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Comics Plus comes to your library

LOVERS of comics or graphic novels, or any fan of the sequential art form in the Clarence Valley now have access to a revolutionary new web-based collection – Comics Plus.

Through Comics Plus and Clarence Valley libraries, library members with a library card and email address can checkout free e-comics. People of all ages can now access a wide range of comics, classic favourites, and full manga series all from your own personal or public computer, phone, or tablet device.

Regional librarian, Kathryn Breward, said the Clarence Regional Library was always working on improving the range and quality of the collections it offered.

“The addition of Comics Plus allows a broader range of library patrons an additional way to enjoy their reading experience,” she said.

Inside Comics Plus you can find volumes of some of your favourite comics, from classic favourites like Charlie Brown and The Peanuts, Garfield, Marmaduke, and Dilbert to Viz Media titans like BLEACH, Dragonball, Naruto, and One Piece.

Comics are categorised by publisher, or you can search by age group. The material on Comics Plus, ranges from ages 5 and up, to 16+. There are also familiar fiction titles and popular shows like X-files, Adventure Time, and Bravest Warriors comics available for checkout.

Ms Breward said that with this new and exciting collection, library patrons could check out their favourite digital comics and read them offline with high resolution images.

“In the past comics and graphic novels were overlooked as a reading choice; however, over the past decade, there has been a significant positive shift toward recognising the value of graphic novels in a library setting,” she said.

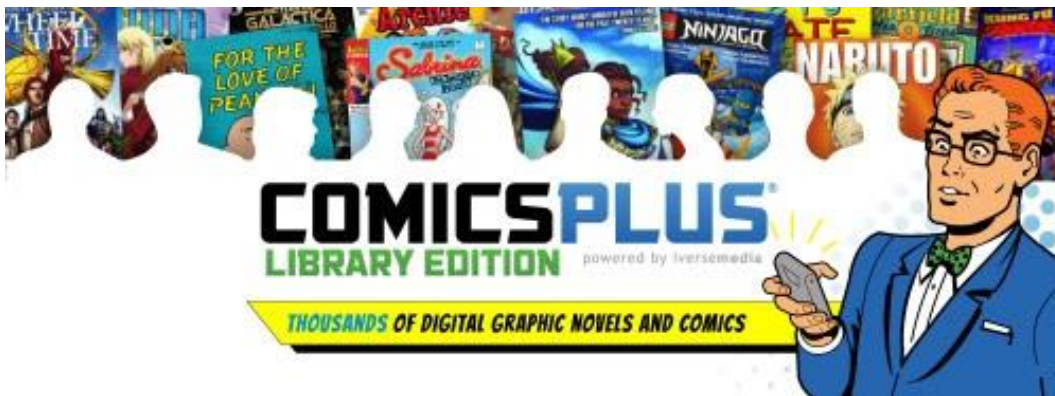
“Graphic novels are the perfect marriage of art and story whether a patron is:

- a reluctant reader drawn to read because the art is visually appealing;
- a teen aspiring to be a graphic artist; or,
- an adult reader who has a great appreciation for art and creative writing.”

Comics Plus is the world's largest library-circulating online comic service, and has more than 19,000 always-available comics ready for immediate checkout. Library members can check out as many comics and graphic novels as they like and stream them online to mobile devices and computers, or download them for offline reading with the iOS app.

Made for all kinds of comic book lovers, Comics Plus is an awesome collection for the seasoned comic reader or anyone just beginning their leap into comic books or graphic novels.

An icon at www.crl.nsw.gov.au links directly to the web-based application. A library member simply uses their library card ID to login, browse, and checkout titles.



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