

Building a Graphic Novel/Comic/Manga Collection for the Wasilla Public Library



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The Project

- What is the best way to display the collection to users?
- How should the library keep the collection organized?
- What do library users want from the collection?
- How should the library add to the collection?

The Wasilla Public Library moved into a new facility in September 2016, with a new dedicated space for graphic novels, comics, and manga. However, many questions cropped up after the move.

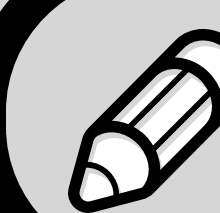
Wasilla Public Library has no formal procedures in place to answer those questions, and with only three accredited librarians on staff, little time to dedicate to this problem. This project was designed to find the answers by assessing the needs and wants of the community as well as current best practices to create a comprehensive set of goals related to areas of policy, acquisition, and cataloging for graphic novels, comics, and manga.

Process

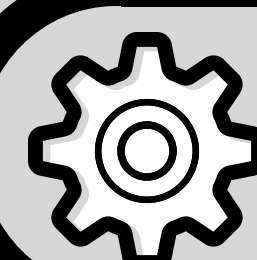
The project had four major components designed to inform each other and build into policy and title recommendations for the library.



Understand best library practices through Literature Review



Analyze community needs through User Survey



Develop library policy through Analysis Paper



Develop essential list of titles for the library's collection

Outcomes



- Surveyed 60 library users on their preferences and use of the collection
- Developed a literature review of the 30 best sources on all aspects of collection development for graphic novels/manga
- Presented analysis paper with policy, cataloging, shelving, and marketing recommendations
- Organized purchase list of over 200 essential titles for the collections

Next Steps

This project is designed to be the first step towards designing new policies and procedures related to graphic novels, comics, and manga. Implementation will be at the discretion of the librarians and library director. Here are a few possible suggestions for building off of the project:

- Implement cataloging and shelving changes to facilitate use
- Develop displays and advertising for collection
- Change collection development policies to reflect best practices for future growth

