

Graphic novel procedures

Fixed fields

Literary form (Fic in DRA, LitF in OCLC) = c

Dates

Be careful about dates for these items. Copyright dates are often updated with each new printing. The date in the fixed fields and in the 260 field must match the latest copyright date for the item.

300 field

These books primarily consist of illustrations with some text. Use “chiefly ill.” or “chiefly col. ill.” in subfield \$b.

Examples:

300; ;a ca. 180 p. : \$b chiefly col. ill. ; \$c 26 cm.

300; ;a160 p. : \$b chiefly ill., some col. ; \$c 26 cm.

Notes (optional)

Comic book compilations often contain information about the original publication of the individual episodes. Graphic novels sometimes have first appeared in a serialized form. It may be helpful to include these notes.

Examples:

500; ; Contains material originally published in magazine form as Ultimate Spider-Man, #1-7.

Subject headings

Use the free-floating form subdivision \$v Comic books, strips, etc. for all topical headings.

Examples:

650; 0;a Runaway teenagers \$v Comic books, strips, etc.

650; 0;a Voyages and travels \$v Comic books, strips, etc.

If there is an established fictitious character associated with the book, include a heading for the character.

Example:

650; 0;a Spider-Man (Fictitious character) \$v Comic books, strips, etc.

Form and Genre headings (655)

Use the following form heading for all graphic novels and comic book compilations:

655; 7;a Graphic novels. \$2 lchsh

Use the following genre/form headings when they apply:

655; 7;a Mystery comic books, strips, etc. \$2 gsafd

655; 7;a Science fiction comic books, strips, etc. \$2 gsafd

655; 7;a Superhero comic books, strips, etc. \$2 gsafd

655; 7;a Western comic books, strips, etc. \$2 gsafd

655; 7;a Fantasy comic books, strips, etc. \$2 lsh

655; 7;a Horror comic books, strips, etc. \$2 lsh

Also apply the corresponding general genre headings.

An example for The Hobbit:

655; 7;a Fantasy comic books, strips, etc. \$2 lsh

655; 7;a Fantasy fiction. \$2 gsafd

655; 7;a Graphic novels. \$2 lsh

Added entry (Uniform title)

Add an added entry for the uniform title if appropriate.

An X-men example:

100;1 ;a Millar, Mark.

245;10;a Ultimate X-men. \$p The tomorrow people / \$c by Mark Millar.

730;0 ;a X-men (Comic strip)

Translations/adaptations

When the translated work has been adapted, enter the work under the person responsible for the adaptation.

A Dragon ball example:

100;1 ;a Jones, Gerard.

245;10;a Dragon ball. \$n Vol. 1 / \$c story and art by Akira Toriyama ; [English adaptation by Gerard Jones].

Include the 041 field for the languages of the translation and the original.

Example:

041;1 ;a eng \$h jpn

Add the subject heading Graphic novels with the free-floating subdivisions describing the country of origin and the language of the translation.

Example:

650; 0;a Graphic novels \$z Japan \$x Translations into English.

Include a name-title added entry for the original work.

Example:

700;1 ;a Toriyama, Akira, \$d 1955- \$t Dragon ball. \$n Vol. 1.