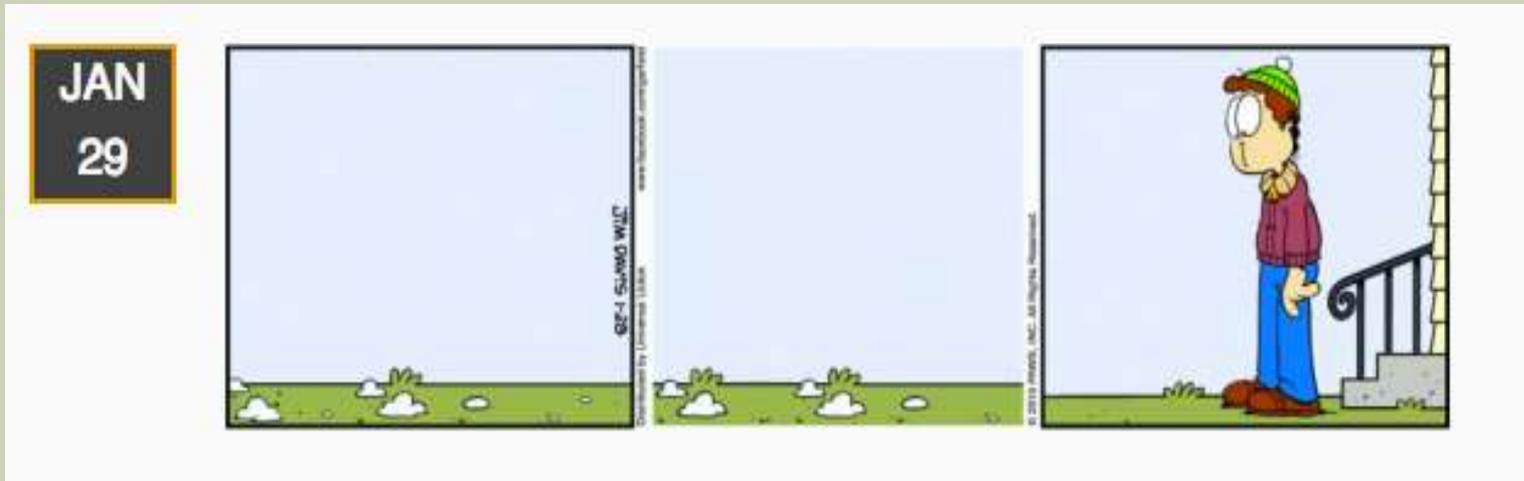
ANIME/MANGA CLUB



- Let the club or TAB decide the direction of the club
- FOOD
- Series discussions, anime karaoke, meet-ups and debates

ESL/EFL

- Program idea from Frisco Public Library
- Read comics together as a class
- Create dialogue from comics with the text removed



PARENT AND CHILD COMIC BOOK CLUB

- Give parents tips on reading comics with their kids
- Comic books, but also funny pages



PARTNER WITH LOCAL COMIC SHOPS



- Free Comic Book Day
- Promote them and they'll promote you
- Know where *your* patrons are



COMIC-CONS



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- Find out what your patrons are excited about
- Plan a roster of events
- Get assistance from student or youth groups
- Ask for buy-in from local businesses or experts

Possible student volunteer positions

1. Manga meetup leader
2. Zombie
3. Marvel vs. DC Comics debater (four positions)
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
 - d. 4
4. Debate moderator
5. Debate timekeeper
6. Photo booth photographer
7. Photo booth photographer's assistant
8. Event photographer
9. Cosplay content judge (three positions)
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
- 10.

