



GRAPHIC NOVELS & COMICS ROUND TABLE

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2023-2024 Presidential Priorities

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For the next year, I aim to lead the GNCRT in continuing the excellent work of our first five years. We need to ensure we can continue to contribute exceptional resources and events to the library and comics world without overtaxing our membership. To that end, we will work to create a stable foundation for current and future work through internal organization and documentation, including starting the work to thoughtfully establish a comics and graphic novel award. We will keep in mind the balance between what we hope to accomplish and maintain guardrails to keep everyone encouraged, confident, and energized.

Engage and Reach Out

- Reduce barriers and streamline outreach through our Communications Committees using the GNCRT Contact Us form
- Share volunteer opportunities and encourage member contributions and participation
- Create and maintain schedule for Board/committee member(s) to provide updates about their work
- Solicit feedback from all GNCRT Committee members at least twice a year to improve the volunteer experience
- Solicit feedback to understand the needs and expectations for the GNCRT from all library workers

Increase Opportunities

- Extend and support the Mentorship Committee
- Continue to expand donations to support the GNCRT Travel Grant and consider expansions of the grant's scope
- Create a database of GNCRT members willing and able to aid in all aspects of presenting events online and in-person
- Consider a reorganization of how events (virtual and in-person) are proposed, organized, and run to lighten each Committee's load and reduce duplication of work
- Promote and offer opportunities for student GNCRT members and early/mid level career library workers

Document, Archive, and Share

- Establish a consistent and transparent workflow for proposals submitted, discussed, and voted on by the Board
- Create or update guidelines, templates, and forms for use to document tasks and record best practices
- Ensure all documents that outline GNCRT opportunities, work, and structure are readily available on the GNCRT website
- Collect, record, archive, and maintain GNCRT organizational documents in coordination with GNCRT Secretary
- Work to bring all GNCRT documents to online locations accessible now and in the future to the Board as needed

Increase Diversity, Inclusion, & Accessibility

- Continue and expand targeted partnerships with ALA Affiliate groups like the Collaboration Core List Committee
- Continue to work with diverse and inclusive partners to collaborate on panels, presentations, resources, and articles
- Reaffirm expectations of regular diverse representation on panels/presentations and when appointing committees
- Continue to operate outside paywalls, outside paid events like ALA conferences, and make content free when possible
- Continue the inclusion of new, self-published, and small press creators and publishers within GNCRT work

Expand Resources

- Provide support to the Awards Exploratory Committee to propose comprehensive guidelines for creating a Graphic Novel and Comics Award
- Create and implement a process for Committees to publish articles through the website and/or newsletter
- Continue and expand professional resource creation through committees and projects such as the Addressing Challenges Committee
- Support and advertise our selection lists including Best Graphic Novels for Children, Best Graphic Novels for Adults, and the Collaboration Core List