

# GRAPHIC RAVE 2024

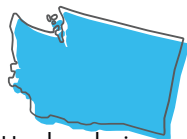
## Middle Grade

Best graphic novels and manga for middle and high school-aged readers, chosen by Oregon's young adult librarians

Thien Pham  
**Family Style**

Thien's first memory isn't a sight or a sound. It's the sweetness of watermelon and the saltiness of fish. It's the taste of the foods he ate while adrift at sea as his family fled Vietnam. After the Pham family arrives at a refugee camp in Thailand, they struggle to survive. And through each chapter of their lives, food takes on a new meaning.

Jasmine Walls & Teo Duvall  
**Brooms**



It's 1930s Mississippi. Magic is permitted only in certain circumstances, and by certain people. Unsanctioned broom racing is banned. But for those who need the money, or the thrills...it's there to be found.

Theo Parish  
**Homebody**

Theo takes us through their experiences with the hundred arbitrary and unspoken gender binary rules of high school, and through tiny everyday moments that all led up to Theo finding the term "nonbinary," which finally struck a chord.

Gene Luen Yang & LeUyen Pham  
**Lunar New Year Love Story**

Val is ready to give up on love. It's led to nothing but secrets and heartbreak, and she's pretty sure she's cursed--no one in her family, for generations, has ever had any luck with love. After a chance encounter, she begins to wonder if she is destined to break the curse.

Samuel Sattin & Rye Hickman  
**Buzzing**

Isaac is a shy boy with OCD, but one day at school he meets new friends who introduce him to role-playing games, which lead him on a journey of self-discovery and growth.

K. O'Neill  
**The Moth Keeper**

Kit's excited to prove her worth as a Moth-Keeper, a protector of the lunar moths that allow the Night-Lily flower to bloom once a year, but she quickly finds that life as a Moth-Keeper isn't what she imagined it would be.

Wendy Mass & Gabi Mendez  
**Lo & Behold**

With her life recently turned upside down, 12-year-old Addie is uncomfortable in her own skin until the world of virtual reality sparks her imagination and leads to an exciting new project, a new friend, and to reconnecting with who she's always been.

Brittany Long Olsen  
**The Happy Shop**



Eleven-year-old Darcy just moved to a new country. She's feeling lost and misses her friends back home. That's when she stumbles upon a shop full of mysterious glowing jars, to her surprise this store sells happy feelings.



**Note:**

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## Young Adult

Robin Ha

### **The Fox Maidens**

Kai Song dreams of being a warrior. But while her father believes in Kai and trains her in martial arts, their society isn't ready for a girl warrior. Still, Kai is determined. But she is plagued by rumors that she is the granddaughter of Gumiho, the infamous nine-tailed fox demon who was killed by her father years before.

Julio Anta & Jacoby Salcedo

### **Frontera**

Mateo makes the dangerous journey back home to the United States through the Sonoran Desert with the help of a new friend, a ghost named Guillermo in a supernatural borderland odyssey.



Sarah Myer

### **Monstrous**

Bullied by her classmates, Sarah, a Korean American girl growing up in a rural community with few Asian neighbors, channels her rage into her art and cosplay until it threatens to explode.

Kanehito Yamada & Tsukasa Abe

### **Frieren : Beyond Journey's End V.7**

Elf mage Frieren and her courageous fellow adventurers have defeated the Demon King and brought peace to the land. But Frieren will long outlive the rest of her former party. How will she come to understand what life means to the people around her?

Ngozi Ukazu & Mad Rupert  
**Bunt!**

Molly Bauer's first year of college is not the picture-perfect piece of art she'd always envisioned. On day one at PICA, Molly discovers that--through some horrible twist of fate--her full-ride scholarship has vanished!

Ryan North & Erica Henderson  
**Danger and Other Unknown Risks**

Here's the deal--on midnight of January 1st, 2000, the world ended. But it wasn't technology that killed it: It was magic. Now, years later, the Earth has transformed. But this new world isn't stable, and unless Marguerite de Pruitt and her canine pal, Daisy, do something about it, it'll tilt into deadly chaos.

Misaki Takamatsu

### **Skip and Loafer V.7**

Spring has sprung, and Mitsumi and company have finally become second years! The fresh spring breeze carries a lot of firsts for the gang--different classes, encounters with new first-year students, and more.

Jorge Aguirre & Rafael Rosado

### **Call Me Iggy**

Ignacio "Iggy" Garcia is an Ohio-born Colombian American teen living his best life, till he starts getting advice from his grandfather. You see, the thing is, not only is his abuelito dead, but he also gives terrible love advice. The worst. And so, with his ghost abuelito's meddling, Iggy's life begins to unravel as he sets off on a journey of self-discovery.

Deya Muniz

### **The Princess and the Grilled Cheese Sandwich**

Cam disguises herself as a man to inherit her father's money and estate, and though she tries to keep a low profile, she ends up falling for Crown Princess Brie.

Naoya Matsumoto

### **Kaiju No. 8 V.9**

Kafka Hibino, a kaiju-corpse cleanup man, has always dreamed of joining the force. But when he gets another shot at achieving his childhood dream, he undergoes an unexpected transformation. How can he fight kaiju now that he's become one himself?!

## Super <sup>Hero</sup>/<sub>Villain</sub> Spotlight

G. Willow Willson

### **Poison Ivy: The Virtuous Cycle V.1**

Pamela Isley has been a lot of things in her life. A living god, a super-villain, an activist, a scientist, and dead. In a new body that she didn't ask for and with a renewed sense of purpose, Ivy leaves Gotham and sets out to complete her greatest work.

C.R.C. Payne & Starbite  
**Batman, Wayne Family Adventures V.1**

Batman needs a break. But with new vigilante moving into Wayne Manor and an endless supply of adopted, fostered, and biological superhero children to manage, Bruce Wayne is going to have his hands full.