COMIC-CONS

- Promotion
 - Social Media
 - Library Website
 - Word of mouth
 - Promote to schools (if you're not a school)
 - Ask assistance from your teen volunteers



COMIC-CONS

■ Throughout the day:

- Local comic bookstore booth in library
- Cosplay Photo Booth (photo studio?)
- Fan Meet-ups
- Game table

■ Scheduled speakers and events:

- Comic creation
- Author speaker
- Game creator
- Zombie Survival Program
- Cosplay Contest
- Movie Showing

BOOKS AND RESOURCES

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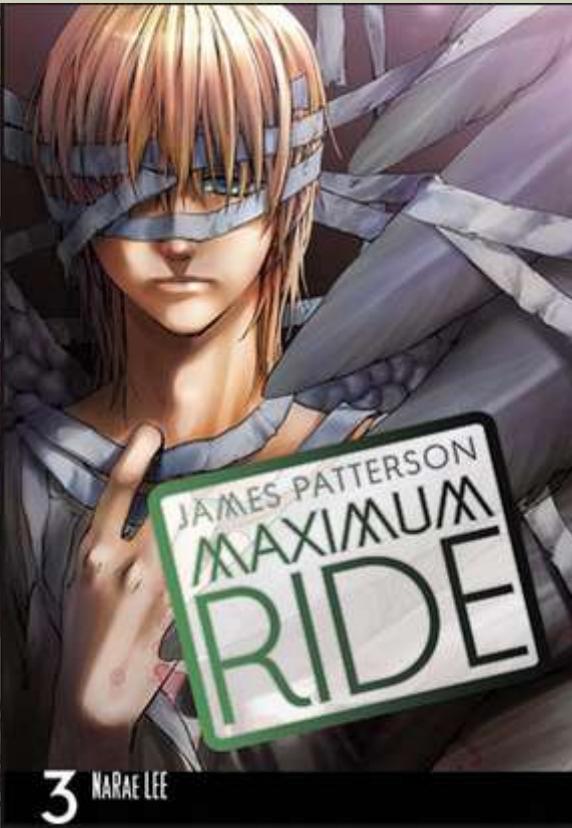
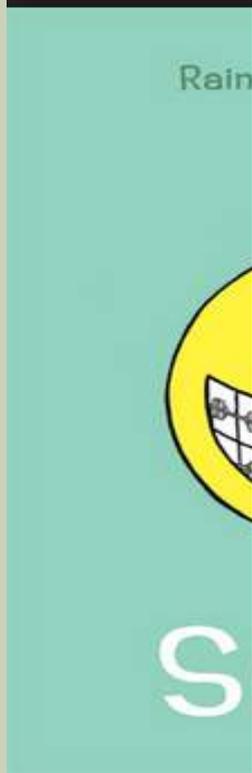
INTEREST LEVEL: Ages 3+
READING LEVEL: Grades K-1

LEVEL TWO
2

INTEREST LEVEL: Ages 4+

Françoise Mouly (photo by Sarah Shatz)

