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Dear friends,

Six weeks into quarantine life for most of us - we hope this message finds you well. Though we know many of our library peers may find themselves still working in conditions less than ideal and/or out of work or furloughed, it is our hope this newsletter finds everyone safely situated at home and as well as we can hope for right now.

And, while we're in this strange new normal we wanted to send out a note to let you know some of what's been going on for the GNCRT. We're trying to adapt to convention cancellations by hosting an ongoing line of virtual programming by way of #LibcomixOnline; the ALA and GNCRT 2020 election results came in and we have new officers to welcome; but mostly we wanted to check in with you and see how best to help you with the new challenges you're juggling at the moment. In these odd times, comics and our love for them, continue as well as our support for each other and desire to see this through - together.

## Membership Check In

The GNCRT's core mission is to serve as a collaborative and inclusive support system for its members. To assist us in this effort, please take a moment to fill out this [three-question survey](#) letting us know how we can best focus our efforts to bring you the resources you most need.

## A Quick Guide to Reading Library Comics At Home

New resource is available on the GNCRT website - The COVID-19 pandemic has led many libraries to close their physical locations as a matter of public health. This means communities will be looking to the library to provide virtual resources more now than ever. This guide is meant to provide suggested resources, marketing ideas, and programming ideas for libraries seeking to keep their community reading comics during this difficult time.

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## Nominate Your Favorite Comics for the Best Graphic Novels for Adults Reading

## List

Have you been reading some amazing comics while sheltering in place? Be sure to nominate them for the Best Graphic Novels for Adults Reading List! The Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table (GNCRT) Best Graphic Novels for Adults Reading List highlights the best graphic novels for adults published each year. The list aims to increase awareness of the graphic novel medium, raise voices of diverse comics creators, and aid library staff in the development of graphic novel collections.

[Submit your nominations now.](#)

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## COVID-19 Response Plan for GNCRT

### Committees

Although committee appointments for the upcoming year are still on track, the GNCRT cannot overlook the impact that the current Covid-19 pandemic is having on libraries and the comic industry. In order for the roundtable and its committees to be effective in these uncertain times we ask that volunteers who accept appointments understand that we will need to be responsive and flexible in order to meet the needs of our members. More information will be coming soon. More information about the [GNCRT committees](#)...

## Election Results Are In!

We'd like to extend our congratulations once again to our newly elected Board members. Our new Board members will take office in late June - in/around Annual.

- President-Elect Silence Bourn
- Treasurer Eva Volin
- ALA Council Liaison Emily Drew
- Member-at-Large Matthew Noe
- Member-at-Large Tina Lerno

If you see them online please say hello!

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## #LibComixOnline - We're Going Virtual



In the midst of cancelled conventions, library closures, and other changes to everything we do, the GNCRT is exploring ways to reach out virtually through [#LibcomixOnline](#). Here's some of our current ideas in this ongoing and evolving salon of initiatives, discussions, and more.

- **NEW Resource: [Reading Library Comics at Home](#)** - including webcomics as well as suggestions for drawing activities for members of your households of all ages.
- **[#LibcomixRA Readers Advisory](#)** form staffed by a team of GNCRT volunteers we offer 3 (and maybe more) suggestions for New To You Comic Book Day (#NTYCBD - the current replacement for #NCBD) plus, well, every day reading too. Fill out the form if you need some new recommendations and pass the link along.
- Crossover Team Ups with Graphic Medicine and ALIA Graphic (Australia) - including webinar, **[Graphic Medicine Responds: Comics in the Time of COVID-19](#)** and we talk shop with our colleagues in Australia in our ALIA / GNCRT Crossover Event.

- Catch up on what you missed and see what's coming up on the [#Libcomix page](#) of the GNCRT website - including interviews with creators, Readers' Advisory with some comic shop friends, webinars and more

Have an idea or want to volunteer to assist with #LibcomixOnline?

## Volunteer Here

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Thank you so much for all that you're doing for the GNCRT, for your communities, and for yourselves.

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