

Why Read Science Fiction and How to Help Those Who Do Chat Transcript

- 1:29 PM Welcome everyone! Thanks for joining early. We will get started at the top of the hour.
- 1:39 PM Hello everyone!
- 1:46 PM "Hello from Salt Lake City! We're reading Station Eleven for our United We Read book, and I'm loving it so far."
- 1:47 PM "I've heard it has Sci-Fi elements, but I haven't gotten that far yet."
- 1:47 PM That's great Tanya. Thanks for sharing.
- 1:48 PM "Hi, I'm Kirsten from Boston. A science fiction book that I've read and enjoyed recently was Space Opera by Catherynne Valente. I'm currently reading Becky Chambers' Record of a Spaceborn Few and am enjoying it!"
- 1:49 PM "Hello from Fresno County Public Library!. I don't read much scifi. In fact, I have a hard time differentiating it from fantasy. I'm looking forward to learning how to approach our scifi-reading patrons."
- 1:50 PM "Hello from FCDL in Lancaster, Ohio"
- 1:50 PM "Hi, I'm Denice from Louisiana. "
- 1:50 PM "Hi! I'm Heather from Eckhart Public Library. My reading is always varied, but my most recent sci-fi reads have been the Murderbot Diaries series by Martha Wells."
- 1:50 PM I am Jo at Dallas Public Library. I like some Science Fiction especially Fantasy other worlds.

1:51 PM I do fondly recall my 6th grade teacher reading THE WHITE MOUNTAINS to our class. Anyone read the Tripods series?

1:51 PM The Man in the High Castle

1:51 PM Is there audio right now? I'm testing my sound and don't hear anything

1:51 PM I love Ender's Game; I wish we had one of those Freeze weapons to zap at kids running in the library.

1:52 PM Hello from Daytona Beach! I just finished listening to Binti by Nnedi Okorafor on Overdrive.

1:52 PM I picked up The Lathe of Heaven from my middle school library.

1:52 PM "I am Katharine at Northwest Branch Library in Seminole County, FL. I haven't really read much sci-fi, but I know we have patrons (particularly teens that I work with), who are avid readers."

1:52 PM "Hi! I'm from Denver, Colo...a Librarian at the Denver Public Library."

1:53 PM "Hi all - Dana from San Jose Public Library here. I love Science Fiction - my first experience with Sci Fi was 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea. My favorite Sci Fi that I could not put down was Dune."

1:53 PM "Hi, Gordon from Bethlehem,, NY"

1:53 PM Fort Worth PL; Journey between worlds by sylvia engdahl which i read in 8th grade.

1:53 PM "This is Ange from Monroe, WI - 6-12 LMC Director. Starflight by Melissa Landers is AMAZING!! "

1:53 PM "Hello, I'm Melissa Collins from Graves County Public Library in Mayfield, Kentucky."

1:53 PM "Hello from Overland Park, Kansas!"

1:53 PM "BREAK A LEG, STEPHEN!"

1:53 PM "Hi, I'm Erin Manning from Westlake Porter Public Library in Ohio!"

1:53 PM "Hi, I'm Sheryl in Los Angeles. I'll second some one else's comment about Binti. I love the author. My other new favorite is a Long Way from a Small Angry Planet."

1:53 PM "Gayle from Dallas Public Library. Yes, Lathe of Heaven is a good one."

1:54 PM "Hi, I'm Tom Berman from the Chester County Library in Exton, PA!"

1:54 PM I am Susan Versen from Massanutten Regional Library in Harrisonburg Virginia. Two new favorites are Behind the Throne by K.B. Wagers and The Fifth Season series by N.K. Jemisin

1:54 PM I loved Armada by Ernest Cline

1:54 PM "One of my all time favorites is The Giver, by Lois Lowry. I continued reading the series with Gathering Blue, but didn't go further. Also enjoyed The Hunger Games."

1:54 PM I loved Tananarive Due's African Immortals Series

1:54 PM Do you consider the Discworld books science fiction or fantasy?

1:54 PM Illuminae by Kaufman and Binti by Nnedi Okorafor

1:54 PM Hello! I'm Mycah from Jessamine County Public Library in Kentucky. I'm a reference librarian wanting to learn more about reader's advisory in general :)

1:54 PM Hum and the shiver by Alex Bledsoe and the rest of the series.

1:55 PM Bet from Johnson County Library -- Red Rising trilogy by Pierce Brown

1:55 PM "Hi, I'm Susan Cargle from Peachtree City library in Georgia"

1:55 PM "Sci fi and fantasy can share a thin line, though most books I think land squarely on one side or the other."

1:55 PM "Hey, Bet!"

1:55 PM "Anyone read the books by Ann Leckie: Ancillary Justice, etc.? I really enjoyed those"

1:55 PM "Hello, I'm Donna from Lawrenceburg Public Library in Indiana. "

1:55 PM I think steampunk spans both genres.

1:55 PM "Hello, y'all. I'm Carrie from Owensboro, KY. I'm a high school library media specialist. I loved the Gone series by Michael Grant. I read all the books over fall break last year"

1:55 PM "Currently read ""The Razor"" by Mitchell, excellent if you like Hard Science Fiction and lots of technology."

1:56 PM "Did anyone mention ""Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy"" yet? That's a personal favorite of mine :)"

1:56 PM I love Senlin Ascends by Josiah Bancroft. Gotta find time now for the sequels!

1:56 PM "Hi all, I'm Jessica Trotter from Capital Area District Libraries in Lansing Michigan"

1:56 PM Hi I'm Nancy at Sonoma County Library. I just finished D.A. by Connie Willis and really enjoyed it.

