GRAPHIC NOVELS READING LIST

GRADES 6–8

Another Kind
by Trevor Bream
When six not-quite-human kids with strange and unpredictable powers are kidnapped by the mysterious Collector, they to band together to thwart his devious plan before they become part of his collection.
J BREAM (Graphic Novel)

Astronauts: Women on the Final Frontier
by Jim Ottaviani
Astronaut Mary Cleave guides readers through the history of women's contributions to space exploration with technical but accessible descriptions of the science and captivating anecdotes.
J 629.45 Ottaviani (Graphic)

Beetle & the Hollowbones
by Aliza Layne
12-year-old goblinwitch Beetle has a problem: the mall haunted by her best friend, Blob Ghost (an actual ghost), is in trouble, and they are counting on Beetle to save them.
J LAYNE (Graphic Novel)

Best Friends (Friends #2)
by Shannon Hale
Shannon is ready for sixth grade, but keeping up with the cool crowd can be hard, even when you think you've got an "in." *Part of a series.*
J HALE (Graphic Novel)

Be Wary of the Silent Woods (The Weirn Books #1)
by Svetlana Chmakova
Ailis and her cousins Na'ya and D'esh are weirns. After they are pursued through the Silent Woods by a Night Thing that later abducts a classmate, the witch cousins investigate and uncover secrets along the way. *Part of a series.*
J CHMAKOVA (Graphic Novel)

Catherine's War
by Julia Billet
Rachel uses a camera to document her experience as a Jewish girl in France at the height of World War II in a story inspired by the author's mother's experience.
J BILLET (Graphic Novel)

Class Act (New Kid #2)
by Jerry Craft
Drew struggles with his identity and place at an elite prep school while navigating microaggressions and tensions between friends during their eighth-grade year. *Part of a series.*
J CRAFT (Graphic Novel)

Cub by Cynthia L. Copeland
A memoir shares the author's experience as a cub reporter and how that investigative work colored all aspects of seventh grade (not to mention shaping her future as a writer) during the 1972–73 school year.
J COPELAND (Graphic Novel)

The Dark Matter of Mona Starr by Laura Lee Gulledge
Filled with self-doubt and anxiety, Mona finds the strength to ask for help to handle her "Matter," her word for her depression, and she is reminded that the Matter might be part of her, but it isn't all of her.
TEEN GULLEDGE (Graphic)

The Deep & Dark Blue
by Niki Smith
When their cousin stages a coup, twins Hawke and Grayson seek refuge by disguising themselves as girls in the all-female Communion of Blue, the order of women who weave the threads that bind the world.
J SMITH, N. (Graphic)

Delicates (Sheets #2)
by Brenna Thummler
Marjorie Glatt's life hasn't been the same ever since she discovered a group of ghosts hiding in her family's laundromat. Now that she's finally making it with the popular kids at school, is it time to leave her ghostly friends behind?
J THUMMLER (Graphic)

Dragon Hoops by Gene Luen Yang
Comic-book-lover Yang shares everything about his experience working at a high school where everyone is obsessed with the Dragons, the school's varsity basketball team. Funny and poignant, this autobiographical graphic novel will inspire artists and athletes alike.
TEEN YANG (Graphic)

The Ghoul Next Door
by Cullen Bunn
Living in the legend-haunted New England town of Ander's Landing, 11-year-old Grey is drawn into a strange mystery involving a race of reclusive subterranean creatures—ghouls, the eaters of the dead.
J BUNN (Graphic Novel)

Go with the Flow
by Lily Williams
Four sophomores band together to raise awareness about women's health issues in this exploration of menstrual equality, female friendship, and finding one's true self.
TEEN WILLIAMS (Graphic)

The Legend of Auntie Po
by Shing Yin Khor
Part historical fiction, part magical realism, and 100 percent adventure. Join 13-year old Mei as she reimagines the Paul Bunyan tales while she works at a logging camp in 1888.
J KHOR (Graphic)

Lightfall: The Girl & the Galdurian by Tim Probert
When Bea's adoptive grandfather, the Pig Wizard, goes missing, Bea and her new friend Cad go on a quest to find him, encountering endless dangers and an ancient threat trying to plummet the world into darkness. *Part of a series.*
J PROBERT (Graphic Novel)

Maker Comics: Make a Comic!
by J.P. Coovert
With Maker Comics: Draw a Comic! you'll learn to create and print your own comics books! Follow simple steps to sketch out your story ideas and ink a comic page.
Part of a series.
J 741.5 COOVERT (Graphic)

Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy: A Modern Graphic Retelling of Little Women
by Rey Terciero,
A retelling of the Louisa May Alcott classic in which the March sisters and their parents are a blended, interracial family, with a plot updated to reflect contemporary issues including remarriage, homophobia, and racism.
J TERCIERO (Graphic Novel)

If the call number says TEEN, the book is located in the Teen Graphic Novel section. If the call number is J…, the book is located in the Children's Room Graphic Novel section.

Miles Morales: Shock Waves by Justin Reynolds
Miles Morales, Brooklyn's Spider-Man, learns that the disappearance of a new student's father is linked to the giant corporation sponsoring Miles' fundraiser for the victims of the Puerto Rico earthquake and sets out to discover the truth.
J MARVEL (Graphic Novel)

One Year at Ellsmere
by Faith Erin Hicks
Boarding school is not what Juniper thought it would be: she's struggling to fit in, the most popular girl is out to get her, and, worst of all, there might be a spooky beast roaming the woods outside of the school.
J HICKS (Graphic Novel)

Science Comics: The Digestive System
by Jason Viola
Visit the inside of your mouth, stomach, liver, intestines, and other organs that make up the gastrointestinal tract! We swear it's more exciting than it sounds. *Part of a series.*
J 612.3 VIOLA (Graphic)

Shadow of the Batgirl
by Sarah Kuhn
Raised as a teenage assassin, Cassandra Cain tries to break free from her father to become more like her hero, Batgirl.
TEEN BATGIRL (Graphic)

The Stonekeeper (Amulet #1)
by Kazu Kibuishi
Enter a world of terrible, man-eating demons, a mechanical rabbit, a talking fox, a giant robot---and two ordinary children on a mission.
J KIBUISHI (Graphic Novel)

Teen Titans: Raven
by Kami Garcia
After losing her memory and a loved one in a horrible accident, Raven pieces together her past while increasingly strange occurrences make her question her present. *Part of a series.*
TEEN GARCIA (Graphic)

This Was Our Pact
by Ryan Andrews
On the autumn equinox, Ben and his friends promise themselves they will ride out of town to investigate a local legend without turning back, and the boys' journey turns fantastically strange when they encounter a talking bear.
J ANDREWS (Graphic Novel)

Turtle in Paradise
by Jennifer Holm
In 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who does not like children, eleven-year-old Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in far away Key West, Florida.
J HOLM (Graphic Novel)

When Stars Are Scattered
by Victoria Jamieson
Two young Somali orphans, brothers Omar and Hassan, navigate life in a Kenyan refugee camp with hope.
J JAMIESON (Graphic Novel)

Witchlight
by Jessi Zabarsky
Sanja convinces cheating witch Lelek to make an honest living, and their friendship grows until Lelek's life is put in jeopardy, and Sanja will do anything to save her.
TEEN ZABARSKY (Graphic)

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