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Speculative Literature Foundation is awarded \$3,000 grant.

Oak Park, Illinois (August 18, 2023) – The Speculative Literature Foundation, an organization spearheading efforts to support literary-quality speculative fiction by underrepresented writers in the publishing industry, received a \$3,000 grant on July 24, 2023.

This grant was endowed by State Funds for general operating costs. This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.

In receiving this grant, the SLF has expanded its staff, taking on Angeli Primlani as its Programming Director and Volunteer Coordinator and Shaun Duke as its Portolan Project Coordinator.

“I joined the SLF at a time when it was just starting to rev up operations after a long hiatus. In the years since I started, I’ve seen the SLF expand almost exponentially, and I’m watching in real-time as it sets its sights on ambitions higher than ever before,” says Managing Director Darius Vinesar. “All this was made possible by its dedicated team of employees; every single one of us wants to see the SLF grow into a staple of the speculative fiction community and field. And to do that, we need all the help we can get from said community, as well as our expanding team of creative, experienced, and passionate staff.”

Primlani and Duke will be instrumental in allowing the SLF to grow its programming so that it can offer a wider spread of resources to writers within the genre at all levels, from introductory courses and workshops to Deep Dive modules and classes intended to function as a graduate-level writing resource at a fraction of the cost, which the addition of support staff and volunteers will help implement.

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Launched in January 2004 to promote literary quality in speculative fiction, the Speculative Literature Foundation addresses historical inequities in access to literary opportunities for marginalized writers. Our staff and board are committed to representing racial, gender, and class diversity at all levels of our organization. This commitment is at the heart of what the Speculative Literature Foundation stands for: equal access to create and advance science fiction, fantasy, and horror literature. We strive to enable writers at any stage of their career and of any age, any

ethnicity, any gender expression, from any location and of any economic or social status, who want to learn about, or create within, the speculative arts.

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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