1:56 PM "The Wedding Date was so romantic. I'm really enjoying ""Less"" right now, so much."

1:56 PM "Kris, Customer Service Manager, SJCP, South Bend; help to coordinate Readers Advisory training & activities for our system"

1:57 PM We loves BEHIND THE THRONE by K.B. Wagers.

1:57 PM "Megan from JCL - ""Mistborn"" by Brandon Sanderson"

1:57 PM Hello. Isabel from Georgia Tech. Jack London - The Scarlet Plague.

1:57 PM "Yes, I love Ann Leckie and the Ancillary Justice series - the first one what sort of mind-blowing wonderful - I really liked the 2nd two, but not as much as the first since it wasn't a surprise any more who and what the characters were"

1:57 PM Hi this is Kelly Currie from the Delphi Public Library. I'm reading the galley for The Farm by Joanne Ramos.

1:57 PM I'm currently reading The Stars Now Unclaimed by Drew Williams.

1:57 PM "Hello from Shorewood,IL! I'm not a fan of sci-fi so I'm near to soak up all your knowledge "

1:57 PM "Hello, I am Katie from Charlestown Public Library in Indiana. I'm a fan of fantasy more than Sci-Fi. I am currently reading The Winter of the Witch, by Katherine Arden."

1:57 PM Do you have any great time travel recommendations?

1:57 PM "Hi, I'm Darcy from Harris County Public Library. I'm an absolute evangelist for The Sparrow by Mary Doria Russell"

1:57 PM "Becky from Austin. I've read many SF books that I couldn't put down. One that I recommend to every SF reader I come across is NK Jemisin's Fifth Season. Though I warn people it will kick you in the heart, really hard, multiple times"

1:57 PM "Hello from Lynnwood, Washington. Haven't read much Sci-Fi, looking forward to learning more here"

1:57 PM Stephen Lawhead's Bright Empires series.

1:58 PM "Hello everyone, I'm Courtney from the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library in Huntsville, AL."

1:58 PM "Hi, I'm Dena Heilik from the Free Library of Philadelphia. I just finished The Affair of the Mysterious Letter by Alexis Hall as an ARC. Fantasy LGBT Sherlock Holmes retelling."

1:58 PM "Yes, Ancillary Justice is best in series to Angela (?) who responded"

1:58 PM Yes to Fifth Season.

1:58 PM "Yes, I agree The Sparrow is a wonderfully thought provoking novel."

1:58 PM Lost track of the chat screen for a minute there.

1:58 PM "Janea Coker - BLRL- Marionville Branch- Marionville, MO"

1:58 PM I heart The Sparrow!

1:58 PM "Hello! My name is Lauren Chase, from Savannah College of Art and Design. I am reading ""No Time to Spare"" by Ursula Le Guin."

1:58 PM "I actually wok in a Jewish library, so I'm alway looking for Jewish themes in sci-fi - the picking have been pretty slim although lately Lavie Tidhar has some great things - including Jews vs Aliens (edited short story collection)"

1:58 PM Just started Leviathan Wakes (The Expanse Series) by James S A Corey

1:58 PM Good afternoon all.

1:58 PM "Linda, Lathe of Heaven is one of my all-time favorites. I read it and then flipped back to the beginning and read it again."

1:58 PM Hi I'm Lisa from Cecil County Public Library in Maryland

1:59 PM "Hi, I'm Rick Becker from Fremont Public Library in Mundelein, Illinois. "

1:59 PM "I have just started an egalley ""The Psychology of Time Travel"" by Kate Mascarenhas. I'm not very far in but I have enjoyed it so far."

1:59 PM "Anthea from Markham PL, Ontario"

1:59 PM I hadn't realized the Expanse tv series was based on the books until recently - then binge-read them all

1:59 PM "Hi! I'm Jamie from the Fox River Grove Library in Fox River Grove, IL"

1:59 PM "Sorry, this is Joni from Nappanee Public Library in Indiana"

1:59 PM I did enjoy Providence by Caroline Kepnes. It had a slight YA vibe to it.

1:59 PM "Hi, Amanie from Denver Public Library. I'm a Nnedi Okorafor fan, and of course NK Jemisin"

1:59 PM "Most of the SciFi reading that I have done was many years ago. Asimov, Clarke, Heinlein"

1:59 PM "Adam From Egg Harbor City, NJ with the Atlantic County Library System"

1:59 PM "Nancy who asked about time travel: Connie Willis. Doomsday Book, To Say Nothing of the Dog"

1:59 PM Hi. Janet Lockhart from Wake County Public Libraries in North Carolina. One of my all time favorite science fiction books is Left Hand of Darkness.

1:59 PM "Hello, this is Liz from Drake Community Library, Grinnell Iowa."

1:59 PM Lavonna Moore -Okefenokee Regional Library in GA.

2:00 PM "Oh, I am in Prince George's County Memorial Library System in Maryland :) Ann Leckie is great, N. K. Jemisin is great, Discworld is fantasy, and I enjoyed The White Mountains by John Christopher (replying to earlier chat posts!)"

2:00 PM "Hi, this is Ame from Henrico County Public Library in central Virginia :)"

2:00 PM Hi this is Corey from Vestavia Hills Library in Alabama

2:00 PM "Yes, Connie Willis is a great favorite."

2:00 PM I read Binti

2:00 PM Time travel book I recommend- Kindred by Octavia Butler

2:00 PM "Hi all, Abby from Southern Indiana here. Excited to learn!"

2:01 PM "Hi, this is Sarah from Sussex County Library system in New Jersey"

2:01 PM Loved Binti!!!

