



Newsletter

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Welcome to the Speculative Literature Foundation's Newsletter! It's the holiday season, but before we rest our heels by the fire, we're here to give our SLF'ers an update on how we're doing and what there is to look for and forward to as we close out another crazy year.

GIVING TUESDAY!

Today is Giving Tuesday. If you join SLF by December 31 with a [membership](#) starting as low as \$5.00 per month, you will receive our 2019 Grant Winner Anthology!

Memberships also make GREAT gifts! Just want to [donate](#) to a good cause? The SLF is a 501(c)(3), making your contribution tax deductible as permitted under the law. Memberships and donations help SLF carry out its goals to promote literary quality in speculative fiction by encouraging promising new writers, assisting established writers, facilitating the work of quality magazines and presses in the genre, and developing greater public appreciation of speculative fiction.

SLF PODCAST KICKSTARTER:

Mohanraj and Rosenbaum Are Humans - Mary Anne Mohanraj and Benjamin Rosenbaum planned an epic Summer 2020 US Road Trip to publicize their new books. Covid canceled that, so instead join these two old friends as they talk about science fiction, community, writing life, teaching, parenting, and a whole lot more. Maybe Mohanraj and Rosenbaum...Are Humans? [Check out the Kickstarter to find out.](#)

INTERESTING EXTRAS

Director Mary Anne Mohanraj recently participated in a Tasveer panel on South Asian speculative fiction that had a lot of relevant information for writers of all kinds check out the recording [here!](#)


APPLY FOR THE WORKING CLASS GRANT

Applications for the Working Class Writers Grant are open through DEC 31. The \$1000 award is granted annually to assist working class, blue-collar, poor and homeless writers. More info about the award and applying can be found [here!](#)

Grant Opening

The Working Class Writers Grant : October 1- Dec 31 2020

This grant is awarded annually to assist working class, blue-collar, poor, and homeless writers who have been historically underrepresented in speculative fiction, due to financial barriers. We are currently offering one \$1000 working class grant annually, to be used as the writer determines will best assist his or her work.



SLF's LOCAL CHAPTERS

The SLF is expanding! There are two local chapters, one in Chicago and another in the San Fransico Bay Area. Our local chapters host monthly meetings where interested writers can come and connect with other writers. Local chapters host writing-related events and monthly virtual meetings. Each chapter has a meetup.com group, check them out for more information.

[Meetup with the Bay Area chapter](#)
[Meetup with the Chicago chapter](#)

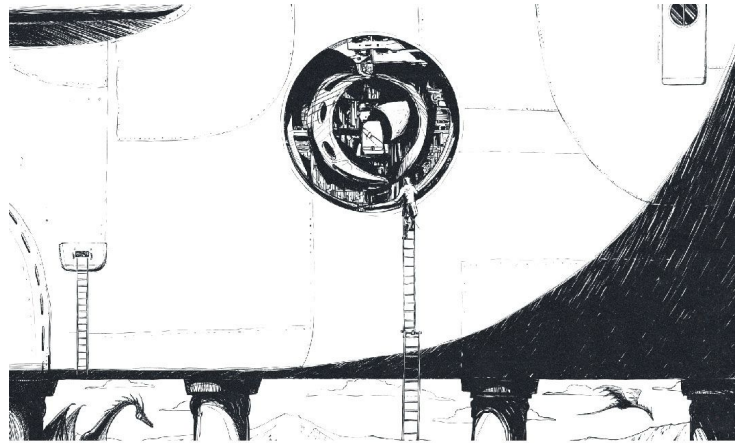
SLF RECEIVES FIRST GRANT

We are a proud recipient of a 2020 Oak Park Area Arts Council Grant. These funds will be used to support the growth of our Portolan Project, which includes [interviews](#) featuring George RR Martin, Paolo Bacigalupi, Kate Elliott and more!

2020 ILLUSTRATION OF THE YEAR

Sofia Melnyk's "Sir Spacediver 3020," was inspired by a tabletop game being developed by a friend of Melnyk's, which incorporates both science fictional and fantastical elements in a dystopian future world. The judges agreed that they were captivated by the world depicted in Melnyk's piece and imagined a library of books stored in the ship's cargo. Melnyk is a Ukrainian illustrator and animator living in Germany. She has a degree in animation from the Animationsinstitut of the Filmakademie Baden-Württemberg. Melnyk says that, "I prefer to use analogue techniques like acrylics, charcoal or ink; in my digital work I try to reach an analogue look." Read more in our [press release](#).

SEEKING 2021 ILLUSTRATION



2021 OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS

Love seeing new art every year? Well, we do! From now until December 20, 2020 at 11:59 pm CST, we invite artists to submit original artwork to be considered for the Speculative Literature Foundation's 2021 Illustration of the Year. \$500.00 USD to the winner! Send submissions and questions to development@speculativeliterature.org.

Submit artwork in required formats to development@speculativeliterature.org, including your name, email address, phone number and short bio. More info [here!](#)

