



# Newsletter

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## NEW CONVENTION SUPPORT GRANT OPENS

SLF will award \$10,000 over the course of 2021-2022 on a rolling basis to science fiction and fantasy conventions. Grant amounts range from \$500 – \$1000 each. The application and additional criteria can be found [here](#).

## CALL FOR OLDER WRITERS GRANT

Awarded annually to a writer who is fifty years of age or older at the time of the grant application, and is intended to assist such writers who are just starting to work at a professional level. We are currently offering one \$1000 Older Writers grant annually, to be used as the writer determines will best assist his or her work. We will be accepting [applications](#) May 1 through May 31, 2021.

## SLF MEMBER CO-WRITING SESSIONS

The SLF will now be hosting regular Saturday cowriting sessions every Saturday 11am-2pm central time and is open to SLF members and staff. There will be 10-15 minutes of introductions, followed by 45 minutes of silent writing; doing this three times, from beginning to end. We hope to see you there!

[Become a member](#) and support the SLF!

## SLF CHAPTERS

Did you know? The Chicago Chapter hosts monthly co-writing sessions every 3rd Sunday from 11am-4pm CT. The next session takes place virtually on May 16 via Zoom. [Sign up here!](#)

The San Francisco Bay-Area Chapter hosts co-writing sessions, panels, and Expert Talks monthly every 3rd Sunday. On May 16th, it host an Expert Talk on “Ecosystems for Writers.” Welcoming Clayton Anderson, a Bay Area naturalist, environmental educator, and recent recipient of *Bay Nature’s* Environmental Education hero Award to talk about the science of ecosystems and answer your questions about birds, bees, and everything in between. We hope this event will help strengthen the worldbuilding and character development potential in all our stories. RSVP at the [Meetup event](#).

## CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Are you a member with a recent or upcoming publication? Are you a nonprofit with a relevant event, opportunity, or resource you want to make more writers aware of? Submit your request [here](#).

[MRAH PODCAST](#) - have you [heard](#) it yet?



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