NEW YORK COMIC CON #READMORECOMICS
#readmorecomics: Collection Development and Reader’s Advisory

Panelists:
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Jenny McCluskey (Collection Development at Ingram Library Services)
Moderator:
Candice Mack (Coordinator, Systemwide Teen Services at LAPL)
The ‘comics reader’

Clear your mind and imagine someone reading a comic...

- Who is this person?
- What is this person reading?
- Where is this scene happening?
I want to get into this stuff but I don't even know where to begin.

Lady Hero #2

Last issue

Adjective Average #59

Other Adjective Avengers #103

X-Men #47 Crossover

Wolverine $6000

You need to have been reading for 20 years to get it.

I'm intimidated by the staff and I don't want to ask.
Collection development

➢ Why collect GN? Popularity and growth, variety of genres within medium, artistic expression, representation of diversity, early/reluctant/ELL readers
➢ Publishers’ relationships with libraries
➢ Challenges? Problems with finding reviews
Collection development

➢ Purchasing series: naruto and the 72 volumes
➢ Cataloging, classification and shelving
➢ Comics education: Professional dvlpmt and presence at LIS programs
Readers advisory

➢ Age ratings (or lack thereof)
➢ Comics for early literacy - wordless picture books
➢ Leveling
➢ Comics and adult readers
KRISTEN’S Favorite Titles

- Marlo by Christopher Browne
- We Dig Worms! by Kevin McCloskey
- I’m Grumpy! by Jennifer L Holm Illustrated by Matthew Holm
Chirp! Drip! Zzz— Tug! Swoosh!

MARLO

CHRISTOPHER BROWNE

My friends bring air and water to the soil to help plants grow.

When worms dig,

Twisting and turning,

They make the earth.
LUCIA’S Favorite Titles

- BLACKMASK STUDIOS, E.G. KIM & KIM OR 4 KIDS WALK INTO A BANK
- Jillian Tamaki’s *SuperMutant Magic Academy* (Drawn & Quarterly)
- Anything by Cyril Pedrosa (First Second / NBM Pub)
FRANCISCA’S FAVORITE TITLES

- Keezy Young’s *Taproot* (Lion Forge)
- Tony Sandoval’s *Rendez-vous in Phoenix* (Magnetic Press)
- Svetlana Chmakova’s *Brave* (Yen Press)
PEOPLE ARE OBLIVIOUS...

...BUT SO MANY DANGERS LURK!!

SUNSPOTS ARE THE BIG ONE... I'M STILL FIGURING THAT ONE OUT... BUT SAY...

...IF THERE'S AN EARTHQUAKE?

...AND...OH IF IT'S A ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE?

(IN THE SAME POCKET, I ALSO HAVE A PROTEIN BAR AND A GAME BOY. IN CASE I HAVE TO BARRICADE MYSELF IN THE MAINTENANCE ROOM...)
JENNY’S FAVORITE TITLES

● The Secret Loves of Geek Girls, various contributors (Dark Horse)
● Tea dragon society, katie o’neill (oni)
● Lighter Than My Shadow, Katie Green (Lion Forge)
Selected Resources

- Graphic Medicine project (www.graphicmedicine.org)
- Your local comics store, or bookstore that carries comics
- Young Adult Library Services Association’s Great Graphic Novels for Teens booklist & Association for Library Services to Children’s Graphic Novel Reading Lists
- Resources/Tools from vendors (Ingram has core/high interest/thematic/recommended lists of titles curated by comics/GN specialist librarian)
- Publisher’s Library e-newsletters (Diamond Bookshelf, etc)
- GN4LIB yahoo listserv
Thank you!

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