

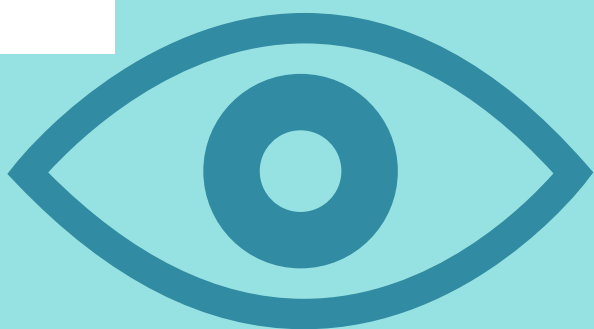
GRAPHIC NOVELS ARE REAL BOOKS

Benefits of reading graphic novels include:

VISUAL LITERACY

The ability to interpret information presented in the form of an image

Visual literacy is necessary to navigate today's digital world and is an essential skill in the 21st Century workplace.



VERBAL LITERACY

Development of language and communication skills

Research shows that viewing pictures along with a story activates the language center of the brain more than just reading does, and images help readers infer the meaning of unfamiliar words. Sequential art helps students develop linear thinking skills.



BRAIN DEVELOPMENT

Building neural pathways

Taking in both image and text at once and synthesizing them to determine meaning uses both sides of the brain and develops neural connections that reading text alone does not. The reading process is deeper and more complex.



MOTIVATION

Enthusiasm creates readers

A Scholastic Corp. study found that middle and high school students who are given the opportunity to choose the books they read are more likely to develop the habit of reading for fun.

