

Comics@SDSU + IMLS Forum

San Diego Librarians

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What do you mean, Social Justice in Comics?!

- Point out inequalities
- Advance issues
- Awareness and empathy
- Action
- Pedagogical tool
- Bear witness
- Increase literacy
- Engage wide range of reader

We are a wide-ranging web of comics catalogers and fans!

Robust Metadata + Cataloging Options?

Banned Materials?

Webtoons?

Groups # 1 & 4: Enhancing Engagement/Programming

- DIY Graphic Novel
- Multi-Lingual
- Artists Collabs
- Costumes
- Book Clubs
- Engage Families
- Exhibits
- Anime/Manga Drawing Classes
- History + Raising Awareness

Needs:

- Time
- Staff
- Formality
- Connections
- Funding

Groups #2 & 5: Resistance to Comics

- Passive Resistance (Sure, but...)
- Need Funding
- Labels May Cause Harm
- Historical Use in Movement Work
- Clarify “Social Justice”
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Administrative Resistance
- Kids Only – Adults?!

Groups # 3 & 6: Acquisitions/Locations

- By Popularity
- Parents + Teachers
- Digital Divide
- E-Book Challenges (Hoopla, Comics Plus)
- Organize by Topic? (Library Specific) or by Material Type?

From Birth to Blue Hair – Graphic Recording by: A Visual Approach