2:01 PM All Our Wrong Todays was a great intro to sci-fi because of the main character?s self-deprecating humor

2:01 PM All Our Wrong Todays is BRILLIANT.

2:01 PM I've found that Martha Wells's Murderbot novellas are a great entry point for science fiction.

2:01 PM And a lot of fun!

2:01 PM I hope this whole chat is available to look at again later! Great ideas!

2:01 PM "Yes, Gregg! Fun!!!"

2:02 PM "Time travel I recommend (second on Kindred) ""Version Control"" by Dexter Palmer"

2:03 PM Where can we get the slides and title list?

2:03 PM

2:06 PM I just finally listened to Frankenstein and LOVED it!!

2:06 PM One of my favorites

2:07 PM required reading for some medical ethics classes.

2:07 PM Beth Bruch at Southern Alamance High School in North Carolina. Just got audio working and am trying to catch up :-)

2:07 PM "Frankenstein was our One State One Story read in Indiana in 2018, it was so awesome."
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2:07 PM No worries Beth. We are recording!

2:08 PM Thank you for the slides!

2:08 PM yay Fahrenheit 451!

2:09 PM I love Fahrenheit 451

2:09 PM Canticle for Leibowitz is excellent.

2:09 PM It would be great if someone could compile and post a list of all the suggested titles that are being mentioned in chat. Thanks for considering!

2:09 PM I second that

2:09 PM Agree with Matt - C for L is a longtime favorite

2:10 PM Yay for shenanigans!

2:10 PM Lathe of Heaven!

2:10 PM Shout out to Harlan Ellison!

2:10 PM The Forever War by Joe Haldeman is excellent.

2:10 PM Snowcrash>Ready Player One

2:10 PM are steampunk and cyberpunk interchangeable?

2:11 PM I think in the 70s SF writers also tried to be more literary and less pulp

2:11 PM Yesssssss I love dystopian

2:11 PM "steampunk, cyberpunk very different"

2:11 PM Herland!

2:11 PM Women of Futures Past: Classic Stories is a good overview of women writers from the 70's and 80's

2:11 PM Is steam more historical in nature and cyber more futuristic?

2:11 PM Dystophis seems to be EVERYWHERE in YA

2:11 PM I don't understand how Handmaid's Tale is science/techy.

2:11 PM *dystopian

2:11 PM "Gayle - no, steampunk is lighter, more fun. Cyberpunk is dark. "

2:12 PM "Oh, OK!"

2:12 PM Steampunk is about what technology/society would be like if steam technology dominant. Cyberpunk is more based on electricity.

2:12 PM I agree with Kimberlee about not seeing The Handmaid's Tale as sci-fi...

2:12 PM Cory Doctorow. He has YT books too.

2:12 PM It's dystopian.

2:12 PM "steampunk also crosses over into maker communities, in a way cyberpunk does not"

2:12 PM Binti!!! <3

2:12 PM "Dystopian/Utopian tales are the ""Be Careful what you wish for"" subgenre"

2:12 PM I just read the Earthseed books. WOnderful!

2:12 PM Why does Dystopian have to be sci-fi?

2:12 PM "Handmaid's Tale is speculative--about social/political trends, not science. See also It Can't Happen Here by Sinclair Lewis"

2:13 PM I think dystopia has been more popular than utopia

2:13 PM IDIC!

2:13 PM "The Testaments is the title of the sequel to ""The Handmaid's Tale"" "

2:13 PM just read the T hree-body problem and am starting the next one in the series - so interesting to read Chinese SF

2:13 PM I was thinking of IDIC as well!

2:13 PM The Sinclair Lewis book is very presient

2:13 PM Yay!! N.K.!!

2:13 PM YASSS

2:13 PM IDIC???

2:13 PM what's that?

2:13 PM "Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations, he just mentioned"

2:13 PM Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations

2:13 PM Yep

2:14 PM oh ok thx

- 2:14 PM "IDIC Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations from Star Trek, a Vulcan ideal"
- 2:14 PM watch n.k. jemin's hugo acceptance speech from last year for a good overview of social justice work in science fiction.
- 2:14 PM "So many book, so little time!!! This is a genre that I don't make time to read, but all of this so far, makes me want to!"
- 2:14 PM Yay Mur Lafferty!
- 2:14 PM Yay Mur!!
- 2:14 PM Murderbot! I need to read more of those stories.
- 2:14 PM "murderbot (all systems red) are novellas, short and excellent"
- 2:15 PM Saga!
- 2:15 PM Dune
- 2:15 PM Saga is ridiculously good
- 2:15 PM saga volume 9 was phenomenal.
- 2:15 PM I think Martha Wells might be at ALA Annual...
- 2:15 PM also really good military SF: Elizabeth Moon

2:15 PM Scalzi's Old Man's War also real good.

2:15 PM Jack Campbell pretty decent military SF

2:15 PM Haldeman's Forever War is on of the best of the Mil SF

2:15 PM er one

2:16 PM LOVE Jodi Taylor!

2:16 PM There's Man in the High Castle! Great series on Amazon Prime.

2:16 PM 11/2/63 was great!

2:16 PM To Say Nothing of the Dog - Connie Willis

2:17 PM "If you liked tv show Timeless, you'd love the Jodi Taylor series."

2:17 PM yay connie willis

2:17 PM "Yes, love Connie Willis"

2:17 PM Station Eleven

2:17 PM Red Rising is Hunger Games dialed up to 100 set in space.

2:17 PM Hullo all.

2:18 PM Three-Body Problem yes!

