

I M P U L S E

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October / Octobre 2026 (Vol. 29, No./N° 9)

NEXT CLUB EVENT: *Super Sci-Fi Book Sale*

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 17**

**Open to the Public
12:30PM-4:00PM**

Le Nouvel Hotel
1740 Boul. René-Lévesque O.
(corner St-Mathieu)

Salle St-Mathieu
(South "Condo" Tower)

MEETING THEME: *Books! Lots of books! All for sale at amazing bargain-basement prices! Come and shop for your fall and winter genre reading material! Bring along a few friends!*

NEXT CLUB MEETING:

Downtown at our Nouvel Hotel meeting hall and simultaneously online via ZOOM!

**Saturday, November 14
1:00PM-5:00PM**

Agenda Includes:

- **STAR PEOPLE!**—*The "Ancient Aliens" concept, and how such speculation has influenced the science fiction genre!*
- **THESE ARE NOT YOUR FATHER'S VAMPIRES!**—*We examine non-traditional vampires!*
- **BY THE COVER (GAME)!**—*Given a SF/F painting or illustration, can you identify the foreign-edition book for which it served as the cover art?*

MonSFFA'S SUPER SCI-FI BOOK SALE, 2026 EDITION!

The 2026 edition of MonSFFA's Super Sci-Fi Book Sale unfolds this month, on Saturday, the 17th! Mark that date in your calendars, folks, and set aside some coin and folding money for the occasion! We recommend that you bring a few sturdy, cloth shopping bags, too!



Bargain-hunters peruse sales tables at last year's MonSFFA book sale. (Photo by Cathy Palmer-Lister)

Club members are encouraged to help support MonSFFA by buying books! And there will be a lot of them to choose from—paperbacks, hardcovers, trades, plus many comics, magazines, and even a few DVDs! Our stock currently numbers thousands of titles by authors from Asimov to Zelazny, and at the lowest prices in all of the Seven Kingdoms and known space! Take advantage of our "Bulk Book Bargains"—the more you buy, the more you save! Get in some early Christmas shopping; a good book makes a great gift!

The larger SF/F community, too, are welcome, *of course!* Bring a friend to the sale with you! This is a wonderful opportunity to stock up on all of your fall and winter sci-fi reading, and you will surely be amazed, astounded, and astonished at our utter bargain-bonanza pricing!

MonSFFA's Super Sci-Fi Book Sale will take place in "Salle St-Mathieu" at the downtown Nouvel Hotel, 1740 Boul. René-Lévesque Ouest

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JED, Adam
SICHEL, Danny
TOUSIGNANT, Yves, Amber, and Faith

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Standard membership is only \$35 annually. We offer a family rate of \$50. Add \$10 to either in order to enjoy our premium "Platinum" membership level. Please complete the form below, include payment (cheque or money order made out to "MonSFFA"), and mail to:

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Complétez lisiblement. Découpez le coupon et postez tel qu'indiqué.

(corner St-Mathieu)! Doors open to the public at 12:30PM!

So spread the word to family, friends, and co-workers, and we'll see you all at the sale.

The Super Sci-Fi Book Sale is a fund-raiser in support of sponsoring body MonSFFA, the Montreal Science Fiction and Fantasy Association, a fan club for SF/F enthusiasts. All proceeds are directed to MonSFFA's operating budget.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Many of our club members, as well as friends of the club, volunteer their time to help organize and stage the club's annual fund-raising book sale, and we are eternally grateful for their efforts.

We especially need strong arms and sturdy backs to cart boxes of books, set up our sales tables, and at day's end, take down and pack away any remaining stock.

We will need a handful of volunteers, five or six folk; can you give of your time on Friday evening, October 16, and/or Saturday morning, October 17, day of the sale? If so, please meet up with us in the lobby of the Nouvel Hotel, 6:30PM on the Friday, 10:00AM, Saturday. Drop us a quick e-mail to let us know of your availability; mail to: president@monsffa.ca

VIRTUAL VISIT BY GUEST SPEAKER!

MonSFFA welcomed via ZOOM a guest speaker to our September 19 club meeting, Canadian-born independent SF author Sean Robins! After a delay due to an unforeseen Internet outage at his end, Sean joined us from the other side of the world, Abu Dhabi, capitol of the United Arab Emirates, where he has been living and working as an English teacher for some two decades.

He introduced himself to the group and fielded questions about his many book series and career as a science fiction writer. Favouring space opera and military SF, Sean's negative experience with agents and publishers early on steered him towards the independent, self-publishing option, where he has enjoyed success, with sales of some 200,000 books across six series. As it happened, Sean was, on this very day, officially launching a new series, which he highlighted for the group. He spoke, as well, of his six-book "I, Anomaly" cycle, about a combat android that gains consciousness, his influences—Jim Butcher is a favourite author—writing style and habits, and the state of SF/F fandom in the Middle East, buttressed by the many European and North American nationals living and working in the region.

Sean related, too, how his lifelong interest in sci-fi and struggles with OCD led him to writing as a means of therapy, which turned out to be quite a positive for him on all fronts.

We thank Sean for making the time to speak with us; his books are available in digital format, in print, and as audio books. Visit: seanrobins73.wixsite.com/website

Other topics of the day included sci-fi B-movies, the very worst of the worst, with such titles as *The Killer Shrews*, *Invasion of the Saucer-Men*, *The Creeping Terror*, and of course, *Plan 9 from Outer Space* explored. Also discussed were SF/F's heroic doctors and scientists, and their opposite numbers, those of the mad, evil variety.

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