

# The Weekly Update

from SD State Library School Library Services

## Collect + Connect Facebook Group

According to the recent survey for school librarians that over 80 of you filled out, the weekly blog isn't getting very many reads. However, you are still wanting a platform to be able to collect ideas and connect with fellow librarians around the state. I learned over the last 18 months that one of the easiest and most efficient ways to share ideas and find support from like-minded people is through a Facebook Group!

There are several groups that were GAME CHANGERS for me during the 2020-2021 school year: [Follett Destiny Users for Librarians](#), [Library Bulletin Boards and Displays](#), and [Middle School Librarians/Media Coordinators](#) just to name a few!

So, I took an old inactive SDSL group on Facebook that was used for Boot Camp, and repurposed it into our NEW Collect + Connect group! The Collect + Connect group is for SD School Librarians! Join to share your ideas and photos, ask your questions, reach out for advice, and discuss all of the awesomeness that happens in your library!

**Join our Facebook Group!**

## Congrats to our FREE book WINNERS!

Thank you for taking time to fill out the recent survey for school librarians!  
Here are our 3 winners. I'll be contacting you soon!

Survey Winners.mov



## Upcoming Learning Opportunities



### STATE CONFERENCE

[South Dakota Library  
Association's annual  
conference](#)

September 29-30, 2021  
Virtual



### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

[American Library  
Association Conference](#)

October 21-23, 2021  
Salt Lake City



### STATE CONFERENCE

[South Dakota Festival of  
Books](#)

October 1-3, 2021  
Deadwood

## 9/11 Resources

If you are planning to tie in 9/11 with your library lessons this week, here are some resources to help:

[Poetry of September 11 from The Library of Congress](#)

[Books about the Impact of September 11 from the Chicago Public Library](#)

[September 11 Book Lists from Goodreads](#)

[Lesson Plans from the 9/11 Memorial & Museum](#)

[22 Websites and Books to Teach Kids about 9/11](#)

[Teaching September 11 from Scholastic](#)



## 1 Helpful Infographic

Encourage your teachers to allow students to read graphic novels! Share this infographic.



# BENEFITS OF READING GRAPHIC NOVELS

Graphic novels help students by...

## PROMOTING VOCABULARY ACQUISITION

Graphic novels often contain MORE difficult vocabulary than traditional print books, giving kids extra opportunities to learn new words. The visual support provided by the graphics allows students to quickly associate new words with their meaning.



## SHARPENING CRITICAL THINKING

When reading graphic novels, students must actively decode text and images together to synthesize information. Children must also infer in the gaps between panels. Nonfiction graphic novels make learning facts easier by activating the language and visual centers of the brain at the same time.

## ENGAGING KIDS IN READING

The concise text and rich images within graphic novels give children access to complex stories even if they struggle academically. The design, color, and images invite students of all levels to engage in sustained reading. Plus, graphic novels are often a bridge to longer, prose-based narratives.



## BUILDING VISUAL LITERACY

Did you know that the ratio of images to words in all kinds of documents is increasing? Understanding the interplay between pictures and text in both print and video media is an important component in comprehending increasingly complex information.

### SOURCES:

ADVENTURES IN GRAPHICS: USING COMICS AND GRAPHIC NOVELS TO TEACH COMPREHENSION, 2 & 4 BY TERRY THOMPSON, RETRIEVED FROM <https://www.torrey.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/using-comics-to-teach-comprehension.pdf>

"GRAPHIC NOVELS: PREPARING FOR A MULTIMODAL AND MULTITEXTUAL WORLD," BY KATHARINE RICHART, RETRIEVED FROM [WWW.INDUSTRYJOURNAL.COM](http://www.industryjournal.com)

"THE RESEARCH BEHIND GRAPHIC NOVELS AND VISUAL LEARNING," BY LESLIE MCKINNON OF NORTHWESTERN'S CENTER FOR TALENT DEVELOPMENT, RETRIEVED FROM [WWW.CFE.NORTHWESTERN.EDU](http://www.cfe.northwestern.edu)

"YOUNG GRAPHIC NOVELS TO HELP STRUGGLING READER," BY DR. MELBA LARSEN OF JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY'S CENTER FOR TALENTED YOUTH, RETRIEVED FROM [WWW.MELBA.LARSEN.COM](http://www.melba.larsen.com)

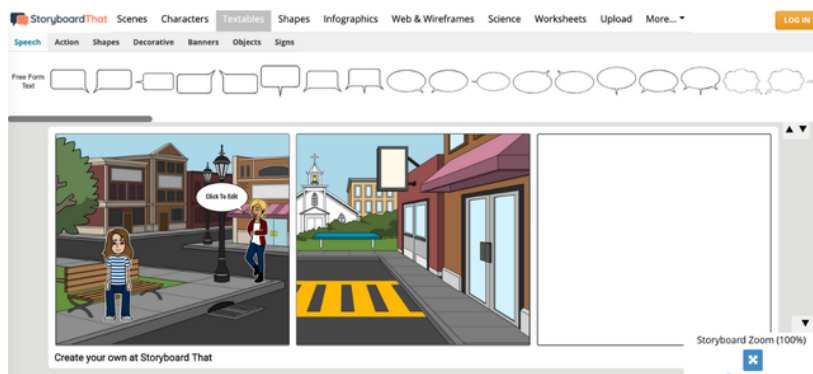
Created by Esther Storrie, 2019

## 2 Handy Tech Tools

Make comic strips for your library displays or guide your students through the comic strip and/or storyboard process with [storyboardthat.com](http://storyboardthat.com).

Need a large image for display? [Rasterbator.net](http://Rasterbator.net) enlarges images to multiple pages. Print and combine them into huge posters!





**STORYBOARDTHAT**

**THE RASTERBATOR**



#### Paper and size

Paper settings ?

A4 210x297 mm

Portrait

☒ Add margin: 10 mm each side

☐ Overlap pages by 5 mm

Output size

4 sheets wide

For extra accuracy, use decimal numbers such as 4.7

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Enlarge preview



With margins: 21 x 29.7 cm 19 x 27.7 cm  
 Poster size: 84 x 59.4 cm 76 x 50.7 cm  
 Paper consumption: 8 sheets  
 Human figure in preview is 180 cm tall

## 3 Great Books

The Prairie Bud, Prairie Bloom, and Prairie Pasque Children's Book Awards are sponsored by the [South Dakota Library Association](#). Prairie Bud winners are determined by South Dakota PreK, kindergarten, and first grade students. Prairie Bloom winners are determined by South Dakota second and third grade students. Prairie Pasque winners are determined by South Dakota fourth and fifth grade students. Students are encouraged to read and give a star rating for any book they read from the master lists of titles. The books receiving the highest number of stars from the students win the awards. A committee of educators and librarians selects the books nominated for the awards.

For the list of 2021-2022 nominees (and resources) click [HERE](#).



**Tiger vs.  
Nightmare**

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**The Epic  
Adventures of  
Huggie & Stick**

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**Bob**

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The Weekly Update is a correspondence from the South Dakota State Library focusing on current topics in school libraries, best practices, resources, professional development, and more.

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