2:18 PM Jim Crace's *The Pesthouse* is a deep and thoughtful post-apocalyptic read

2:18 PM "I loved *Artemis*, but the *Three Body Problem* caused me to scratch my head as it was spinning rapidly."

2:18 PM "I really wanted to like *Windup Girl*. It should come with a trigger warning. Had to give it away, there was a really disturbing scene."

2:18 PM "so *Jurrassic Park* would be a ""hard science fiction"" then? "

2:19 PM "Oooh, now we're talking."

2:19 PM yes.

2:19 PM Shoutouts to *Ms. Marvel* on this slide and *Trail of Lightning* on a previous one! So great!

2:19 PM "My fiancée loves *Ms. Marvel*, but I just finished volume 4 of *Star Wars: Doctor Aphra*. Particularly heart wrenching that one."

2:20 PM Superman jumped really high instead of flying at first

2:20 PM "I was a big SF reader in college & in my 20s (1980s-90s), and I feel like the genre has shifted--lots of military, but less ""classic"" sf (Where are the Brins/Nivens/Vinges of yesteryear?) We seem to be in the heyday of fantasy now."

2:20 PM Huh: I wondered if there was a name for that trend.

2:21 PM I put my superheroes in either graphic novel or adventure.

2:21 PM say what???

2:21 PM "Graphic novels are a format, not a genre."

2:21 PM "You missed my favorite sub-genre of more anthropological works - how will humans/families live (in space, with aliens, with telepathy, if we don't sleep, etc.)"

2:21 PM Depending on format

2:21 PM Ahh! I love the VanderMeers

2:22 PM "I've heard people describe some books as cozy science fiction, such as Becky Chambers' The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet"

2:22 PM "John Scalzi, ah! Love him."

2:22 PM Afrofuturism across communities--similarly steampunk.

2:22 PM "Shereyl, Gillian will cover that with themes!"

2:22 PM Becky Chambers is the best!

2:22 PM YAAY CATHERYNNE VALENTE!

2:22 PM "Humor is hard to do well, I love authors who use it!"

2:22 PM Douglas Adams! Do you know where your towel is?

2:22 PM isn't Scalzi's Redshirts coming to TV?

2:22 PM "Love fforde, but sci fi?"

2:22 PM Space Opera was wonderful!

2:22 PM loved Red shirts!

2:22 PM I always know where my towel is.

2:22 PM My towel's in the car

2:22 PM has anyone heard of James OBrien from the late 1980s time?

2:22 PM "Most Fforde is fantasy, but Early Riser is SF"

2:22 PM Hasn't this always been a trend?

2:23 PM I love The Plot Against America

2:23 PM Phil and Kaja Foglio are top notch.

2:23 PM Leviathan is a great YA series.

2:23 PM Leviathan is awesome on audio!

2:23 PM I'm a cosplay artist myself

2:24 PM Steampunk/Alternate history: Gail Carriger. Love her Finishing School & Parasol Protectorate series

- 2:24 PM One of my favorite parts of going to cons is the cosplay. Such amazing work.
- 2:24 PM Mortal Engines does sort of the same thing (Post-Apocalyptic masquerading as Stampunk) that the Pern novels do--Space opera masquerading as Fantasy.
- 2:24 PM I love cosplay!
- 2:25 PM Ohhh...Mary Sue...
- 2:25 PM "dieselpunk, that's anew one to me"
- 2:25 PM Rowling is awesome on Twitter
- 2:25 PM "You'd think there'd be a seperate term for fantasy novels that have the same scope as a space opera. Unless you want to just use ""epic"" to describe them."
- 2:25 PM "Dieselpunk, atompunk, biopunk etc."
- 2:26 PM Cyberpunk.
- 2:26 PM Too many punks
- 2:26 PM So little time.
- 2:26 PM "Chuck Wendig has a trilogy that he's dubbed as ""cornpunk"" "
- 2:26 PM LOL!

2:26 PM A hundred years ago if we were to describe our world now it would have been described as fiction. We've got a machine on Mars!

2:26 PM GIVE US ALL THE PUNKS!

2:26 PM "I liked Amberlough. Good writing, interesting characters."

2:26 PM "It's too late to join Worldcon to nominate Hugos for this year, but you can still join to vote on the finalists"

2:26 PM So much great info speeding by in chat. Is there a way to download or email chat to ourselves?

2:27 PM "Hey, there's kindred"

2:27 PM ooh roadside picnic

2:27 PM Yay Stephen!

2:27 PM Red Mars. Seems so long ago I read that.

2:28 PM I read the Kindred original and the graphic novel adaptation

2:28 PM The Power is written by the head writer of the Zombies Run! fitness app

2:28 PM I am interested in books with crossover appeal to teen readers.

2:28 PM Check out this list. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyberpunk_derivatives

2:28 PM Thanks for the link. I need that!

2:28 PM " I used to be really into David Weber, but now I prefer Elizabeth Moon and her Vatta series."

2:28 PM Find a complete list of genres and subgenres at: <http://bit.ly/nov-genres>

2:29 PM The ship names in Banks' Culture series are really great.

2:29 PM "...hugo nominations are open till march 15 (they only opened nominations january 10), so you can purchase nominating/voting membership even if you (like me) are not able to afford dublin."

2:29 PM would Asimov's Foundation series be a space opera?

2:29 PM Find a complete list of themes at: <http://bit.ly/nov-themes>

2:29 PM Mmmm. Sort of.

2:30 PM Press Play to Start? Game-related?

2:30 PM "I mean, it really doesn't get that space opera feel until Foundation and Empire for me. "

2:30 PM "Lots of questions about chat. At the end of the webinar, use your mouse to click in and select all then you can copy and paste to Word or Notepad"

2:30 PM Thanks!

