

C2E2 - Ask a (Comics) Librarian! Friday April 11, 2025

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PPT of Panel: [PPT & Timeline of Comics Librarianship](#) (NOTE: this is NOT a comprehensive timeline but rather a timeline of *some* highlights of comics librarianship and GNCRT)

TITLE: Ask A (Comics) Librarian!

DESCRIPTION: Did you know that comics librarianship is over 50 years old? Or that libraries have championed graphic novels as 'real reading' for just as long? Hear from real life library workers what comics librarianship looks like in their professional practice and how comics librarianship can help bolster graphic novel sales and growth, and what comics - for kids, for teens, and for adults - librarians are reading and recommending. Panel sponsored by ALA GNCRT

Panelists (alphabetical by last name):

- **LaZerrick Kennard** (he/him) Librarian IV, Chicago Public Library, lkennard@chipublib.org
- **Jason Larsen** (he/him) Comics Studies Librarian, Michigan State University, larsenja@msu.edu
- **Mariela Martinez Siegert** (she/her) School Librarian, Downers Grove North High School, marris116@gmail.com, Bluesky: @msiegert
- **Kyle Watson** (he/him) Librarian, Chicago Public Library (Sulzer Regional Library), kwatson@chipublib.org
- **Moderator: Natalie DeJonghe** (she/her) American Library Association (ALA) Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table (GNCRT) - past Chair of Convention Planning / Organizing Team Member; Manager of Adult Services, Westmont Public Library; nataliedejonghe@gmail.com, IG/Bluesky: inkylibrarian

Resources & Links shared by panelists

- (1) [PPT of Comics Librarianship Timeline](#) (NOTE: this is NOT a comprehensive timeline but rather a timeline of *some* highlights of comics librarianship)
- (2) Who is a comics librarian / comics collection you would like to shout out and for the audience to know more about?
 - LaZerrick -
 - (i) [Casually Comics](#)
 - (ii) [Comics Explained](#)
 - (iii) [Tony Weaver Jr.](#)
 - (iv) [Fantastic Frankey](#)

- (v) [Variant](#)
- Jason -
 - (i) [University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign](#)
 - (ii) [San Diego State University](#)
- Mariela -
 - (i) [No Flying No Tights](#)
 - (ii) [The Graphic Library](#)
- Kyle -
 - (i) Hoopla
 - (ii) [Chicago Public Library](#)
- Natalie -
 - (i) [Carol Tilley](#) (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)
 - (ii) [Moni Barrette](#) (Creators Assemble/GNCRT)
 - (iii) [Sullivan Collection](#) at DePaul University
 - (iv) The work of the Will Eisner Family Foundation (especially Nancy and Carol Gropper) to promote and support the growth of comics librarianship and comics collections at libraries through the [GNCRT Eisner Grants](#)

(3) What comics are you currently reading? What are some new titles would you recommend?

- LaZerrick -
 - (i) DC's Absolute Universe, especially Absolute Batman
 - (ii) [Ice Cream Man](#)
 - (iii) [Weirdo](#)
- Jason -
 - (i) [The Moon is Following Us](#)
 - (ii) [You Never Heard of Me](#)
 - (iii) [The Exorcism at 1600 Pen](#)
 - (iv) [Big Jim and the White Boy](#)
- Mariela -
 - (i) [Saint Catherine: The Road to Hell is Paved with Good Intentions](#)
 - (ii) [Huda F Wants to Know](#)
 - (iii) [Snow Angel](#)
 - (iv) [Something is Killing the Children](#)
- Kyle -
 - (i) [Local Man](#)
 - (ii) [The Silver Surfer Omnibus](#)

- (iii) [*Supergods: What Masked Vigilantes, Miraculous Mutants, and a Sun God from Smallville Can Teach Us about Being Human*](#) by Grant Morrison
- Natalie
 - (i) [*The Night Eaters*](#) by Marjorie Liu
 - (ii) [*Batman: Wayne Family Adventures*](#) by CRC Payne
 - (iii) [*Third Shift Society*](#)
 - (iv) [*Moon Knight*](#)

Further Resources

- [**GNCRT Addressing Comics Challenges Toolkit**](#)
- [**GNCRT Best Practices for Cataloging Comics and Graphic Novels Using RDA and MARC21 \(Sept 2022\)**](#)
- [**GNCRT Best Graphic Novels Reading Lists**](#)