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Pierce County Library System adds free digital comics, graphic novels and manga

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington – Fans of comics, graphic novels and manga—from children to adults—can now enjoy free 24/7 digital access with their Pierce County Library System card.

The Library System recently added Comics Plus to its online resources lineup, offering thousands of digital comics, graphic novels and manga accessible by smartphone, tablet or computer with internet access. Children and adults may download comics and other reading materials to multiple devices and start reading and enjoying them immediately, because there is no limit to the number of titles, which means people won't have to wait in a holds queue to access online comics, graphic novels or manga.

“Comics have evolved significantly and aren't what many people may think of as the old funny pages,” said Pierce County Library Executive Director Gretchen Caserotti. “They are a true literary form that has greatly advanced in recent years. Comics, graphic novels, and manga contain story lines and artistic imagery that broaden imaginations, enhance language and spark creativity, while providing insight into other cultures, viewpoints and experiences.”

Comics and manga have reached fan fanatic status in recent years, with the expansion of manga and many comics transformed into series. Comics are very popular for people of all ages.

Comics Plus, accessed at mypcls.org/online-resources/ includes:

- Comics Plus Full Collection:
 - Access to children, teen and adult materials.
 - Contains materials with mature themes, suitable for ages 18 and up.
- Comics Plus Teen Collection:
 - Access to children and teen materials.
 - Contains story intensity, action and violence equivalent to PG-13 rated movie.
 - Recommended for ages 11-14.
- Comics Plus Children's Collection:
 - Access to only children's materials, including early reader and picture books.
 - Recommended for ages 5-10.

Access Comics Plus through the LibraryPass app, which is available for download in the App Store and on Google Play.

The Pierce County Library saves people money by offering a wide variety of free online resources to help support reading, learning and more. Explore at mypcls.org.

About Pierce County Library System

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The nationally acclaimed [Pierce County Library System](#) serves 655,000 people throughout Pierce County with 19 libraries and online services. The system is the fourth largest in the state and property taxes are the main funding source. People may choose from more than one million books, e-books, audiobooks, movies and other materials. Pierce County Library is committed to directing services in three primary areas: learning, enjoyment and community connection. Its services and programs spark success for Pierce County residents. People make approximately one million visits to Pierce County Libraries each year. The Library provides services and programs directly to people in adult care facilities, people who are homebound, and to children in childcare centers and schools. [Pierce County Libraries are located](#) at Anderson Island, Bonney Lake, Buckley, DuPont, Eatonville, Fife, Gig Harbor, Graham, Key Center, Lakewood, Milton/Edgewood, Orting, Parkland/Spanaway, South Hill, Steilacoom, Summit, Sumner, Tillicum and University Place. Pierce County Library is an independent municipal corporation and operates as a junior taxing district.

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