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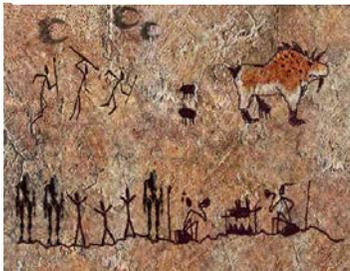


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## Graphic Literature Collection

When you think about it, the idea of telling stories with pictures has been around for a very long time. What were prehistoric cave paintings, after all, but the earliest examples of graphic literature?

Ancient American cave art



A page from *Vietnamerica: A Family's Journey* by GB Tran

Yet it is also true that graphic literature is now being taken more seriously as a literary genre, recognized as a powerfully expressive medium through which counterculture ideas can be popularized, and offering far greater representation of diverse, multicultural narratives than are found in traditional text-only literature.

With the recent reorganization of the Downcity Library's second floor, JWU librarians wanted to draw attention to a new and growing Graphic Literature Collection which includes some of the most widely acclaimed examples of the genre ("Maus," "Persepolis," "Watchmen") as well as less well-known but nonetheless remarkable examples.

Books in the Graphic Literature Collection are usually pretty easy to recognize from the dramatic artwork on their covers, not to mention that some are intentionally printed to be opened from left to right instead of right to left. But for easy identification at JWU, just look for the pink spine label. ♦

**Graphic Literature**

## Powerful New Spaces for Downcity Library



Work by yourself

Work in teams



Relax



Power up

Kick back...





## Get Your Research On



Back by popular demand, Harborside librarians will once again be offering research skill-building workshops targeted to the needs of **MBA students**.

While workshops are customized to the specific needs and questions of those attending, they are designed primarily to help students get started with their research, and cover such areas as:

- Developing a research strategy
- Using business databases
- APA style
- Working with *EasyBib Citation Manager*

Sessions will be held **Tuesday March 15** and **Tuesday April 26** at 4:30 p.m. Call in advance to reserve a seat: (401) 598-1145.

Reference librarian **Kerry Caparco**, leading an *MBA Research Skills Workshop*, December 2015



With help from the **JWU Graduate Student Association**, each session in December was attended by 22+ students. When asked for feedback about the value of the sessions, one student said, *“The databases and resources which I got to know today were totally awesome. I think that they would be really helpful while preparing a report.”* ♦

## Biology Tutoring & Study Groups Now Available

This term students have a new option for mastering the subject of biology. Top biology students, appointed and trained by JWU biology department faculty to serve as peer tutors, will be available to provide other students with assistance on biology course work.

- **Where:** Downcity Library, Study Room 214
- **When:** Every Wed & Thu, 3-5 PM

Sessions will begin March 16 and continue on a weekly basis through May 11.

Any student taking a biology course is welcome to drop in to get help with their assignments. No appointments are necessary. ♦



## Faculty Tech Help

During weeks 3, 5 and 7 of the term, personnel from **Academic Technology, IT and JWU Library** will be teaming up to provide faculty with support on a range of technology issues.

JWU instructors are welcome to drop by the **Faculty Center for Academic Excellence & Innovation** in the Richmond Building for help with mobile devices, ULearn, digital library resources, or any topics related to technology.

- Week 3:** Tue, March 22, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Week 3:** Wed, March 23, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
- Week 5:** Tue, April 5, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Week 5:** Wed, April 6, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
- Week 7:** Tue, April 19, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Week 7:** Wed, April 20, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM