

BE PREPARED!

THE GNCRT GUIDE TO ADDRESSING COMIC BOOK BANS, CENSORSHIP, AND CHALLENGES IN LIBRARIES



Join us Wed March 15th at 4:00pm CT as we continue our GNCRT #LibcomixOnline webinar series: **“Be Prepared! What to do when a comics challenge comes”**

- BEFORE a challenge: Jan 18. 2023 at 4:00pm CT
- **DURING a challenge: Mar 15.2023 at 4:00pm CT** [Register NOW](#)
- AFTER a challenge: May 17.2023 at 4:00pm CT

Comics and graphic novel are amongst the most popular, most lauded, and most loved items on our shelves - and amongst the most banned and challenged materials of the past few years. Hear from library workers, educators, and advocates on the front lines of graphic novel bans and challenges – and what you can do to be prepared!

Our panel on **Mar 15th at 4:00pm CT** will share their strategies for managing **DURING** the challenge process - including practical advice on challenge procedures, what they learned, and why this visual format continues to be disproportionately challenged.

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/PreparingForChallenges2>

TIME/ DATE: Wednesday March 15th at 4:00pm CT

DETAILS: Webinar is FREE and is open to all comics advocates - ALA and GNCRT members and non-GNCRT and non-ALA members alike.

SPEAKERS:

- **Ziba Pérez** Public Librarian, zine creator, and L.A. Zine Fest 2023 organizer in the city of Los Angeles
- **Kelly Jensen** Editor at Book Riot
- **Dawn Zimmerer** Adult & Youth Services Director at Madison County Library System in Mississippi
- **Eti Berland** (moderator) Youth Services School Engagement Librarian at Wilmette Public Library & GNCRT Addressing Challenges Committee Member



GRAPHIC NOVELS & COMICS
ROUND TABLE

The **Graphic Novels and Comics Round Table** (GNCRT) of the American Library Association is dedicated to supporting library staff in all aspects of engaging with graphic novels and comics, including collection development, programming, [conference travel funding support](#), and advocacy. In 2022 in response to the record number of comic book and graphic novel challenges and bans the GNCRT launched the Addressing Comic Book Challenges Committee to better support library workers to prepare for and address comic book bans and challenges. For the full GNCRT “Be Prepared! What to do when a challenge comes” checklist visit: <https://www.ala.org/rt/gncrt/preparing-and-addressing-challenges-comics-library-committee> For more information please connect with GNCRT on Facebook: [ALA Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table](#); Twitter: [@libcomix](#); Instagram: [@libcomix](#); or [GNCRT ALA Connect](#)

Be Prepared, Fight Censorship, and Live to Library Another Day