



# Lyman Allyn

## Book of the Month

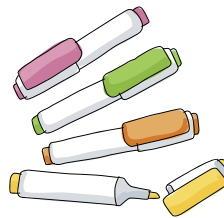
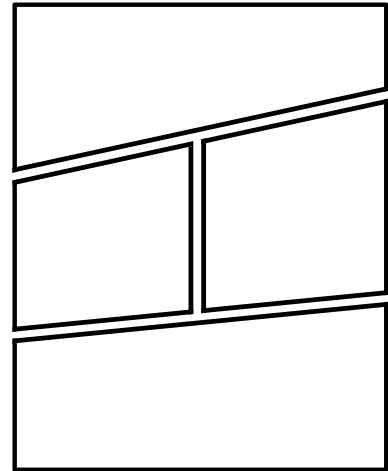
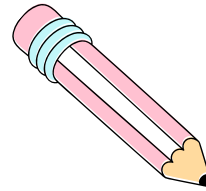
### Love is All Around

The corresponding art project for this month is inspired by our young adult book selection graphic novel format. Your starting point should be determining which love story in your life, either romantic or familial, is to be the foundation of your story.

To begin, take time to reflect on the story you plan to share and create a list of the key points you want to include. This will help provide an outline of not only the text but also the illustrations that will do a lot of the story telling. You will need several pieces of paper to create your graphic novel, though the total length will be up to you. It will be important to consider the medium your novel will be illustrated with to ensure you have the appropriate paper. We suggest using markers, pencil (graphite or colored), or ink as they will be easier to work with and create your final book.

Prior to finalizing the format of your graphic novel, take time to review not only the style Alice Oseman used in *Heartstopper*, but also other graphic novels available. The placement of the illustrations and their relation to the text will help inform the approach you take. For example, Oseman uses a very limited color palette for her illustrations and text which may not be of interest to you. However, she does use a variety of layouts which help create more visual interest as the reader moves through the pages.

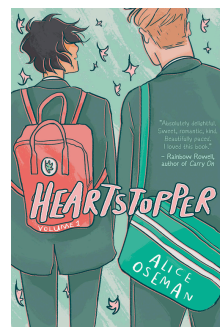
While we want you to find inspiration from existing graphic novels, the final product should reflect the love story you're sharing and your own personal artistic and writing style. Don't forget to share your final project with us using #LymanAllynAtHome!



### June 2025



While tragedy is what brought our three main characters together for an unexpected summer, the once-famous sitcom star Patrick and his young niece and nephew are navigating this next chapter together. Author Steven Rowley brings to life a story focused on familial love beautifully woven into an exploration of personal discovery, romance, and grief.



It is a tale as old as time, what started out at friends soon becomes something more. In Alice Oseman's graphic novel readers will begin a six-part coming-of-age story following softhearted Charlie and his blossoming friendship and possible romance with rugby player Nick.