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San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Announcement

The Speculative Literature Foundation (SLF) is pleased to announce the formation of its San Francisco Bay Area (SFBA) Chapter. The charter of the SFBA Chapter is to carry on the purpose of the SLF with a more regional focus. The SLF aims to encourage promising new writers, assist established writers, facilitate the work of quality magazines and small presses, and develop a greater public appreciation of speculative fiction.

The SFBA Chapter is co-chaired by Jasmine H. Wade, Audrey T. Williams, and Rebecca Gomez Farrell. It will offer programming that alternates between providing SFBA speculative fiction writers with a space to generate new writing and professional development via panels and Q&As on publishing and expert knowledge topics.

These meetings will take place monthly on third Sundays, at 2 pm PT. The first session, a writing sprint, was held on August 16, 2020, and it inaugurated this chapter by focusing on the creative work itself. The second session will take place on September 20, 2020, and it will be a panel with experts, including SLF director and founder, Mary Anne Mohanraj, on the topic of grants for speculative fiction writers.

The SFBA Chapter also seeks to support the existing speculative fiction networks in the San Francisco Bay Area by creating a comprehensive calendar listing of all genre-related events in the area and by seeking to promote collaboration between these organizations. Community is essential in sustaining the work of our writers.

If you are a creator, publisher, or supporter of speculative fiction and would like to take part, we'd love to have you. To list your events on the community calendar, please email sfbayarea@speculativeliterature.org. Chapter membership is free of charge, and you can join the chapter by joining the new Meetup group (<https://www.meetup.com/Speculative-Literature-Foundation-San-Francisco-Bay-Area>) or the new Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/446246286331253>).

You can also learn more about the Speculative Literature Foundation (and if you like, become a paid member supporting its projects) here: <http://speculativeliterature.org/>. For more information, please contact the co-chairs at sfbayarea@speculativeliterature.org.

Founded in January 2004 to promote literary quality in speculative fiction, the all-volunteer Speculative Literature Foundation is led by Mary Anne Mohanraj and 30 other committed volunteers. The Foundation maintains a comprehensive website offering information for readers, writers, editors and publishers of speculative fiction, develops book lists and outreach materials for schools and libraries, and raises funds for redistribution to other organizations in the field, as well as five awards made annually to writers, including the Diverse Worlds and Diverse Writers Grants. For more information, visit speculativeliterature.org.

The SLF is a 501(c)3 non-profit, entirely supported by community donations. If you'd like to be involved with our efforts, please consider joining us as a member for \$2/month, at speculativeliterature.org/membership.

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