

News from the Graphic Novels and Comics Round Table!

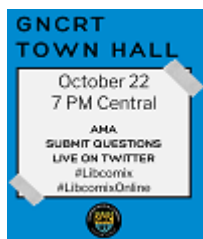
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GNCRT Newsletter, October 2020

Welcome!

Welcome again to the monthly newsletter for members of ALA's Graphic Novels and Comics Round Table, featuring 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!



Member-at-Large Town Hall - October 22, 7 p.m. Central

Join our Board Member-at-Large at Town Hall with [@FrancoThePerson](#) for answers to your questions and info about upcoming GNCRT programs & initiatives! Live AMA on Twitter at 7 PM Central on October 22! Use #LibComix #LibComixOnline to ask your questions.

Black Lives Matter: Comics as a Powerful Lens for Social Justice

GNCRT and BCALA's collaborative project went live September 23 with a webinar featuring Stacey Robinson and John Jennings, plus a giant "Black Literature Matters" [comics reading list](#)! A [printable PDF](#) of the list is also now available.

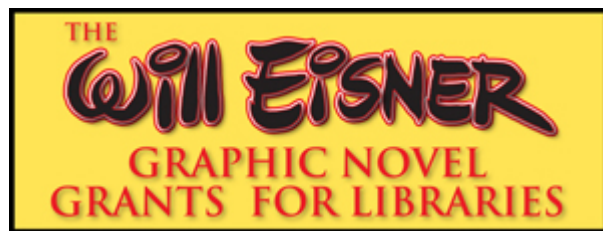
Want to get involved in next steps? Email gncrt@ala.org with the subject heading "GNCRT+BCALA".



[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!



The 2021 Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries cycle is now open!

The objective of the Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries is to facilitate library-generated programs and services that will promote graphic novels to library patrons and to the local community. [Apply here!](#)

Congratulations to our 2020 grant

recipients:

Growth Grant Recipient Ryan LaFerney of the Avon-Washington Township Public Library, Avon IN will speak about his project 'Will Eisner Memorial Comic book Convention'

Growth Grant Recipient Cathy Burwell of the Cape Fear Community College Library, Wilmington, NC will speak about her project 'Get BiblioGRAPHIC with CFCC'

Innovation Grant Recipient Deanna Nebenionquit of the Ontario Library Service - North, Sudbury, ON, Canada will speak about her project "Northern Ontario First Nation Graphic Novel Collective"

[Find out more about the Eisner Grants](#)



Banned Books Week!

GNCRT closed out a successful Banned Books Week with a series of webinars offered in partnership with our friends at [Intellectual Freedom Round Table](#) and sponsored by [Image Comics](#), putting librarians in conversation with comics creators on a variety of topics like censorship, comics metadata, Black creators, harassment in the comics industry, and overcoming objections that comics "aren't real books." These webinar recordings are now available to view on this [YouTube playlist](#) and on the [GNCRT website](#).

Board Meeting Highlights, September 13, 2020

- Discussion of board structure and communication during tumultuous professional and personal life situations
- Town Hall and #LibComix planning updates (see Get Involved section above for more information)
- Further consideration and planning of the new Student Board Representative office
- Additional housekeeping and information-sharing

Full meeting minutes for the September 2020 Board Meeting will be posted on ALA Connect soon.

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

Board Meeting Schedule

- Mon Oct 12, 2020 6-7pm CT
 - [Zoom link](#)
 - Meeting ID: 928 0844 2180 Password: 393113
- 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.



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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