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GNCRT Newsletter *Issue 1 - May 2019*



PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM AT ALA ANNUAL

Incoming President of GNCRT: Amie Wright

Now that we're an official Round Table, we get a President's Program of our own! The theme of this year's program is "**State of the Comics Union: Past, Present, and Future**" and will feature creators Jason Lutes, Raina Telgemeier, and Jaime Hernandez. **Sunday, June 23 at 1:00 p.m.**

[Click here](#) for more information. Find the full slate of GNCRT programs and events [here](#).

COMICS BREAKFAST WEBINARS

WEBSITE

The *GNCRT Comics Breakfast* is back for ALA Annual and GNCRT members will get early access to tickets. [Click here](#) to get yours. Ticketing for GNCRT Members will open on **Tuesday, May 21st at 1pm** and then will be made available to general ALA Annual attendees on Wednesday, May 22 at 1pm.

POSTED

In April, we collaborated with AASL on two professional development webinars. [Click here](#) to listen.

UPDATE

Our website is undergoing a major transformation! [Click here](#) to see our progress.

Get Booklist's Guide to Graphic Novels in the Library!

Discover all the best new graphic novel titles for libraries and media centers as recommended by the experts at Booklist and Book Links. Subscribe before June 7 to get the July Spotlight on Graphic novels, along with a special 32-page supplement, Booklist's Guide to Graphic Novels in Libraries, filled with articles by and interviews with librarians about graphic novels collection development, readers' advisory, weeding, cataloging, programming, and more, plus two original comics! **Take advantage of this GNCRT exclusive offer for only \$49.95, a 70% savings for the first year!**

You'll receive 22 issues of Booklist, 4 issues of Book Links, and full access to Booklist Online. Subscribers can dive into more than 25 years of articles and reviews, top 10s and core collection lists, and exclusive editor-selected read-alikes on Booklist Online.

The image is a promotional graphic for Booklist's Graphic Novels in Libraries Month. It features a stylized illustration of a person's face with large, expressive eyes and a speech bubble. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout. The main headline reads "Booklist's Graphic Novels in Libraries Month" in a bold, sans-serif font. To the right, a large red banner announces "Exclusive Offer for GNCRT 70% OFF!". Below this, the text states: "This July, join *Booklist* in celebrating Graphic Novels in Libraries Month. Subscribe today for \$49.95 and receive the Graphic Novels issue, with *Booklist's Guide to Graphic Novels in Libraries*." At the bottom right, it says "OFFER EXPIRES JUNE 7, 2019". The background is a solid yellow color, and the overall design is vibrant and eye-catching.

CONVENTION PLANNING

Chairs: Aime Wright & Natalie DeJonghe

The Comics Convention season has begun and the Convention Planning Committee has been all over the map, organizing professional programming for librarians and helping to put together pop-up libraries.

The committee has been working with Reed Pop, the Seattle Public Library, the New York Public Library, and Comic-Con International, which has allowed them to host panels, keynotes, volunteer assistance, creator visits, and networking sessions at NYCC, ECCC, C2E2, and WonderCon.

This summer and fall will be busy, too, with programming for SDCC and SPX already in the works.

Looking to the future, the committee will start working to identify geographical teams of volunteers and GNCRT committee members to see how we can best support each other at these events.



MEMBERSHIP

Chair: Carla Riemer

Membership has grown steadily since we became official; as of April 2019 we have 611 members!

In addition to promoting the Round Table at ALA Midwinter, ECCC, C2E2, and WonderCon, the Membership Committee has created materials for members to promote GNCRT at their local conventions. [Click here](#) for print-at-home postcards, brochures, and FAQs.

The committee is also working on creating GNCRT branded merchandise that can be sold at conventions and conferences to raise awareness (and funds!) so the Round Table can continue to provide support, programming, awards, toolkits, and more.

EISNER GRANT RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

Chair: Mariela Siegert

Recipients of the 2019 Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries have been announced! There are two winners of the Growth Grant and one winner of the Innovation Grant. Congratulations to Laura Panter and Stacey Paynter from Sachem Public Library in Holbrook, NY (Growth Grant), Rachel Podpaly of Cesar Chavez Middle School Library in Hayward, CA (Growth Grant), and to Jerilynne Stewart of State Correctional Institution Mahanoy Library in Frackville, PA (Innovation Grant). [Click here](#) for more info.



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