

Get Graphic: No  
Reader Left Behind

# Guides to Manga, Anime, & GNs

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- [Diamond Bookshelf Graphic Novels for Your School](#)

(email: [library@diamondcomics.com](mailto:library@diamondcomics.com))

- [BWI The Public Librarians Guide to GNs](#)
- [How Manga Conquered the U.S., a Graphic Guide to Japan's Coolest Export](#)

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# Review Sources



- School Library Journal
- Booklist
- V.O.Y.A. (Voice of Youth Advocates)
- Kliatt (publishes reviews of paperback books, hardcover fiction, educational software, and audiobooks recommended for libraries and classrooms serving YAs)
- Library Journal

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- ND State Library Licensed Resources:  
available to every North Dakota citizen  
Online Library Resources/Ebsco MegaFILE

# How Can I Get Started?

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- Graphic Novels for Public Libraries
- LM NET Archives 05/06/03 hitlist
- No Flying, No Tights graphic novel reviews
- Browse shelves at Barnes & Noble or other booksellers

# Elementary GN Websites

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- [Graphic Novels for Young People 2005-2006](#)

The Children's Book Council is pleased to present this list of graphic novels for young people. This list was compiled from titles submitted by our members and represents a wide selection of titles for classroom and home use. The list, created in November 2005 in conjunction with a program at the annual convention of the National Council of Teachers of English entitled "Graphic Novels: Not Your Father's Comic Books," includes new titles through Spring 2006. This list is also available for printing at the Children's Book Council website at [www.cbcbooks.org](http://www.cbcbooks.org).

# More Elementary Sites

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- [The Graphic Classroom](#)

The Graphic Classroom is a resource for teachers and librarians to help them stock high quality, educational-worthy, graphic novels and comics in their classroom or school library. I read and review every graphic novel or comic on this blog and give it a rating as to appropriateness for the classroom.

- Sidekicks (graphic novel reviews for kids)

- ALA Graphic Novels for Younger Readers

The good news for those of you who happen to be working with elementary-age children is that there are many graphic novels currently available for this audience that are not only age-appropriate but also praiseworthy for their imaginative story lines, interesting characters, and captivating illustrations. Although these titles have not received as much coverage in professional journals or in review resources as graphic novels for teens and adults, they do exist and are likely to become more visible as educators begin to demand reviews of and recommendations for kid-friendly comics in book form.

# Graphic Novel Vendors

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- Marvel Marvel is another well established publisher with popular superhero characters.
- Drawn and Quarterly This Canadian firm is a leading publisher of literary graphic novels.
- VIZ Media, LLC Headquartered in San Francisco, CA, VIZ Media, LLC (VIZ Media) is one of the most comprehensive and innovative companies in the field of manga (graphic novel) publishing, animation and entertainment licensing of Japanese content.

# More Graphic Novel Vendors

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- DC Universe DC Comics is one of the largest and most diverse publishers of comics and comics-related products today.
- Dark Horse Comics
- Tokyopop
- Fantagraphics Books
- Stone Arch Books
- Diamond Comic Distributors, Inc.

# Moving students to other genres

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## Popular Authors

- Laurie Halse Anderson
- Libba Bray
- Amelia Atwater-Rhodes
- Cornelia Funke
- Ellen Hopkins

## Popular Books

- *Phantom of the Opera* by Gaston Leroux
- *Magyk* by Angie Sage
- *You don't know me* by David Klass
- *Boy Proof* by Cecil Castellucci
- *I am Legend* by Richard Matheson

## Popular Series

- *Vampire Kisses* series by Ellen Schreiber
- *Doctor Who* series by Jacqueline Rayner and various authors
- *Twilight* series by Stephenie Meyer
- *Eragon* series by Christopher Paolini
- *Morganville Vampire* series by Rachel Caine
- *Book of Shadows* series by Cate Tiernan
- *Darkangel* trilogy by Meredith Ann Pierce
- *Halo* series by Eric Nylund

