Welcome to Archon 43! We’re so glad you’re here!
Here are some things to know:

- **Grenadine Mobile App:** Try our programming mobile app! In the Apple or Google Play Store, search for “Event Guide”. Download and install it using the access code ARCHON43. From there, you can view the entire Archon 43 schedule, build and save your own personal schedule of items you’d like to attend, and receive notifications for any last-minute programming changes. Welcome to the world of tomorrow!

- **Venues:** Events are held at both the Gateway Center and the Doubletree Hotel. Each event listing has the venue specified. If you’re not sure where to go, the folks at Con HQ can help!

- **Autographs:** Our Guests of Honor have designated autograph times which are noted on the schedule. If you desire an autograph from one of our other Pro Guests, check to see if they are scheduled for signing times.

- **Special Needs Seating for Masquerade:** If you have any special needs that require accommodation for you to be seated or sit comfortably at the Masquerade, please go to Con HQ in the Gateway Center and fill out a form. Special needs include but are not limited to physical issues such as hearing impairment, vision impairment, use of a cane or wheelchair, as well as families with children in strollers. **Forms must be filled out and turned in to Con HQ by 2 pm on Saturday, October 5th.**

- **Children’s Programming:** The Children’s Programming Schedule begins on page 44 of this program. All children’s programming is located in Salon 5.

- **E-Copy of Paper Pocket Program:** Scan here
Quick Reference Guide

Art Auction
Great Rivers / Ballroom A
Gateway Center
Sat. 4:30pm

Art Show
Great Rivers / Ballroom A
Gateway Center
Fri. 11:00am – Midnight
Sat. 10:30am – 3:00pm
Sun. 10:30am – Noon

Charity Auction
Great Rivers / Ballroom A
Gateway Center
Sat. 12:00pm

Children’s Programming
Salon 5
Gateway Center
Fri. 3:00pm – 9:50pm
Sat. 10:00am – 6:00pm
Sun. 10:00am – 1:50pm

Con HQ
North Hall
Gateway Center
Fri. 9:00am – Midnight
Sat. 9:00am – Midnight
Sun. 10:00am – 5:00pm

Dance
Madison C&D
Doubletree Hotel
Fri. 9:00pm – 3:00am
Sat. 9:00pm – 3:00am

Dealer’s Room
Center Hall A
Gateway Center
Fri. 4:00pm – 8:00pm
Sat. 10:00am – 6:00pm
Sun. 10:00am – 2:00pm

Gaming Registration HQ
North Hall
Gateway Center
Fri. Noon – 10:00pm
Sat. 9:00am – 10:00pm
Sun. 10:00am – 1:00pm

Gaming – Doubletree Hotel
Madison A&B
Open Gaming: 24 Hours
Board Game Library:
Fri. 1:00pm – 1:00am
Sat. 9:00am – 10:00pm
Sun. 10:00am – 2:00pm

Hospitality
Clinton A&B
Doubletree Hotel
Fri. 10:00am – 2:30am
Sat. 10:00am – 2:30am
Sun. 10:00am – 4:00pm

Masquerade
Center Hall B
Gateway Center
Sat. 8:00pm
Seating begins at 7:20pm

Models & Miniature Contest
Entry Check In
Great Rivers / Ballroom A
Gateway Center
Fri. 7:00pm – midnight
Sat. 10:30am – noon

Registration
Rotunda
Gateway Center
Fri. 9:00am – 11:45pm
Sat. 9:00am – 11:45pm
Sun. 9:00am – 2:00pm

Volunteer HQ
West Box Office
Gateway Center
Friday

12:00 pm

End of the Line: When TV Shows Finish

GENERAL

What do we do when we finish a series? Which series should we start with next? How do we handle the horrible endings that become of our favorite shows?

Jan DiMasi (M), Meg Elison, Cynthia/ Celine Chatillon, Jimmy D. Gillentine

Salon 4 - Gateway Center 12:00 PM

1:00 pm

Reboot, Reboot, Reboot!!

GENERAL

Have we run out of original ideas? Or are we so stuck in the past that we wish to relive it? Let's talk about what reboots have worked and what have not.

Tom Stockman (M), Paul Hahn, Jim Yelton, Jack Snyder, Van Allen Plexico

Salon 4 - Gateway Center 1:00 PM

2:00 pm

The Importance of Being Right

FANDOM

We've all been there when a fan can't let go. Why do we place "being right" over human connection?

Ethan Nahté (M), Dr. Jack Glassman Ph.D., Zo Allen

Illini A - Gateway Center 2:00 PM

Creative Streaming for Twitch

MEDIA, GOH

As a Twitch Affiliate and live streamer since April 2016 I am a seasoned streamer, streaming over 20 hours weekly I know everything from Stream Set-up to how to deal with the hardest build all LIVE. This panel will help you with creating a fun live streaming atmosphere as well as everything you need to know behind the scenes.

Casey Renee (M)

Marquette B - Gateway Center 2:00 PM
A Second Chance in Comic Books

GENERAL

What favorite TV shows have lived on through comic books? Is this a good way to continue the stories?

Robert Kemp (M), R.J. Carter, Thomas Stratman, Mike Cole

Salon 4 - Gateway Center
2:00 PM

James Bond Anniversaries!

MEDIA

This year is the anniversary of the movies On Her Majesty's Secret Service, Moonraker, Licence to Kill, and The World is Not Enough. How different are these movies and Bonds?

Van Allen Plexico (M), Patricia McFadden, Les Roth, Jack Snyder

Salon 6 - Gateway Center
2:00 PM

3:00 pm

Creating With a Deadline

ARTIST, GOH

Friday

Some people thrive on time pressures, others find it stifling or even disabling. Some of our professionals discuss how they deal with it.

