



RAINA TELGEMEIER VISIT MAY 2023

WHY RAINA

Raina Telgemeier is one of the most read authors for ages 8-18. During her mini-tour of Alaska she visited three communities (Anchorage, Eagle River, and Wasilla) including 4 public libraries, and engaged with 25 schools. Her inspiring talks delved into the importance of personal narrative in realistic comics for middle grade readers. She explained how she transformed her own life experiences into bestselling graphic novels. Following each author talk, she answered questions from the audience with kindness, honesty, and grace. During library appearances she signed over 1,000 items for enthusiastic fans

"BEST. DAY. EVER."
~ YOUNG LIBRARY PATRON

WHY READ GRAPHIC NOVELS *

- **Graphic novels are full of text.**

They have drawings, illustrations, and sometimes photos, but they also have text that readers decode, analyze, and comprehend. With graphic novels, kids still follow plots and character development. They understand cause and effect, and they learn about perspective. All of these things will improve their reading comprehension.

- **Graphic novels are engaging.**

Often, especially for reluctant readers, graphic novels add the extra support kids need to help them through a text. The combination of text and pictures can be particularly captivating, providing context for stories that kids might not completely understand otherwise.

- **Graphic novels are quality reading material.**

Just like traditional novels, graphic novels have exciting and complex plots, characters, and conflicts. Characters are developed and dynamic. Conflicts are presented, unwound, and resolved like they are in other texts. The only difference is that graphic novels have more images to support the development.

*Adapted from Scholastic.com/parents



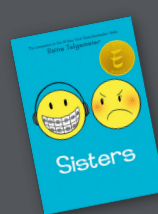
FUNDING AT A GLANCE

INCOME

Friends of the Library (APL)	\$14,900
Wasilla Library Association (WPL)	\$2,600
Alaska State Council On The Arts & National Endowment For The Arts	\$4,500
Bosco's Comics, Cards, & Games	<u>\$1,500</u>
	\$23,200

EXPENSES

Author Fees	\$20,000
Advertising	\$1,000
Travel/Hotel	<u>\$2,200</u>
	\$23,200



#1 New York Times bestselling author of Guts, Drama, Sisters, Smile, and Ghosts.

Anchorage Public Library

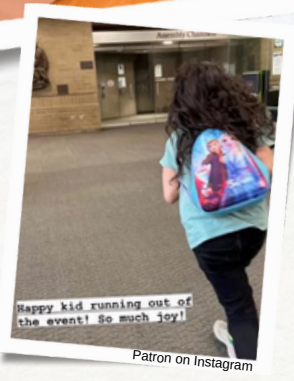
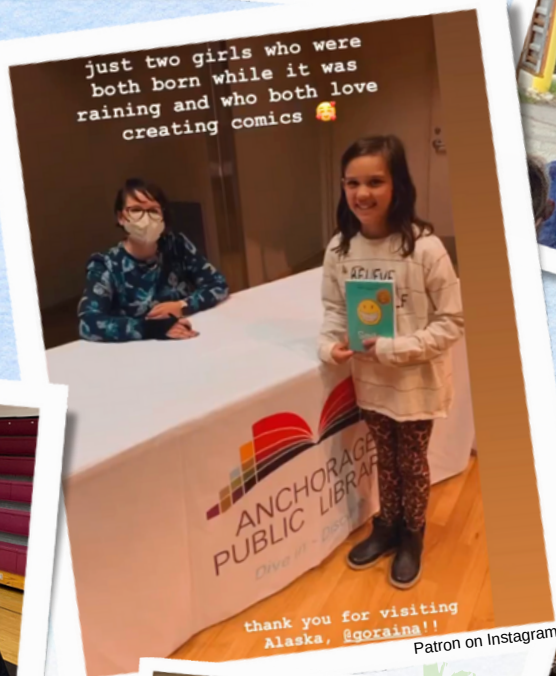
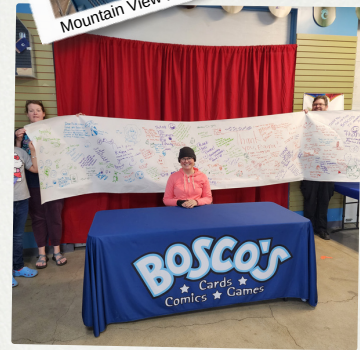
- 22,913 lifetime loans of all titles
- ### Wasilla Public Library
- 1,285 lifetime loans of all titles

ASD Circulation for all 80 K-12 libraries (22-23)

- The 5 books above had over 6,900 checkouts
- Guts is the top title with over 1,700 checkouts
- Sisters and Smile are in the top 5
- Drama and Ghosts in the top 15

MEETING Raina Tetgemeier

2,362 Attendees



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