



GNCRT Member Newsletter, November 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? [Email Patrick Holt](#), GNCRT's Newsletter Czar with your ideas.



## Seeking GNCRT Board Nominations

GNCRT is looking for more members to join us in elected leadership roles for the April 2021 election, especially student members, library workers, and international members! If you know someone who would be a good candidate, please encourage them to apply! The [Nomination form](#) will remain open until Dec 3, 2020 at 11:59pm CT.

We are seeking candidates for the following positions:

- Vice President/President-Elect (3 yr term - President-Elect, then as President, then as Past President)
- Secretary (2 yr term)
- Member-at-Large - 2 positions OPEN (2 yr term)

## Seeking Jurors for the [2021 Eisner Grants!](#)

The 2021 Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries cycle is now open (*see below for application information*), and we need your help selecting grant recipients! 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. If you are interested in serving as a juror, [complete the committee volunteer form](#) by December 16th.

[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? Email [Patrick Holt](mailto:Patrick.Holt@gncrt.org), [GNCRT's Newsletter Czar](#).



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## 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!](#)

## Board Meeting Highlights, October 12, 2020

- Announcement of Eisner Grant funding cycle and GNCRT board openings (see above)
- Discussion of [ALA's Forward Together](#) initiative and its possible structural and practical effects on GNCRT
- Reports on [Creators Get Carded](#), [Banned Books Week](#), the [BCALA/GNCRT collaboration](#) and other recent projects
- Discussion of the possibility for more GNCRT merch!

## Board Meeting Schedule

- [Sat Nov 14, 2020 10am-11am CT \(note new date and time\)](#)
- \*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

As of November 1st, Amie Wright has stepped down as Past President. Amie says, "I have been very lucky to have been involved with the RT leadership for more than 3 years - first with Conventions organizing, then with getting the RT established, then with its first Board. With a looming thesis deadline plus teaching, home, and family - it's time for me to 'retire' and for new voices to join the conversation." We will miss you Amie!

Alea Perez, President

Matthew Noe, President-Elect

Eva Volin, Treasurer

Marcela Peres, Member-at-Large

Moni Barrette, Member-at-Large

Franco Vitella, 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.

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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](https://ala.org/membership).



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