

Getting Started with Graphic Novels : A Selective Bibliography of Professional Resources for Librarians

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Comics in the Classroom

<http://comicsintheclassroom.net/index.htm>

Good Comics for Kids

<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/blog/540000654/post/1020042902.html>

Graphic Classroom

<http://graphicclassroom.blogspot.com>

Great Graphic Novels for Teens - YALSA

<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/booklistsawards/greatgraphicnovelsforteens/gn.htm>

Graphic Novels: Resources for Teachers and Librarians

<http://library.buffalo.edu/libraries/asl/guides/graphicnovels>

Graphic Novels in Libraries Listserv (Yahoo Groups) **GNLIB-L**

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Kids Love Comics!

<http://www.kidslovecomics.com/index.html>

Librarian's Guide to Anime and Manga

<http://www.koyagi.com/Libguide.html>

No Flying! No Tights!

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- **Publishers' Weekly**
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- **VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates)** - "Graphically Speaking"
- **Video Librarian**

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