# Popular Genres

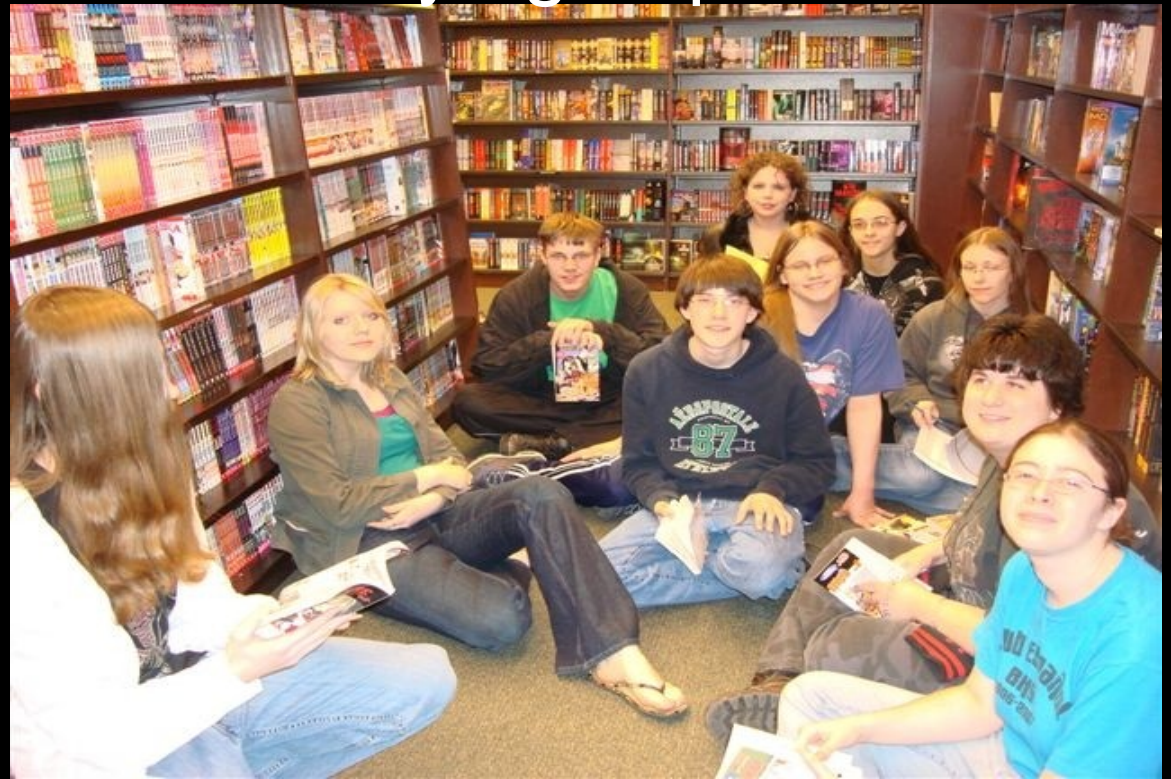
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- Faerie fiction
- Supernatural fiction
- Magic fiction
- Vampire fiction
- Historical fiction (kings & queens)
- Ghost fiction
- Witchcraft/occult fiction
- Science Fiction
- Fantasy
- Astrology non-fiction
- Sword fighting/Swordsmanship non-fiction

# Student GN Advisory Boards

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- Graphic Novel Board Buying Trip 2007



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Scarecrow Press, 2005.



# Forms used with GN Board

## BHS Library Graphic Novel Advisory Board Information Sheet

The Graphic Novel Advisory Board is an advisory board of 10 to 14 students in grades 10 to 12 who meet regularly with the BHS Library Media Specialist to discuss books, to give input on library issues related to the GN area, and to assist in selecting books to purchase for the library's GN section.

New members are accepted each year in September based on the results of an interview conducted by Graphic Novel Board members and the Library Media Specialist. Criteria for selection include:

- A desire to promote reading;
- The ability to work cooperatively with people of various ages and backgrounds;
- A commitment to attend meetings on a regular basis.

Students who are frequent library users, who are former library volunteers, or who are recommended by a teacher or librarian are given special consideration. We strive to maintain an age, gender, and school balance on the council and to select members with different personalities and interests.

The GN Advisory Board meets several times a month, usually on Wednesday from 7:30-8:15 am. Times for buying trips to Barnes and Noble vary from month to month. Meeting times may change depending on Board member availability. Members who consistently miss meetings forfeit membership on the Board.

Part of each meeting is devoted to getting board member feedback and input on new Graphic Novels and issues involving that section of the library. Part of every meeting is devoted to discussing books, posters, conferences, and the Anime Club. Of course, another part of the meeting is devoted to just socializing and enjoying each other's company while eating snacks.

