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GNCRT Newsletter, August 2020

Welcome!

We're proud to present this, the first edition of the all-new, all-monthly newsletter for members of ALA's Graphic Novels and Comics Round Table. Each month you'll find updates on various round table projects, highlights from board meetings, and much more.

Want to contribute? In future editions we want to feature content from you, our members! Watch for more announcements on what kinds of things we're looking for, how to submit, and ways to suggest other additions to the newsletter's offerings. We can't wait to hear from you!



GNCRT Town Hall - August 20th

Join our Board Members-at-Large at Town Halls for answers to your questions and info about upcoming GNCRT programs & initiatives! At our next [Town Hall](#), meet with Moni Barrette on Zoom at 6 PM CST on August 20th! [Submit questions](#) to the GNCRT Board.

Register for the August GNCRT Town Hall



Seeking Jurors!

GNCRT's [Best Graphic Novels for Adults list](#) and Best Graphic Novels for Children list (*coming soon*) are in need of round table members to serve as jurors for the final selection process. Watch your inbox, social media, and the [GNCRT Get Involved](#) page for more information on how you can participate.

Also Seeking Nominations!

Nominations for the Graphic Novels for Adults list are open until September 15, so nominate today! Visit the [BGNA FAQ](#) for complete information on eligibility and the nomination process, and [check](#) to make sure your suggested title

hasn't already been nominated. PS - please feel free to share the nomination information through your own groups and communities and encourage folks to nominate titles.

[Find more ways to get involved!](#)

Current Round Table Projects

Here's what your fellow GNCRT-ers are up to these days. **Have a project to propose or share?** Watch for announcements on how to make and share that info, coming soon!



GNCRT has begun collaborating with the Black Caucus of ALA (BCALA) to create a series of programs and reading lists that draw attention to the Black experiences of the past and present and demand a new future for Black people everywhere. The first product of this collaboration, a [Black Lives Matter Comics Reading List](#), is already available, and more is in the works. If you'd like to participate, [email gncrt@ala.org](mailto:gncrt@ala.org) with the subject heading "Black Lives Matter Reading List". [Learn more about BCALA.](#)

Coming Soon: the GNCRT Webcomics Reading List, our newest curated "best-of" list for librarians! The list will:

- Recognize the best recently published webcomics in order to increase awareness of the validity of this rich and diverse format.
- Seek diverse voices and experiences through the webcomics format.
- Aid librarians and library workers in the development and promotion of webcomics collections, tools, and resources.
- Promote the growing number of webcomics being published.
- Position the GNCRT as an authority in the field of evaluating webcomics for libraries.

Watch your inbox for invitations to join the jury!

Board Meeting Highlights, July 12, 2020

- Welcome to GNCRT's new officers! (See below for the full roster.)
- Discussion of the new model for volunteer participation, which will be project-based rather than committee-based. This change was enacted with the hopes that there will be more volunteer opportunities that better match the participation needs and limits of both the membership and the round table itself.
- Passed a proposal to create the Best Webcomics Reading List, with a specific project timeline under consideration

GNCRT Board 2020 - 21 Meeting Schedule

- Mon Aug 10, 2020 3:30-4:30pm CT
- *Sun Sept 13, 2020 11am-12pm CT
- Mon Oct 12, 2020 6-7pm CT
- Mon Nov 16, 2020 3:30-4:30pm CT
- *Sun Dec 13, 2020 11am-12pm CT
- Sun Jan 10, 2021 11am-12pm CT
- Mon Feb 8, 2021 6-7pm CT
- *Sun Mar 14, 2021 11am-12pm CT
- Mon Apr 12, 2021 3:30-4:30pm CT
- Mon May 10, 2021 6-7pm CT
- *Sun June 13, 2021 11am-12pm CT

*Dates marked with an asterisk require the attendance of all officers.

GNCRT Officers, July 2020 - June 2021

Amie Wright, Past President

Alea Perez, President

Eva Volin, Treasurer

Marcela Peres, Member-at-Large

Moni Barrette, Member-at-Large

Matthew Noe, Member-at-Large

Tina Lerno, Member-at-Large

Emily Drew, GNCRT ALA Councilor

Tina Coleman, ALA Staff Liaison



About GNCRT

The Graphic Novels and Comics Round Table is a collaborative organization dedicated to supporting library staff in all aspects of engaging with graphic novels and comics, including collection development, programming, and advocacy. GNCRT offers support to all types of libraries serving all types of users, whether the library is just beginning to build a collection, growing it, or finding new ways to promote the collection's use and improve its visibility.



GNCRT & IFRT Team-up: Let everyone know you support intellectual freedom - get your [I Read Banned Comics](#) tech decals!

Want your very own GNCRT t-shirt?

Wear your love for graphic novels, comics, and libraries where people can see it! Show your support for the American Library Association's Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table by wearing this shirt.

[Get one today!](#) (multiple sizes and colors available.)



The Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table is a round table of the American Library Association. Find out more about ALA including how to join at ala.org/membership.



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