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SLF Monthly Newsletter



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Co-writing opportunities

The SLF hosts regular Saturday co-writing sessions from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. CDT. This session is for writers who would like support for their writing, and is currently open to anyone interested in being a part of our writing community.

[Learn more](#)

Older Writers Grant open for submissions May 1

The Older Writers Grant awards \$1,000 annually to assist writers age 50+ who are just starting to work at a professional level.

[Learn more](#)

Season 2 of MRAH Podcast launches May 15

Attention humans! (Or not humans, that's okay too). Season 2 of the Mohanraj and Rosenbaum Are Humans show is returning to your podcast-listening-platform of choice. In the episodes to come look forward to guests like the hosts of the Skiffy and Fanty Show, the hosts of the Coode Street Podcast, up and coming writers like Yvette Lisa Ndlovu, established authors like John Kessel, and more! And don't worry, your hosts Mary Anne Mohanraj and Ben Rosenbaum will return with plenty of their own legendary tangents!

[Learn more](#)

Deep Dish Reading Series

Deep Dish is a science fiction, speculative fiction and fantasy reading series that features authors working in and out of genre. Our most recent event was held March 16, 2023 at Volumes Bookcafe in Chicago, and featured readers Angeli Primplani, Tara Betts and Yvette Lisa Ndlovu, with rapid-fire readers Sue Burke, Terry Galvan, Darius Vinesar and Aurelius Raines II. The next installment of the reading series will be held in the coming months, details forthcoming.

[Learn more](#)

Upcoming workshops

The SLF's virtual classes and sessions are focused on helping writers master different writing methods and sharpen their understanding and use of the various elements of speculative fiction. Upcoming workshops include: Writing About Mental Health, Screenwriting for Writers and Writing the Taboo.

[Learn more](#)

SLF news

SLF recently welcomed several new team members. Phoenix Alexander (he/him) has signed on as SLF librarian; Sue Bedry (she/her) has joined SLF as development director; and Kunj Bhatt (she/her) has come on board SLF as finance director.

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Membership

Not a member yet? The SLF serves the speculative literature community through support from people like you. Members receive benefits including access to the SLF

Discord, invitations to members-only panels, discounts on SLF events, programs and courses and more!

[Learn more](#)

Opportunities for writers

SFWA will once again be offering more than 100 scholarships for members of underserved communities to attend the online **2023 Nebula conference**, May 12-14, 2023. Apply by April 21, 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time at sfa.org/2023-nebula-scholarships.

The **Dream Foundry Contest for Emerging Writers** is an annual, no submission fees contest with cash prizes. Submissions are open from April 17, 2023 through June 18, 2023. Learn more at dreamfoundry.org/writing-contest.

Submissions are now open for **Grist's 2023/2024 "Imagine 2200: Climate Fiction for Future Ancestors" short story contest**. Imagine 2200 was inspired and informed by literary movements like Afrofuturism and Indigenous, Latinx, Asian, disabled, queer, and feminist futurisms, along with hopepunk and solarpunk. There is no cost to enter. Apply by June 13, 2023 at grist.org/climate-fiction/imagine-2200-contest-submissions.

Artist Spotlight: Kamilla Sims



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