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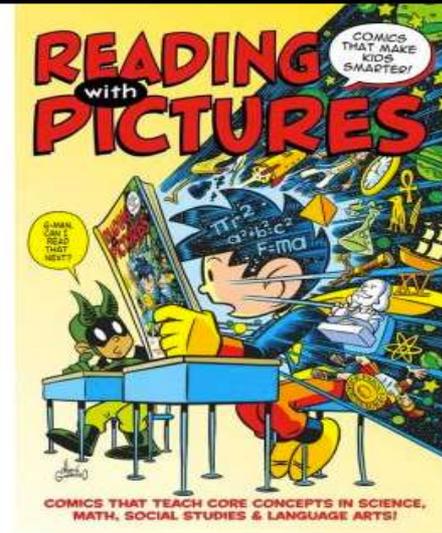
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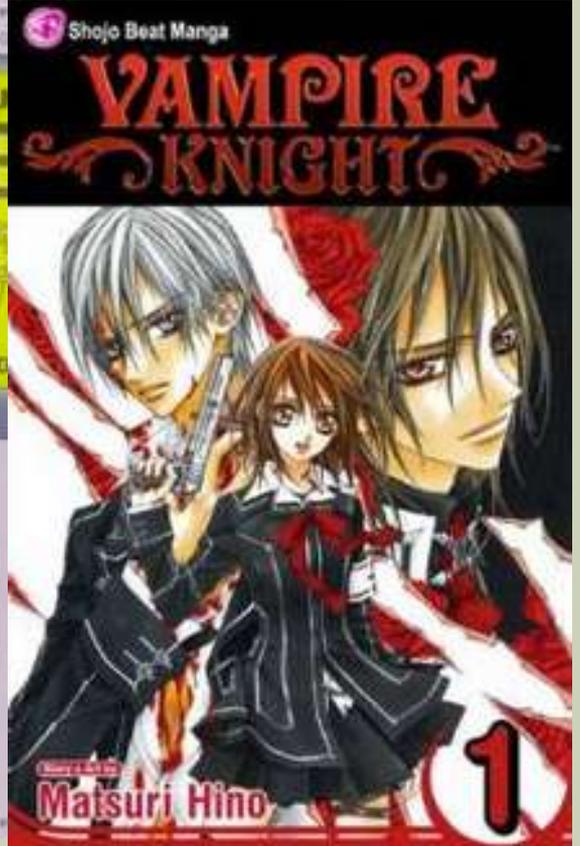
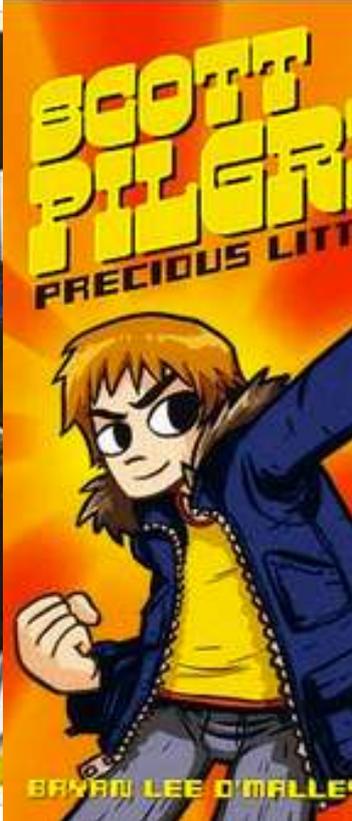
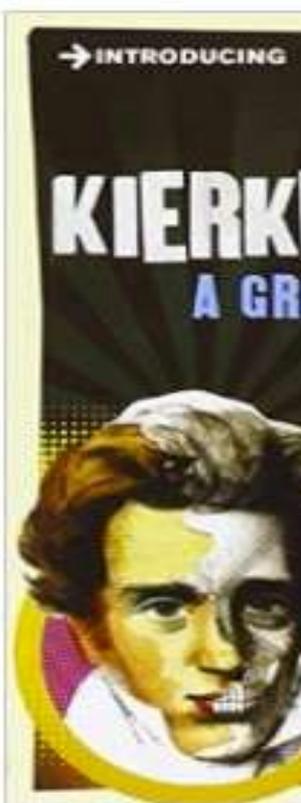
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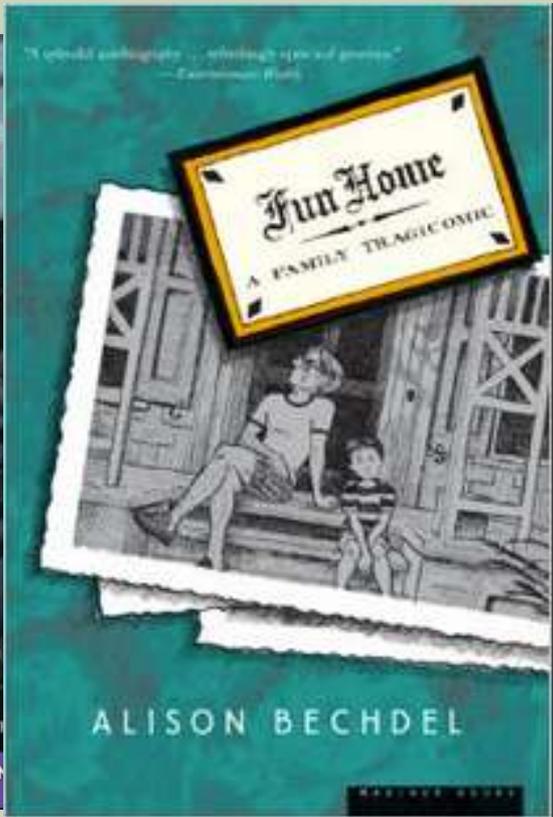
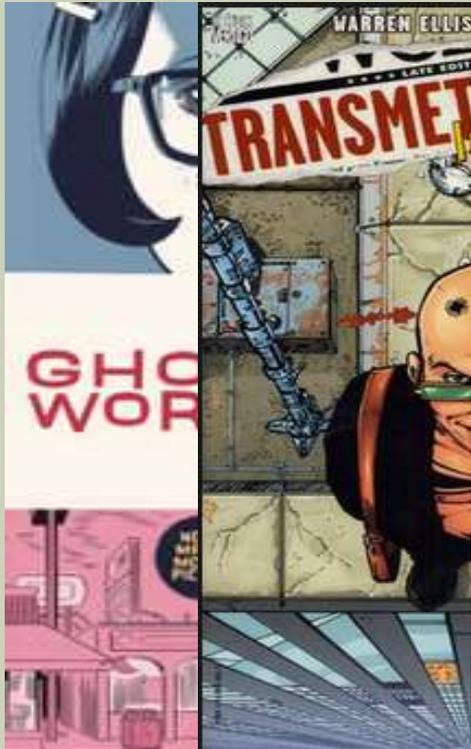
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TITLES FOR YOUNGER TEENS