Membership is renewable for the duration of a student's high school years, and nearly all members remain on the board until graduation. This provides consistency and continuity and allows the board to develop as a team. As old members graduate, spaces open up for new members, providing a fresh perspective each year.

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## BHS Library

### Graphic Novel Advisory Board Application

(Please print! Return this application to Mrs. Char Hill, BHS Library Media Specialist.)

Name:

Grade Level:

Address (with ZIP code):

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Phone:

E-mail Address:

1. How did you find out about the Graphic Novel Advisory Board (GNAB)?
2. Have you read the "GNAB Information Sheet"? Would you be able to meet the attendance requirements?
3. What skills and/or experiences would you bring to the GNAB? For example, what are your favorite hobbies and/or extracurricular activities?
4. Discussing books and promoting reading is a big part of the GNAB's mission. What was a recent book you read? What did you think of it?
5. What is your favorite book or author, and why?
6. Promoting the library is a big part of the GNAB's mission, too. Describe your use of the BHS Library. (For example, how often do you come? How do you use the library? What do you like about it? What would you like to change, if you could?)
7. Have you ever volunteered at a library? If so, please describe your experience.
8. Is there anything else you would like us to know as we consider your application?

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Bismarck High School Library Media Center 800 North 8th Street  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58501  
Phone (701) 221-3513

Dear ....

Congratulations! You have been chosen to be a part of the BHS Library Graphic Novel Advisory Board. ~~This group will help review and purchase GN novels among other things. It is my hope that this group will be fun and exciting and will bring together many differing viewpoints.~~

Please stop in the Library Media Center and see Mrs. C. Hill sometime Thursday, September 21, or Monday September 25, 2006. I will be out of the office on Friday, September 22, 2006.

Please fill in the information requested on the bottom of this letter before you stop in to see me.

Name:

Age:

Grade Level (fall of 2006):

Address (include ZIP code):

Phone:

E-mail Address:

I look forward to having you on the Advisory Board. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to stop in and see me.

Sincerely,

Charlotte R. Hill

BHS Library Media Specialist

BHS Library  
Graphic Novel Advisory Board  
- Book Review Tips -

1. After reading the book, tell briefly what happens without making your comments too short, giving a good overview of the story. A couple of paragraphs or so is fine.
2. Comment on your Main Characters. They make the story live! Tell a bit about them and how they affect the plot.
3. Setting is important. Tell where and when the story takes place. Is the setting in the United States, a foreign country or on another planet? Is the story taking place now, sometime in the past or future?
4. Give your opinion! This is a major part of any review. You need to tell what you thought about a book and also why you felt that way. Without your opinion, stated clearly and completely, readers will not know the value you have placed on a book and why you have (or haven't) recommended it.
5. Longer, more complex reviews of a book or even a whole series are always welcome. They help to balance out the shorter reviews.
6. Write carefully! It is hard to understand scribbled handwriting. It takes valuable time to look up details that might be right there in the review but are written unclearly. Typed reviews are easiest to read and are appreciated.
7. Remember to use complete sentences, and watch your spelling and grammar!
8. If you need help with a review, just ask. A librarian or fellow Board member will be glad to help you make your review the best it can be. You will also want to read other people's published reviews for examples on how to do them.
9. Thanks for all the work you do on book reviews, and remember the important job you are doing helping other teens to find good books to read!

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Graphic Novels Advisory Board  
Review Worksheet

Your opinion stated clearly and completely is the major part of this review. In ~~complete sentences, you need to tell what you thought about the book and why~~ you felt that way. Please take the time to write legibly and use correct spelling and grammar. Thanks for your input.

Name of Book:

Series Name and/or Volume #:

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Author:

Main Characters:

Setting & Time:

Overview of Book:

Opinion & Recommendation:

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Reviewer's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Buying Trip Permission Form

The BHS Library's Graphic Novels Advisory Board will be taking a buying trip to the local bookstores on

\_\_\_\_\_ at

The Board members are expected to make their own transportation arrangements to and from

The bottom portion of this form must be signed by a parent or guardian for any Board member under the age of 18. Those 18 and over may simply inform me of their intentions.

All signed permission slips must be returned to me by noon on Friday.

Charlotte Hill

BHS Library Media Specialist

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BHS Graphic Novels Advisory Board  
Buying Trip Permission Slip

I give permission for my son/daughter  
to attend the buying trip planned for the date of \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Contact Information

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