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BOOK PROFILE – GRAPHIC NOVELS

General guidelines and focus of this profile

The Graphic Novel Book Profile is aimed at:

1. Providing guidance on the types of graphic novel books to select for Libraries ACT members and broader Canberra community, and priority ratings to determine the number of copies required. This profile is complemented by the Graphic Novel Standing Order List.
2. Meeting high demand (as indicated by high number of reservations) within a reasonable time, i.e. waiting time of no more than 6 months per member.
3. Assisting Libraries ACT staff streamline internal processes and workflows.

Focus of this collection

1. To support and encourage Libraries ACT's children, young adult, and adult members' love of reading.
2. Appealing:
 - New publications
 - Debut titles
 - National/international bestsellers
 - Trending series and titles that are heavily featured in the media and on social media
 - Series and titles, that have been turned into movies and/or TV series
 - Award winners, see below
 - Series and Authors in the standing order list – no. of copies determined by collection – see quantity below
3. Relevance:
 - Diverse range of titles:
 - i. material representing the diversity of the Canberra community
 - ii. materials that reflect inclusiveness, e.g. diversity in gender identity, abilities, socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds, sexual orientation and family compositions
 - Australian authors
4. Currency: majority of the collection not more than 5 years past its publication date, and for new acquisitions to approximate release dates (no more than 7 days)

Exclusions

- Print on demand titles
- Self-publications
- Titles not appropriate for lending collections:
 - Over or under sized titles unless specifically requested
 - Titles with spiral or other inappropriate bindings

Target audience and copies

Collection and target audience	Number of Copies
Junior Graphic Novels – children approx. 5 – 12 years	4
Young Adult Graphic Novels – young adults 13 – 17 years	2 4, if very popular (ie. Heartstopper)
Adult Graphic Novels – adults 18+	2

List of selected publishers but not limited to:

Dark Horse
DC
Drawn and Quarterly
Fantagraphics
IDW Publishing
Image Comics
Marvel
VIZ
Graphix
First Second
Titan Comics
Oni Press Inc.
Dynamite Entertainment
Boom! Studios
Cinebook

Awards:

Eisner Award Winners

Goodreads Choice Awards: Graphic Novels – Nominees and Winners

Harvey Awards

Hugo Award for Best Graphic Story

Ignatz Awards