

News from the Graphic Novels and Comics Round Table!

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GNCRT Newsletter, April 2021

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## 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. Check out our [online archive](#) for previous editions.

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



### Election results are in!

Congratulations to GNCRT's newly-elected board members, who will be stepping into the roles at the beginning of July:

- President-Elect: Moni Barrette
- Secretary: Anne DeLeon
- Members-At-Large (1 year term): Martha Boksenbaum and Elizabeth Brown
- Members-At-Large (2 year term): Shanna Hollich and Soline Holmes



### ALA Store Moving Sale!

ALA Store Moving Sale! Spring has sprung and ALA would like to put a spring in your step with savings on a wide range of materials as we prepare for its move to a new warehouse. **Now through April 30th**, save 50% on 450+ books, posters, bookmarks and more. This limited time offer is good only on the ALA Store while supplies last. [Browse the sale](#).



## GNCRT Twitter Town Hall - April 22nd @ 7:30pm CT



Join GNCRT Board Member-At-Large Marcela Peres on Thursday, **April 22nd at 7:30 pm CDT / 8:30 pm EDT** for a live AMA Town Hall on Twitter! She'll be taking over the [official GNCRT account](#) to answer questions and share info about upcoming programs and initiatives. Make sure you're following us at [@libcomix](#) so you don't miss a thing.

Have questions? Tweet them using hashtags [#LibComix](#) and [#LibComixOnline](#) during the AMA!



## 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.



### ICYMI: Midwinter Program from the BCALA-GNCRT Collaboration

At the 2021 Virtual Midwinter Conference, librarians from the [Black Caucus of the American Library Association](#) (BCALA) and GNCRT) presented and discussed the collaboration's [debut comics reading list](#) to the wider ALA community. Speakers included committee members **Sandra Farag**, *Head of Youth Services; Kalamazoo Public Library, MI*; **Deimosa Webber-Bey**, *Director, Information Services & Cultural Insight; Scholastic, Inc, NY*; **Tamela N. Chambers**, *Librarian IV; Chicago Public Library, IL*; **Shira Mario**, *Librarian; Tatanisha Love, Ed.S., Library Media Specialist; Baltimore County Public School System, MD*.

Find the [video from the session](#), the first of the supplemental Black Lives Matter Comics Reading List focusing on [Superheroes](#), as well as other resources

created by this BCALA and GNCRT collaboration on our [website](#).



## Spring #LibcomixOnline Programming

A new slate of [LibcomixOnline](#) programs is in progress now! Here's what you can see through June:

- **April 14:** What's Old Is New Again: Graphic Novel Adaptations of Classic Novels ([recording available](#))
- **April 29:** [Podcasting Graphic Novels](#)
- **May 13:** [Story Strong: Mind. Soul. Comics.](#)
- **May 20:** Circulating Comics, Cultivating Community: Adult Programming Through Comics in the Public Library
- **June 9:** Noir is the New Black

Keep an eye on the [#LibcomixOnline page](#) for registration links, recordings, and more information.



## Board Meeting Highlights, March 14, 2021

- Proposal of a mentorship project in order to fulfill the Presidential Priority to increase membership involvement and engagement, specifically with student members who make up nearly a quarter of all GNCRT membership, and to better define “comics librarian” and the paths that lead there.
- Exploration of a move from the current project team structure to the prior committee structure for GNCRT member participation.
- Discussion of Round Table sessions for the upcoming virtual ALA Annual Conference.

## 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 June 13, 2021 11am-12pm CT

*Board meeting dates for the 2021-22 service year are still being scheduled. [Check the website](#) for the updated schedule once it's announced. 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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