Core Lists and Recommended Booklists

Association for Library Services to Children
Core graphic novels for K-2, grades 3-5, and grades 6-8
http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/compubs/booklists/grphcnvls.cfm
List created in 2011, will be updated regularly

Brodart
Lists created by librarian Kat Kan
http://www.books.brodart.com/content3.aspx?p=21

Diamond Bookshelf
Core lists for kids, YA, older teens, and adults
http://www.diamondbookshelf.com/public/default.asp?t=2&m=1&c=20&s=463

Graphic Novel Reporter
Core lists are updated semi-annually
http://graphicnovelreporter.com/content/core-lists-booksellers-and-librarians-other

Young Adult Library Services Association's Great Graphic Novels for Teens
Recommended reading for teens ages 12-18. New list published annually.
http://www.ala.org/yalsa/ggnt/

Collection Development and Maintenance

"Graphic Novels as Cost Effective Collections" by Christian Zabriskie
http://www.diamondbookshelf.com/public/default.asp?t=1&m=1&c=20&s=181&ai=109587&ssd=

"Number crunching: How Looking at Graphic Novel Circulation Statistics from Many Perspectives Help You Know What's Really Flying Off the Shelves" by Robin Brenner *(a great resource for helping to know what to weed – Bonnie S)*
http://blog.schoollibraryjournal.com/goodcomicsforkids/2009/11/21/number-crunching-how-looking-at-graphic-novel-circulation-statistics-from-many-perspectives-help-you-know-whats-really-flying-off-the-shelves/

Library Programs and Events – Links and Examples

Free Comic Book Day
http://www.freecomicbookday.com/

Graphic Novel Making Contest - San José Public Library
http://www.sjpl.org/tags/graphic-novel-contest

Kids Read Comics! – Chelsea District Library
http://mlatcomics.com/krc/

Comixtravaganza – Seattle Public Library
http://www.spl.org/about-the-library/library-news-releases/the-seattle-public-library-hosts-comixtravaganza

Online Resources

Comic Book Resources
Reviews and news on the latest in the comics industry, including TV/film, cons, and video games.
http://www.comicbookresources.com/

Comics Worth Reading
Independent comic review site since 1999. Features a great list of comics by women.
http://comicsworthreading.com/

GNLIB-L
Listserv that discusses graphic novels primarily of interest to public and school libraries
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GNLIB-L/

Graphic Novel Reporter
Presented by BookReporter, reviews, interviews, and advice for libraries carrying graphic novels
http://www.graphicnovelreporter.com/

ICv2.com
News on the comic industry, pop culture, and comics' sale trends
http://icv2.com/

MangaBlog
Manga news, reviews, and interviews
http://www.mangablog.net/

No Flying, No Tights
Graphic novel review site run by library staff
http://noflyingnotights.com/

School Library Journal's Good Comics for Kids
Group blog covering comics for kids and comics-related issues for libraries
http://blog.schoollibraryjournal.com/goodcomicsforkids

Sequential Tart
Blog dedicated to interviews, articles, and news raising awareness of women's influence in the comics industry
http://www.sequentialtart.com/

Other Resources

Comics and Sequential Art by Will Eisner

Manga: The Complete Guide by Jason Thompson
A few years old, but still an excellent comprehensive look at manga/anime

Understanding Comics by Scott McCloud

Understanding Manga and Anime by Robin Brenner

Graphic Novels in Your School Library by Jesse Karp and Rush Kress
Lots of good information on graphic novels, literacy, and education.

Using Graphic Novels with Children and Teens: A Guide for Teachers and Librarians by Philip Crawford, Stephen Weiner, & Scholastic. http://www.scholastic.com/graphix/Scholastic_BoneDiscussion.pdf