



GNCRT Newsletter, December 2020

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## Happy New Year!

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.**



### 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!



**Booklist is in search of submissions** from public, school, or academic librarians and library professionals working with comics and graphic novels, in a variety of capacities, to either contribute original articles or be interviewed by a Booklist editor about your work in the field.

We're happy to hear pitches on anything pertinent to comics and graphic novels in libraries, but we're particularly interested in the following topics:

- Webcomics and nontraditional materials, such as zines, self-published comics, etc. Why are they important to collect? How do you go about collecting them or using them?
- How to handle a GN book challenge, and what (if anything) makes a GN book challenge unique
- Decolonizing your GN and comics collections
- Collection management for superhero comics

We're looking for articles to run approximately 1200-2000 words, and the starting rate for contributors who submit original articles is \$150. **Proposals will be due January 22nd**, and we'll make our final selections by February 12th; if selected, your article will be due March 22nd. [Submit your ideas via this webform soon!](#)



## Seeking Midwinter correspondents

Attending Midwinter? We'd love to hear about your experience as it relates to graphic novels and comics, and to share it in this very newsletter! If you're interested, please fill out the [Contributor Form](#) (be sure to select "Report back from event" for your proposed topic), and we'll be in touch about details. Thank you!



## 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 this month!** 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!

## 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.



### [ALA Midwinter Highlight: Black Comics Matter](#)

Monday, January 25, 11:15-12:00 CT

Join librarians from the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA) and the ALA Graphic Novels Comics Round Table (GNCRT) as they present and discuss their debut [comics reading list](#) [PDF] that highlights the history of Black experiences and demand for a better future. The Black Lives Matter Comics reading list serves as an essential resource for educators, parents, and readers of all ages.

## GNCRT Officers, July 2020 - June 2021

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## Board Meeting Schedule

*Note: Due to scheduling difficulties, the Board has shifted to a quarterly meeting schedule. Meetings outside of the quarterly meetings may be scheduled on an as-needed basis and will be announced at least 10 days in advance on Connect.*

- \*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](#).



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