

The University of San Francisco

USF Scholarship: a digital repository @ Gleeson Library | Geschke Center

Gleeson Library Faculty and Staff Research and Scholarship

Gleeson Library | Geschke Center

Spring 4-4-2024

Graphic Medicine for Library Outreach

Chanda Briggs

University of San Francisco, cbriggs2@usfca.edu

Claire Sharifi

University of San Francisco

Follow this and additional works at: <https://repository.usfca.edu/librarian>



Part of the [Library and Information Science Commons](#), [Medical Education Commons](#), [Mental and Social Health Commons](#), and the [Women's Health Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Briggs, Chanda and Sharifi, Claire, "Graphic Medicine for Library Outreach" (2024). *Gleeson Library Faculty and Staff Research and Scholarship*. 45.

<https://repository.usfca.edu/librarian/45>

This Poster is brought to you for free and open access by the Gleeson Library | Geschke Center at USF Scholarship: a digital repository @ Gleeson Library | Geschke Center. It has been accepted for inclusion in Gleeson Library Faculty and Staff Research and Scholarship by an authorized administrator of USF Scholarship: a digital repository @ Gleeson Library | Geschke Center. For more information, please contact repository@usfca.edu.



Graphic Medicine for Library Outreach

by Chanda Briggs and Claire Sharifi



ESTABLISH THE NEED

At the University of San Francisco, librarians have had increasing requests to acquire resources about disabilities. Because graphic medicine is a powerful educational tool, we decided to intentionally expand our collection of graphic novels on topics related to disability.

GRANT FUNDS FOR EXPANDING THE COLLECTION

The Library was awarded the Networks of the National Library of Medicine's Collection Equity grant. These grant funds were used to expand the disability awareness collection, with an emphasis on expanding the graphic novel collection.



CAMPUS PARTNERSHIPS

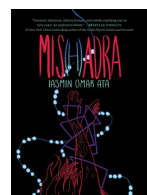
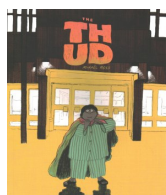
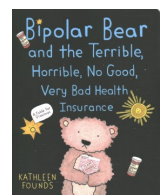
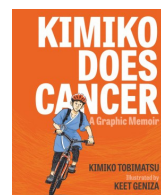
We leveraged connections with the office of Student Disability Services and faculty members who teach classes with a focus on accessibility and disability justice in order to ensure our collection adequately met the need of students, staff, and faculty at the University of San Francisco.

EVENTS AND DISPLAYS

The library created a Disability Awareness Week display with an accompanying library guide, and tabled at the Disability Awareness Resource fair. This ensured students, staff, and faculty were aware of the expanded collection, and helped increase the impact.



FEATURED GRAPHIC NOVELS

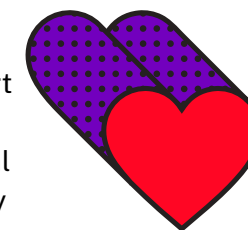


SUPPORT FOR SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

In the absence of direct support for these services, we felt compelled to provide educational resources that destigmatized sexual and reproductive health as well as encourage active knowledge-sharing.

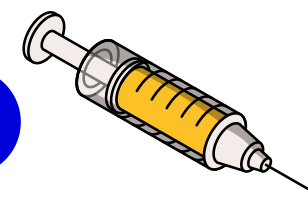
"LOVE YOUR HEART AND OTHER PARTS" DISPLAY

A sexual and reproductive health-themed display called "Love Your Heart and Other Parts" was assembled for February, which included information from USF's Title IX office about support for victims of sexual assault. We included books about sex and sexuality, identity, community support, reproductive issues and affirmative consent.



PARTNERSHIPS FOR STI TESTING

As part of our programming, we allied with USF Health Promotion Services and UCSF Health Alliance Project to bring STI rapid testing to the library on Valentine's Day. Students received confidential testing for HIV, HEP C, Gonorrhea and Chlamydia and Syphilis.



FUTURE PROGRAMMING

Our partners were so pleased to provide services that we were assured partnership in the future. Talks about more frequent STI testing are in the works as we look forward to providing incoming and current students with access to knowledge and care in the future.



FEATURED GRAPHIC NOVELS