2:31 PM "Thanks, NovelList! Be sure to remind again at end of session."

2:31 PM "thank you, handy tip"

2:31 PM "I had to go out and in again so I missed some of it. If anyone gets it all, can you share?"

2:31 PM We will be posting a link to the recording here in a couple of days:
<https://www.ebscohost.com/novelist-the-latest/blog-article/webinar-why-read-science-fiction-and-how-to-help-those-that-do>

2:31 PM "Anyone else getting out the SF and Fantasy convention in Detroit Michigan this weekend, ConFusion?"

2:31 PM We will also send the recording out in a couple of days

2:32 PM Good idea about the pandemic/virus subgenre

2:32 PM "Think ""mystery virus"" is in the Pandemic/Post Apocalyptic subgenre"

2:32 PM Dystopia or something else?

2:32 PM I use Biological Science fiction for those

2:32 PM I like comedy of manners space opera : see Liaden universe.

2:33 PM

2:33 PM "Good comedy of manners space opera, Lois McMaster Bujold, and Jody Lynn Nye's A View from the Imperium (Think Bertie Wooster in space)"

2:33 PM The early Liaden books are some of the best - up there with the Miles Vorkosigan books by Bujold.

2:33 PM Ooof. Bertie Wooster in Space: there's an image.

2:33 PM yes to all that good comedy of manners

2:34 PM City of Pearl is a science fiction novel by Karen Traviss.

2:34 PM "Whoops, forgot to introduce myself. Michelle from Akron Summit County Public Libraries! Currently reading ""Flex"" by Ferrett Steinmetz in SF, and the short story collection ""Robots vs Fairies."" Recently enjoyed Elevation by Stephen King (only peripherally SF) and the second book in John Scalzi's ""Lock In"" series."

2:34 PM i resemble that questionable prose comment.

2:35 PM This talk of questionable prose reminds me of DUNE...

2:35 PM "Nye's book is space opera but question is is hero competent and sometimes stumbling or stumbling and sometimes competent, loved it"

2:35 PM "It had some definite payoff, but it was dense."

2:35 PM "The Illuminae trilogy was a great crossover for my YA reading group--not everyone was into sf, but the format hooked them. Any other recommendations along those lines?"

2:35 PM "World building, but AT WHAT COST?"

2:35 PM plot and characters are my most important go tos

2:35 PM I'm Nick McCavitt from the CLAMS library system on Cape Cod. I'm rereading Joe Abercrombie's Red Country and the Rogue Squadron Anthology from Star Wars.

2:36 PM "A View from the Imperium, I will remember that! Love Jeeves and Wooster."

2:36 PM Ok - I love the acronym CLAMS for Cape Cod library. :)

2:36 PM I think readers can also get annoyed with authors who break their own rules in order to do a story shortcut

2:36 PM "Ron, the Scythe novels by Neal Schusterman are fantastic for someone looking for a dark, scifi YA selection."

2:36 PM "Haha, ""Strong opinions"""

2:37 PM No one likes an infodump

2:37 PM With speculative fiction I expect things to make sense within the story. It has to fit and not come out of left field.

2:37 PM good self-advocates

2:37 PM readers are okay with going with the rules an author creates for their universes but require that they play fair

2:37 PM though some withll just skip it and read on.

2:37 PM I get stuck on things that don't make sense within the world of the story.

2:37 PM "hard that ""high brow"" science fiction is housed in literature."

2:38 PM see murakami

2:38 PM SF readers also have to be savvy in terms of sourcing--probably do more interlibrary and out-of-system loans for SF than any other genre!

2:38 PM I go back and forth on KS Robinson - sometimes he gets into lecture mode

2:38 PM "But I only worry about it for a little bit, then I read on. But it can affect my overall enjoyment of it."

2:38 PM I got annoyed at Cantero's Supernatural Enhancements bc it just gave up on being an epistolary novel in the finale

2:38 PM speaking of breaking rules

2:38 PM "yeah, but then ks robinson has loveliness. memory of whiteness is a favorite. (and not too big)."

2:38 PM Sometimes it helps to ask readers what SF movies/tv they might have liked in order to find a match

2:38 PM "Yes, the ILL thing. Some of the books are out of print and hard to get."

2:40 PM "honesty is huge with patrons. If you're not a SF fan, be up front about it and they'll understand, as long as you know avenues to help them find stuff"

2:40 PM " As far as sci fi readers, heh heh, I was the weird girl who watched and read sci-fi and read comic books. I spent alot of time alone."

2:40 PM "For SF shows, sometimes you get lucky and find fiction set in that universe. See Star Trek and Doctor Who in particular."

2:40 PM I've discovered some good books by seeing the movie/TV show first.

2:41 PM "Yeah, when readers ask me about romance, I ask them if they are more into just straight romance or like historical or romantic suspense"

2:41 PM "I hear you, Stacy. I was the weird guy who did that...still does, really. ;) However you read some amazing work and meet some really cool people through so it's worth it. The word ""weird"" is a badge of honor for me really."

2:41 PM ladies-great advice about working with readers-and it applies to dealing with ALL readers.

2:41 PM Browncoats rule!

2:41 PM does anyone have tips for how to actually interact w/SF readers? they don't talk to us!

2:41 PM FYL!

2:41 PM "I have to rein in my tendency to start with fundamentals--""If you like SF, you NEED to read Asimov, et al"" Of course, those were MY first dips into the SF pool, but it doesn't need to be everyone's! (LOL)"

2:41 PM FTL

2:41 PM "Er, FTL"

2:41 PM Sometimes the TV show can be better than the book. I loved Netflix's Altered Carbon. The book weirded me out.

