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.alala.org/mgrps/divs/alsc/compubs/booklists/grphcnvls.cfm
List created in 2011, will be updated regularly

**Brodart**
Lists created by librarian Kat Kan

**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.alala.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)

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

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


**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.