TITLES FOR OLDER TEENS/YOUNG ADULTS



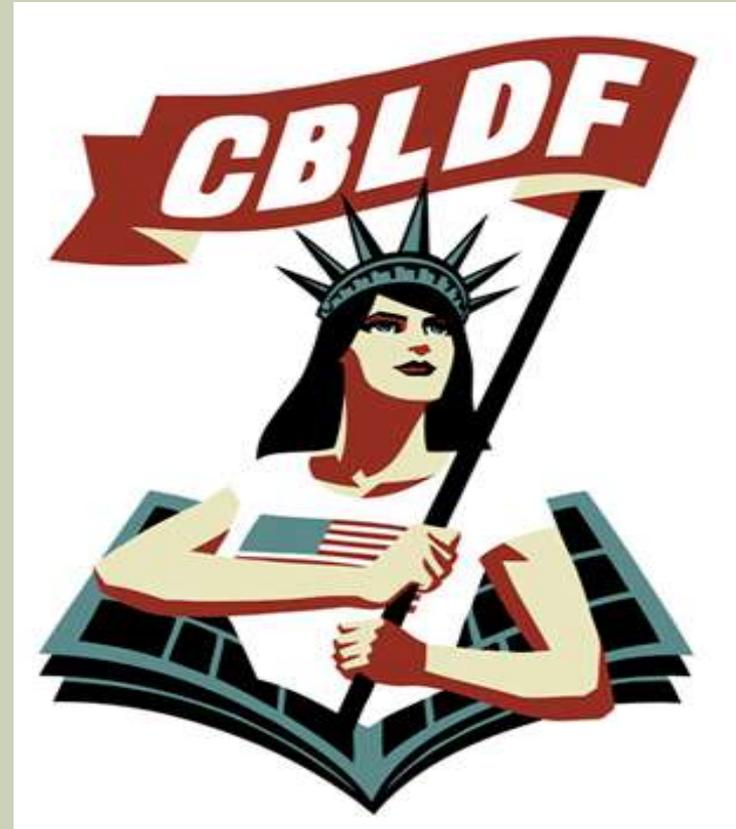
COMIC REVIEW SITES

- Good Ok Bad <http://goodokbad.com/kids/>
- Graphic Novel Reporter <http://www.graphicnovelreporter.com/>
- No Flying No Tights <http://noflyingnotights.com/>



SITES FOCUSING ON COMICS AND EDUCATION

- TOON Books - <http://www.toon-books.com/>
- Reading with Pictures - <http://www.readingwithpictures.org/>
- Comics in Education <http://geneyang.com/comicsedu/>
- Comic Book Legal Defense Fund <http://cbldef.org/>



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