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Ottawa Library hosts graphic novel inker Ande Parks

The Ottawa Library is a recipient of an Interlibrary Loan Development Program grant this year. The library will use the money to grow its fledgling collection of graphic novels (comic books). Graphic novels are an increasingly popular genre and are especially effective at reaching reluctant readers. To celebrate the opening of this new collection, the librarians invite you to join them to meet Ande Parks, hear about his work and explore new graphic novels. Please come Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. to the circulation department in the library.

As an inker, Parks has worked for nearly every major comic book publisher, on such titles as Wonder Woman, Superman, Daredevil, and Spider-Man. His bold, graphic style has won him widespread acclaim, including a Harvey nomination as best inker. He is best known for his work on Green Arrow, which he inked over his frequent collaborator Phil Hester. On Green Arrow, Hester and Parks got to work with the likes of Kevin Smith, Brad Meltzer, and Judd Winick. The book has been collected into several volumes, and was named one of the best books for young adults by The American Library Association. Parks and Hester are currently working on DC's Nightwing, with writer Devin Grayson.