

ZSR Comics & Graphic Novels Collection Development Policy

Our collection development policy focuses on providing a broad collection of comics and graphic novels to meet the informational, educational, cultural, and recreational needs of readers in our community. The collection is still growing, and is useful for those interested in both the history and development of sequential art formats, as well as current comic and graphic novel titles. The collection holds items from every recognized “Age” of comics as well as every genre, including daily humor strips, political satire, superhero, underground comics, and others.

Our content selection criteria includes:

- Award winning comics and graphic novels; particularly winners and nominees of the [Eisner Awards](#), the [Harvey Awards](#), the [Ignatz Awards](#), and the [Lynd Ward Graphic Novel Prize](#)
- Representation of diverse cultures, experiences, and points of view
- Demand for specific subjects, titles, publishers and creators from our students, faculty, and staff members at Wake Forest University; with an emphasis on materials used in teaching and research
- Popular interest based on comic trends and circulation statistics
- We encourage input from the University community and stakeholders. All requests for title additions are subject to our selection criteria and age-appropriate guidelines, and are not automatically added to—nor removed from—the platform.

Our collection staff includes experienced librarians and University instructors, and we fully support the [American Library Association’s Library Bill of Rights](#) and [Freedom to Read Statement](#), all of which informs our [Collection Development Policy](#).

As stated in the Library’s [Reconsideration Policy](#), any concerns regarding library materials should be directed to the Dean of the Library; zsrdean@wfu.edu.

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