NEWS BULLETIN OF THE MONTREAL SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY ASSOCIATION, MonSFFA

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LE BULLETIN D'INFORMATION DE L'ASSOCIATION MONTRÉALAISE DE SCIENCE-FICTION ET DE FANTASTIQUE, L'AMonSFF

November-December / Novembre-Decembre 2026 (Vol. 29, No./N° 10)

NEXT CLUB MEETING: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

1:00PM-5:00PM

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

Salle Faubourg
(South "Condo" Tower)

***And Simultaneously* on ZOOM at: www.MonSFFA.ca**

MEETING THEME: *With Remembrance Day having just passed, club members are encouraged honour our nation's fallen by placing a traditional poppy on our display table.*

NOVEMBER'S AGENDA:

- **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 fearful, 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?*

CHRISTMAS DINNER/PARTY:

Saturday, December 5, 6:00PM
Baton Rouge Grillhouse & Bar (Décarie)

Virtual Holiday Get-Together:

Saturday, December 12
***via* ZOOM, 1:00PM-4:00PM**

See "MonSFFA's 2026 Holiday Celebrations!" (right) for details

CLUB'S 2026 BOOK SALE DRAWS BIGGEST CROWD IN YEARS!

The 2026 edition of MonSFFA's annual Super Sci-Fi Book Sale took place last month, drawing the biggest crowd seen since before the pandemic of a few years ago! And folk came to buy, with sales figures among the best yet, easily surpassing those of recent editions of the sale—some sales tables were virtually picked clean!

Enthusiastic SF/F fans perused our stock for hours, with their purchases ranging from a few paperbacks or hardcovers to armfuls of books to the always popular "Big Box Bulk Bargain"—a whole box of books for just $25! A selection of comics, graphic novels, magazines, plus a few DVDs and sci-fi plastic model kits were also available, with many of these items snapped up quickly!

MonSFFA extends a ginormous "Thank-You" to the local sci-fi community, who turned out in droves, as well as to all of the volunteers—*of course!*—who helped the club stage the sale (see "A Quick Note from MonSFFA's President," next page).

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.

MonSFFA'S 2026 HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS!

The club will celebrate the season in December with our traditional Christmas Dinner/Party on Saturday, December 5, followed by our Virtual Holiday Get-Together on Saturday, December 12. Please mark these dates in your calendars.

Christmas Dinner/Party

This year's Christmas Dinner/Party will be held at the Baton Rouge Grillhouse & Bar (Décarie), located at 5385 Rue des Jockeys, which is only a hop over from Rue Jean-Talon Ouest. The

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Fees Due Last Month, October:
BILODEAU, Patrick
FLAKOWICZ-STACHIEW, Samson
HICKEY, Mark
JED, Adam
SICHEL, Danny
TOUSIGNANT, Yves, Amber, and Faith

Fees Due This Month, November:
BOIES, Marquise
DARLING, Graham

Fees Due Next Month, December:
TERREAULT, Carly

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:

MonSFFA, c/o
29 Harold
Kirkland, Québec, Canada
H9J 1R7

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No. & Street/N° et Rue **Apt./App.** **City/Ville**

_____ **E-MAIL/COURRIEL:**_____
Province **Postal Code/Code Postal**

INTERESTS/INTERETS:_____

restaurant is just a short walk across the Décarie Expressway trench from the Namur Metro Station, and is part of a shopping and dining "village" near the old Blue Bonnets/Hippodrome site. Nearby, within view, is the distinctive Gibeau Orange Julep dome.

And so, with our best wishes of the festive season extended to all, MonSFFA formally invites its members, their families, and the club's friends to our 2026 Christmas Dinner/Party.

We will gather at 6:00PM on Saturday evening, December 5, at the aforementioned Bâton Rouge Grillhouse & Bar (Décarie).

For those driving to our dinner/party, note that free parking is available in front of and around the restaurant.

In keeping with our tradition, we will celebrate the season over dinner and drinks, and hold our traditional fund-raising Christmas-gift raffle—tickets are only $1.00 each, so buy a bunch, and the gift-wrapped prizes are plentiful, as always!

Do join us for an evening of camaraderie and good cheer!

Virtual Holiday Get-Together

We will also celebrate the season online, via our familiar ZOOM-chat! If you're out of town or otherwise unable to attend the dinner/party, we would be pleased to welcome you to our Virtual Holiday Get-Together the following weekend, on Saturday afternoon, December 12, from 1:00PM-4:00PM.

We'll gather virtually on ZOOM to simply exchange season's greetings, raise a glass in celebration, enjoy each other's company, and the good cheer engendered by this particular time of year!

A QUICK NOTE FROM MonSFFA'S PRESIDENT

On Saturday afternoon, October 17, MonSFFA opened the doors to the 2026 edition of the club's Super Sci-Fi Book Sale. We are currently reviewing our records of the day, but it's safe to say that the ultimate accounting will confirm this year's final sales figure as, historically, among the event's top tallies, and quite possibly our most rewarding yet! Suffice it so say that the club's 2026 book sale was a great success in terms of revenues, attendance (we haven't seen such a turn-out since before the pandemic!), interest in our club, and even our soundtrack of eclectic sci-fi and Halloween music, about which we received numerous compliments! We were thrilled to spend the afternoon with so many, *many* club members and friends, old and new.

So, I wanted to extend a great big **THANK-YOU** to all who attended, made purchases, and inquired about, or joined the club! This sale helps to fund the year-long operations of MonSFFA, and we greatly appreciate the bucks that, metaphorically speaking, keep Buck Rogers flying. We hope you all enjoyed the event, and found that particular genre treasure for which you've been looking. Now, crack the spine and get to your reading, folks!

Finally, I wish to also offer a special tip of the hat to the many volunteers, club members as well as friends of the club, who tirelessly helped us to stage this sale. I salute our team of drivers, who transported hundreds upon hundreds *upon hundreds* of books to and from the downtown sale site; our loading/unloading crew, who heaved and carted many weighty boxes of books for the cause; our set-up people, who sorted through all the books, comics and magazines, set up our sales tables, and repacked remaining stock at the end of the day; our cashiers, who were kept busy *all* afternoon; those club members who prepared and distributed advertising material for us in advance of the sale; and the Nouvel Hotel staffers who assisted us, day-of, to insure the smooth operation of our event. And of course, last but certainly not least, thanks to those club members and friends who donated books, comics, and magazines to the book sale!

Without the invaluable efforts of all of these people, the Super Sci-Fi Book Sale simply would not be possible! ***THANK-YOU*** all!

NO IMPULSE NEXT MONTH

The news bulletin you are now reading has been designated our November-December 2026 issue, therefore, please note that *Impulse* will not publish next month, December. Publication resumes in the New Year with our January 2027 issue.

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

With this 2026's last issue of *Impulse*, we take the opportunity to proffer to club members, their families, and friends of the club this early wish for the very best of the festive season. And a Happy New Year, too!



MonSFFA's 2026 Super Sci-Fi Book Sale drew a large crowd of SF/F booklovers, the most seen since before the pandemic! (Photos by Keith Braithwaite)



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