



GNCRT Newsletter, December 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? Just [answer a few questions](#), and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.**



ALA + Humble Bundle = Awesome

Humble Bundle has "teamed up with the American Library Association for this spectacular, one-of-a-kind book bundle! Get ebooks and audiobooks [and lots of comics too!] that feature and highlight PoC authors, creators, and characters like *Falling in Love With Hominids*, *Neveryona*, and *This Book is Anti-Racist*. Plus, your purchase will support the American Library Association and the Freedom to Read Foundation!" [Check out the bundle!](#)



Midwinter is Coming!

ALA Midwinter is right around the corner -- January 22-26 -- and is 100% virtual this year! Featured speakers include Christian Cooper and Alitha Evelyn Martinez (*REPRESENT!: It's a Bird*), Stan Sakai (*Usagi Yojimbo*), and Max Brooks (*The Harlem Hellfighters*) among many others. [Register today](#) -- it's free for ALA student members and for general members who have been recently furloughed, laid off, or are experiencing a reduction of

paid work hours!



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**.

Booklist Wants More Comics Reviews!

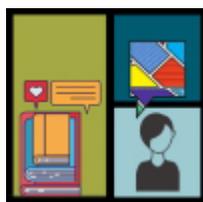
Booklist - ALA's review journal for public and school librarians - is looking for additional reviews of graphic novels and nonfiction. For more information on writing for Booklist, what they're seeking in a reviewer, and how to submit your writing samples, visit <https://www.booklistonline.com/writing-for-booklist>.

Find more ways to get involved at the [Get Involved page](#) on the GNCRT website!



Current Round Table Projects

Here's what your fellow GNCRT-ers are up to these days. **Have a project to propose or share?** Just [answer a few questions](#) and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.



Coming Soon: Best Adult Graphic Novels 2021

GNCRT's Best Graphic Novels for Adults Reading List is in the process of revision, and the 2021 edition will be released in January! The 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.

Watch this newsletter and the [GNCRT website](#) for announcements about this and our other best-of lists!

Board Meeting Highlights, November 14, 2020

- Change in board meeting schedule (see below).
- In-depth conversation about the structure of the GNCRT board and distribution of responsibilities among board members.
- Finance report from Eva Volin, GNCRT Treasurer.
- Proposal of "What I'm Reading Wednesday", a social media project to spotlight and connect GNCRT members by presenting their reading interests, RT projects, and other fun facts about members on a regular basis.
- #Libcomics Online update: keep watch for the upcoming panel on the Roxanne Gay comics adaptation, *The Sacrifice of Darkness*!

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

GNCRT Officers, July 2020 - June 2021

Alea Perez, President
Matthew Noe, President-Elect
Eva Volin, Treasurer
Marcela Peres, Member-at-Large
Moni Barrette, Member-at-Large
Emily Drew, GNCRT ALA Councilor
Tina Coleman, ALA Staff Liaison

Board Meeting Schedule

- Sun Dec. 13, 2020; 11am - 12pm CT
 - [Zoom link](#)
 - Meeting ID: 918 3101 3066; Password 189513
- *Sun Mar 14, 2021 11am-12pm 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.

Want your very own GNCRT t-shirt?

Support the Round Table and look great doing it with our lovely [GNCRT t-shirts](#)! Available in three colors and two styles. Also available: ["I Read Banned Comics" tech tattoos](#).



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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