

SLF Monthly Newsletter



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A.C. Bose Grant closes Jan. 31

The A.C. Bose Grant annually provides \$1,000 to a South Asian or Desi diaspora writer developing speculative fiction. Submissions will be accepted Jan. 1-31, 2024.

[Learn more](#)



2023 Working Class Writers Grant winner announced

The Speculative Literature Foundation is pleased to announce Deirra Clyburn as the winner of the 2023 Working Class Writers Grant. Clyburn's winning piece is called "A Second Skin." Clyburn is a writer and illustrator based in Richmond, Virginia. She is currently working on her first novel, Nova.

[Learn more](#)

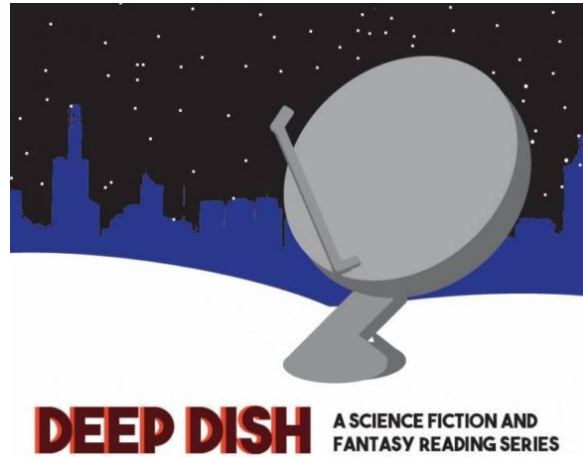
Join the SLF at Capricon

The SLF will be at Capricon in Chicago Feb. 1-4! Come see SLF Programming Director and Volunteer Coordinator Angeli Primlani read at 4 p.m. on Friday; join SLF Founder and Executive Director Mary Anne Mohanraj and Managing Director Darius Vinesar for a panel on grants for writers at 5:30 p.m. on Friday; and hear a variety of local authors giving short readings at a Mini Deep Dish at 10 a.m. Saturday.

[Learn more](#)

Call for Deep Dish readers

SLF invites Chicago-area writers to join us at an upcoming Deep Dish Reading as a featured or rapid-fire reader! Events are in the planning stages for March and May 2024. Fill out the form at the bottom of our Deep Dish page to learn more.



[Learn more](#)



Upcoming workshop

Join Alec Nevala-Lee on April 13, 2024 for “Writing the SFF Novelette,” a workshop focused on idea generation, structure, and editing with an emphasis on the novelette, as well as elements of craft that can be applied to fiction of any length. SLF members receive a discount on registration.

[Learn more](#)

Co-writing opportunities

The SLF hosts regular Saturday co-writing sessions from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. CDT. These sessions are for writers who would like support for their writing, and are

currently open and free of charge to anyone interested in being a part of our writing community.

Learn more

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

PEN America invites applications for its Emerging Voices Fellowship, a five-month, virtual immersive mentorship program for early-career writers from communities that are traditionally underrepresented in the publishing world. The program serves writers who identify as Indigenous, persons of color, LGBTQ+, immigrants, writers with disabilities, and those living outside of urban centers. Through the program, 12 fellows will receive an honorarium of \$1,500 and will be paired with a mentor who will serve as a source of guidance for the project. There is a \$25 application fee, but waivers are available for those facing financial difficulties. Learn more and apply by **Jan. 31** at pen.org/emerging-voices-fellowship.

OD Ekpeki Presents has announced a submissions call for **Indopantheology: Stories from the Spiritual Margins**, a new anthology co-edited by Oghenechovwe Donald Ekpeki, Rimi B. Chatterjee & Mary Anne Mohanraj. Submissions are open until **March 31, 2024**. Learn more at odekpeki.com/2023/11/22/indopantheology-stories-from-the-spiritual-margins.

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