2:41 PM FTL Awesome game

2:41 PM super hardcore

2:42 PM "Hugh Howey's Machine Learning is a collection of speculative short stories with a thoughtful author afterword following each story that contains his thought process, motivation, or related anecdote"

2:42 PM Interacting with SF fans is tricky as the genre is just so diverse.

2:42 PM "That is awesome- the ""Is this a kissing book?"" LOL"

2:43 PM I hate to admit that I like almost all adaptations of PK Dick's work - better than his originals. Usually I like the book best - but this is a major exception

2:43 PM "Only one or two of my sf readers interact, the rest seem to be in stealth mode. I am always happy when I catch one browsing in the stacks."

2:43 PM Catching an SF reader in the wild is a true feat.

2:43 PM "Maffie - I think SF readers are so used to people dismissing our genre as ""junk"" we just look for our own people."

2:43 PM "In my experience, SF readers will either know what they want or will ask - but mentioning to them ""hey, if you like these, have you tried XYZ?"" sometimes works. For a Star Wars reader at my library, I made sure to mention that we had those books in the YA section as well."

2:44 PM "If your SciFi readers are shy and don't directly approach the desk, find ways to get them indirectly - booklists, displays, shelf-talkers, etc"

2:44 PM "ok thanks, guys"

2:44 PM Might be easier to interact w/SFF readers online - encourage participation on your library social media?

2:44 PM "So true. about stealth. It's a highly circling section, but I rarely see or talk to SF readers in my department."

2:44 PM "It is . Especially when you manage to connect with one. It's like handling any other patron, really...they know what they want, and sometimes you can't bridge the gap. There's just too many books out there. When you do connect, though. Magical."

2:45 PM "I think that, on the Cape especially, there's a reticence about sci fi. Like it's not real literature. "

2:45 PM GREAT audio book!

2:45 PM I will second the Martian audiobook

2:45 PM The opening line of this book made me want to read it immediately!

2:45 PM I also like the story behind The Martian

2:46 PM "I had freinds who didn't take to the ""procedural"" prose."

2:46 PM I loved that book!

2:46 PM The Martian is a great crossover/intro for someone who hasn't read a lot.

2:46 PM The onening line is supurb

2:46 PM Loved Binti!

2:46 PM "with The Martian, I actually liked the movie better than the book, thought Weir got a bit too caught up in his tech elements and writing felt a bit reporter-ly. Liked Artemis better. Know I'm in the minority."

2:46 PM You know what's funny? In one of James S.A. Corey's Expanse books there is a ship mentioned that has the name of The Matrian's protagonist.

2:46 PM Binti!!

2:46 PM I have nothing but WONDERFUL things to say about Binti

2:46 PM "I have several SF readers, young and old, and I have managed to keep finding good reads but I think it is because I get it as a SF fan myself."

2:46 PM "I had never heard of Binti, I may have to try it!"

2:46 PM "I just re-listened to READY PLAYER ONE, another good relatable protagonist and excellent narration, could be an introductory sort of novel. Press Play indeed..."

2:47 PM I loved the first Binti book and progressively liked the later ones less and less.

2:47 PM "Love Murderbot, too!"

2:47 PM LOVE Murderbot!!

2:47 PM Murderbot was great

2:47 PM Murderbot is awesome!

2:47 PM "Murderbot great start. Short, fast read, but still some substance."

2:47 PM "I -wanted- to like this, but the book didn't really grip me. Maybe I need to try it again."

2:47 PM "Good one for YA, Alex Award winner"

2:47 PM "Nick, I find my interests then serve me now, I'm old enough now to consider all the time spent mindtravelling as time VERY well spent."

2:47 PM Fast read for those with little time

2:48 PM "RE: Okorafor--I vastly prefer her Akata Witch novels (fantasy) to Tomi Adeyemi's Children of Blood & Bone, which has gotten so much more hoopla."

2:48 PM yassss!

2:48 PM "This book makes me happy to be a human, which is difficult these days."

2:48 PM I love Becky Chambers - really likeable interesting characters

2:48 PM I tried Autonomous and Robots of Gotham but those fell flat for me.

2:48 PM "Wait, what was ""Starter Pack"" book number 2?"

2:48 PM Try Jsned Edwards Earth Girl Trilogiy for an optimistic YA

2:48 PM Chambers is a great read for fans of tv show Firefly

2:48 PM Chambers - how have I missed hearing about this one>

2:49 PM funny post-apocalypse: Terminal Alliance by Jim Hines

2:49 PM There we go!

2:49 PM Binti was #2

2:49 PM LOVE!!!

2:49 PM "Second to last Expanse book hitting in March, I believe."

2:49 PM Thanks Christine!

2:49 PM The Expanse/LEviathan Wakes- oh yes

2:49 PM Terminal Uprising is coming in a month!

2:50 PM I must leave early so I can get to next project... great webinar though and I appreciate all the info for breaking down genre... Thank you

2:50 PM "I fully see where you're coming from, Stacy. All the people and places I've mindtravelled, to borrow your words, have allowed me to make my own person. If that makes sense."

2:50 PM "Hi. I just found the Chat, so I may have missed this question that I'm going to ask...Will we receive a link to this PowerPoint, so we can access it later? Thank you, Michele"

2:50 PM Can you share these slides at the end?

2:50 PM all that initial confusion what why I loved it so much!

2:50 PM "Love Ancillary series - and Provenance, her last book, is set in same universe"

2:50 PM "Scalzi is very approachable to broad audience, too."

2:50 PM I really wanted to like Ancillary Justice. I tried. But there were no characters in it that I liked.

