



CSS Research Librarians Cohort Forum

Cataloging the Uncataloged: North Korean Comics and Graphic Novels

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Most are unaware that the North Korean state has published comic books since at least the 1950s. This presentation offers an engaging orientation to North Korean comics and graphic novels, based on a 13-year effort to compile a working database from private and institutional holdings. It will reveal the major acquisition pathway and constraints, highlight common description challenges (genre cues that appear only inside; inconsistent and confusing colophons, etc.), and show representative pages to illustrate formats, themes, and visual rhetoric—including propaganda and character depictions. The session will discuss publicly available records, secondary markets, and existing research for further exploration.

Wednesday, September 24th
8am PDT | 10am CDT | 11am EDT

Link to Register (Free Event):
<https://go.illinois.edu/NKComics>