2:50 PM You can download the slides at <https://www.ebscohost.com/novelist-the-latest/blog-article/webinar-why-read-science-fiction-and-how-to-help-those-that-do>

2:51 PM "I got into a debate with my doctor about this: I couldn't understand the gender classification. I said ""are they all female?"" and she said ""no, some are called male"

2:51 PM "Agreed, Scalzi is a great introductory SF read. Very humorous, very relatable characters."

2:51 PM I wish this could have gone on longer!

2:51 PM "1. martian, 2. binti 3. all systems red 4. long way to an angry planet 5. leviathan wakes 6. ancillary justice"

2:51 PM will the chat be available after?

2:52 PM "Great webinar, thanks! And thanks for this active chat session!"

2:52 PM Awesome webinar! Great job guys!

2:52 PM "I only just located the chat window -- shout out for THE CALCULATING STARS and its sequel, which I thought were really excellent alternate history."

2:52 PM Anyone ever read Steel Beach by John Varley? That book literally changed my life.

2:52 PM "For chat, you can copy and paste the chat into your favorite text program."

2:52 PM Agreed! Great wealth of information!

2:52 PM Thanks!

2:52 PM What would you suggest as basic core collection

2:52 PM If someone saves the whole chat can you share it with me?
gayle.gordon@dallascityhall.com

2:52 PM TED CHIANG!!!!

2:52 PM Oooo! Ted Chiang!

2:52 PM I missed some of it because lost connection

2:53 PM "Total sense, Nick. And, it's been lonely because, Sci-fi readers are somewhat looked down on, but there's a real passion there and I think expanded perspectives. I'm quite happy and content to not be labeled in the mainstream of humanity. No offense to anyone."

2:53 PM Could you share the chat with me as well? I got here a bit late. nmccavitt-
mpl@clamsnet.org

2:53 PM And all love to Jodi Taylor's JUST ONE DAMNED THING AFTER ANOTHER and the rest of the St. Mary's series.

2:53 PM He's amazing

2:53 PM A good YA book is Defy the Stars by Claudia Gray. Great themes with artificial intelligence and colonization.

2:53 PM Most confusing thing about NovelList is knowing how to track down the exact terminology for appeal factors and themes when you're using NovelList. I've printed the list of themes but find it onerous to track this down when using the DB.

2:53 PM The Stars Now Unclaimed is another good read.

2:53 PM Kris make sure to stay for the training after!

2:54 PM

2:54 PM Is the short story still the best way to enter into SciFi? I know for a long time the short stories were much better and more accessible than the novels.

2:54 PM daveed diggs???!!!

2:54 PM Training after?

2:54 PM Sometimes even though SF can work for readers if it's in short story format - gives readers a chance to dip in and out.

2:54 PM new readers I should say

2:54 PM "Better lonely in your own space than lonely in a space you don't feel comfortable in to my mind, Stacy."

2:54 PM Heck yeah Daveed Diggs!

2:54 PM "What are some of the more exciting YA sci-fi novels/series? Are there any in particular that are go-to, mass appeal?"

2:54 PM "Melissa Scott, Eleanor Arnaason, Connie Willis, Rosemary Kirstein are a few of my favorites--Connie's pretty well known, but I feel the other three are vastly underrated."

2:54 PM SF short story anthologies are great!

2:54 PM Yes from 3-3:15 Eastern we will do a NoveList training right after. It will also be recorded.

2:54 PM I like Melissa Scott before she went cyberpunk

2:55 PM "James S. A. Corey is the writer for The Expanse, best sci fi television series ever since Star Trek,"

2:55 PM "As somebody who doesn't really relate to the short form (I've learned the world, now its over), short stories are not always the way. Novellas are the shortest I reach for."

2:55 PM "When did sci-fi and fantasy become so connected? I get annoyed when contests/awards combine the two so often, when it is clear they are distinctly different genres."

2:55 PM Ron - Anything by Claudia Gray. She has written several Star Wars novels and has several YA series that are great.

2:55 PM james s. a. corey is two authors

2:55 PM When will we receive our certificate for participation?

2:55 PM Does that make Daveed a quadruple threat?

2:55 PM Monster fiction seems to never go away. Any suggestion for the next monster fad?

2:55 PM I love the collections of best sci-fi stories of past years

2:55 PM I found The Deep song on NPR website This American Life

2:55 PM "Nancy, I recommend trying some of the Tor.com novellas as an entry point to sci-fi. Binti and All Systems Red are both amazing novellas."

2:55 PM "As for YA, Red Rising is great intro"

2:56 PM You can find an attendance certificate at <https://www.ebscohost.com/novelist-the-latest/blog-article/webinar-why-read-science-fiction-and-how-to-help-those-that-do>

2:56 PM "If you want a great superhero set of novels, Margaret Stohl has written two Black Widow novels that are fantastic."

2:56 PM sound is gone

2:56 PM Do you keep track of Sci-fi publishers?

2:56 PM "I don't read much, if any, speculative fiction but now I am super excited about reading a few of Gillian's recommended titles. Thanks! "

2:56 PM The Years Best Science Fiction collections by Gardner Dozois are good samplers for recent SF short fiction.

2:56 PM io9 and the AV Club

2:56 PM For Children and YA notables lists see SFnotables LITA Committee Recognizing Excellence in Children's and Young Adult Science Fiction.

2:56 PM Will we be able to get the chat transcript after the webinar? I'm seeing lots of great suggestions there.

2:56 PM "I really like the Sword and Laser podcast, they don't move fast but they're pretty engaging."

2:56 PM "For YA, who like distopian, Neal Schusterman (sp?) was good - dark, scientifically horrible, but engaging! (or at least the first book was)."

2:56 PM Goodreads

2:56 PM "For YA, I second Scythe by Neal Shusterman. An older one (and thriller crossover, maybe) is Losers in Space by John Barnes."

2:57 PM Thanks! This was very informative for a non-sci-fi reader:)

2:57 PM How many high school libraries are arranging by genres or have come up with a good way to feature their science fiction collections?

2:57 PM "when I started purchasing sci fi I inherited a list from the previous collection manager, but it has lost its relevance over time, and replaced by review sites overviews from io9 etc, and data driven collection"

2:57 PM Ditto Scythe for YA!

2:57 PM I third the Scythe novels!

2:57 PM "You can copy the chat text, just use your mouse to click in the chat area and select all. Then you can copy and paste to Word or Notepad"

2:57 PM r/fantasy can have some talk about sci-fi trends.

2:57 PM The Years Best Science Fiction. That's what I was thinking of.

2:57 PM LOCUSMAG.COM

2:57 PM clarification- io9 and The AV Club are blogs

2:57 PM Yeah Scythe kills it

2:57 PM "Katharine, for scifi YA: I really enjoyed Enders Game by Scott-Card and the Scythe series by Schusterman. I also enjoyed the first few of the Uglies series by Westerfeld and Little Brother by Doctorow"

2:57 PM "Also, The Mary Sue is a feminist blog about pop culture"

2:57 PM tor.com has some great stuff.

2:57 PM tor.com- yes

2:57 PM This was a great webinar! Nice to chat with you Nick. Good to find some like minds in unexpected places.

2:58 PM Locus Magazine Online is a great resource as well

2:58 PM This has been one of the best webinars I've been in.

2:58 PM Lots of great novellas by Subterranean Press in the Sci Fi and Fantasy genres to start with.

2:58 PM "To see what SF readers might be looking to read, check out #AskALibrarian twitter feed on Thursdays - often SF RA questions included there"

2:58 PM unbound worlds just transfered to a Facebook group

2:58 PM Would you recommend manga to the readers?

2:58 PM twitter threads for specific sub groups can be very valuable.

2:58 PM Thank you everyone!

2:58 PM Thank you -- great presentation with a lot of information.

2:58 PM My chat doesn't start at the beginning - only from 1:56 pm. :(

2:58 PM Genreflecting by Cynthia Orr and Diana Tixier is a bit of a core collection resource for genre fiction

2:59 PM woooo #askalibrarain shoutout!

2:59 PM Thank you all

2:59 PM "Nice chatting to you too, Stacy. Drop me a line sometime if you like. nmccavitt-
mpl@clamsnet.org. Always nice to meet a kindred spirit, I agree. :)"

2:59 PM Thanks Panelists and Participants!

2:59 PM Thank You

2:59 PM Thank you!

2:59 PM Excellent Webinar

2:59 PM Thank you very much!

2:59 PM This was truly excellent - very useful! Thank you so much!

2:59 PM Thznk youQ

2:59 PM Thank you

2:59 PM thank you

2:59 PM Thank you!

2:59 PM Great webinar

2:59 PM Thank you!

2:59 PM Thank you!

2:59 PM Has anyone done the copy paste yet?

2:59 PM great webinar thanks!

2:59 PM Thanks!

2:59 PM thanks all!

2:59 PM Thank you for all the great information!

2:59 PM Great Webinar - Thanks!

2:59 PM Very useful webinar. Thanks to all who contributed!

2:59 PM Thank you for all of the great info today!

3:00 PM Thanks.

3:00 PM Spectacular webinar. Thank you.

3:00 PM Just copy and pasted. It worked well

3:00 PM Thanks

3:00 PM "Thanks, everyone! "

3:00 PM Sources: the Hugo/Nebula awards are a GREAT source for finding the best titles.

3:00 PM Check @libraryreads99 on Twitter and libraryreads.org too!

3:00 PM Thanks so much for the webinar!

3:00 PM Thanks for this! Great info!

3:00 PM Thanks!

3:03 PM we just lost audio i think

3:03 PM "For anyone else who stuck around. I managed to copy past everything from 12:56 on, but if anyone has the earlier stuff can you share it with me at gayle.gordon@dallascityhall.com"

3:03 PM there it is! it's back!

3:03 PM I have audio but no video.

3:03 PM No problem Gayle!

3:03 PM Will do.

3:04 PM "Matt, try logging out and in again and see if that helps the video problem."

3:04 PM I missed how you got to the Forthcoming section. I don't see that on my library Novelist link.

3:04 PM Does location collection information display at this level?

3:04 PM Will this part be on teh recording?

3:05 PM "saw a book in the scroll I'm excited about! love jane fancher, glad she is coming out with a books as named author with her wife."

3:05 PM Yes we are recording

3:05 PM Great!

3:06 PM "You can see forthcoming by selecting the Browse Genres link from the middle of the homepage, then selecting the Science Fiction genre"

3:07 PM Oh! Love this Keeping Up feature - never noticed it before

3:08 PM Will this part of the webinar also be available in the recording?

3:08 PM this is awesome

3:08 PM Yes they are recording this

3:08 PM I suggest you show local collection information in more of the browse views of NoveList

3:11 PM "Thanks for the suggestion, Cindy!"

3:11 PM Where do we see the field codes?

3:12 PM Thank you!

3:13 PM This has been very helpful!

3:14 PM "Is ""hard science fiction"" a theme? and GX is subgenre code?"

3:14 PM I have to go. Thank you for this!

3:15 PM "Thanks for joining us, Maggie!"