Brent Chumley (M), Nora Mai, Robert Kemp, Mitchell Bentley

Illini A - Gateway Center
3:00 PM

Writing With a Deadline

AUTHOR - CRAFT

Some people thrive on time pressures, others find it stifling or even disabling. Some of our professionals discuss how they deal with it.

Rachel Neumeier (M), Shawntelle Madison, Richard White, Kathryn Sullivan, Brian Katcher

Marquette A - Gateway Center
3:00 PM

Costuming on the Cheap

COSTUMING

Haven't got a lot of money, but still want to look fabulous? Our pros share their tips and tricks!

Pierre Pettinger Jr, Sandy Pettinger, Linda Wyatt, Rhiannon Gonzalez (M)

Marquette B - Gateway Center
3:00 PM
Friday

That’s The Way It Should Have Been

GENERAL

Historical Fiction, Time Travel and Alternate History, how are they different and how do they overlap?

_Cynthianna/ Celine Chatillon (M), Adrian Matthews, Les Haven_

Salon 4 - Gateway Center
3:00 PM

Still Worthy: The Evolution of the Cinematic Thor

MEDIA

Thor’s character has changed the most during his movie appearances. Has this been for better or for worse? Why Thor?

_Tracy Morris (M), Douglas Ferguson, Jimmy D. Gillentine_

Salon 6 - Gateway Center
3:00 PM

4:00 pm
The Viability of Being an Artist

ARTIST, GOH

Can art be a viable career in today’s world?

_Author - Craft_

4:00 pm

Writing Alternate History: If This, Then What?!?

_Author - Craft_

What if they’d killed Hitler in one of the assassination attempts? What if Hannibal and his elephants had frozen in the Alps, and never made it to Rome? What if the Catholics had never gained a hold on 11th-Century Spain? There are so many turning points available to the alternate historian! How can we extrapolate what would have changed, as a result of these or others—not just

Jan Gephardt Sherrell (M), Anna Mulch, Keri Goble Billick, Mitchell Bentley, Mike Cole

Illini A - Gateway Center
4:00 PM

The Annual Mad Scientists’ Tea Party

Ahead Full Steam! Wear your best Steampunk finery or grubby engine room attire and refresh yourself with an assortment of exotic teas, tasty nibbles, and delightful conversation.

Madison C & D - DoubleTree - Collinsville
4:00 PM

The Viability of Being an Artist

ARTIST, GOH

Can art be a viable career in today’s world?
politically, but in terms of culture, commerce, and daily life? Where do you begin? How does one decide where to focus, when constructing an alternate history and what to set aside? What is the range of aspects must you consider? And what (if anything) would stay the same?

Walt Boyes (M), Michales Joy, Donna J. W. Munro, Dave Schroeder, Tracy Morris

Marquette A - Gateway Center 4:00 PM

Posing for Photography

COSTUMING, GOH

Posing for Photography is an opportunity to showcase your costume or cosplay skills. Learn how to get comfortable in front of the camera and how to find a good photographer.

Ariana Bauer (M), Pierre Pettinger Jr, Sandy Pettinger, Casey Renee

Marquette B - Gateway Center 4:00 PM

Does Science Fiction Still Inspire People?

AUTHOR - FAN

Does Science Fiction Still Inspire People? What current SF books or media may inspire the next generation of scientists?

Keith Stokes, Mark Tiedemann, Kathryn Sullivan (M), Joy Ward

Salon 1 - Gateway Center 4:00 PM

How to Find a Good Editor

AUTHOR - CRAFT

How to Find a Good Editor? Editors can make a mediocre story great, but how do you even find one?

Elizabeth Donald, Adrian Matthews, Sela Carsen (M), David Benem, Thomas Carpenter

Salon 2 - Gateway Center 4:00 PM

Views of the Afterlife

GENERAL

Views of the Afterlife? TV shows like The Good Place and Lucifer present nuanced and fresh ideas about the afterlife. Discuss these ideas and other unusual views of the afterlife.

Meg Elison (M), Les Roth, Thomas Stratman, Kasey Mackenzie

Salon 4 - Gateway Center 4:00 PM
Were We Wrong About Star Trek: Discovery?

MEDIA

Two Seasons and several Short Treks later, has opinion changed about the direction CBS is taking our beloved franchise?

Paul Hahn (M), Dave Creek, Matthew Edward Munro Wagenblast

Salon 6 - Gateway Center 4:00 PM

5:00 pm

Art Demo with William Hodgson

READING / SIGNING / ART DEMO

William Hodgson (M)

Illini A - Gateway Center 5:00 PM

Collaboration with Other Authors

AUTHOR - CRAFT, GOH

Writing one story with others can be a great way to unlock new creative ideas. Come hear more about the collaborative process.

Friday

Cynthianna/ Celine Chatillon (M), Angie Fox, Jack Snyder, Ty Franck, Daniel Abraham

Marquette A - Gateway Center 5:00 PM

Focus on Fit: Stretch and Body Con Costuming

COSTUMING

Fitting for stretch and body con designs is different than in non-stretch fabrics. Learn how to get better results with stretch fabrics through tips and tricks.

Ariana Bauer (M)

Marquette B - Gateway Center 5:00 PM

Animal Traits Straight Out of Science Fiction

SCIENCE

Find out about traits that some animals have evolved that are so crazy they seem to come from a science fiction story!

Rachel Neumeier (M), Joy Ward, Bob Perry

Salon 1 - Gateway Center 5:00 PM
Friday

Is 1984 The Most '80s Year in Movies Ever?

MEDIA

So many of our favorite pop culture and science fiction and fantasy movies were released in 1984. How did this year produce so many awesome movies?

Jim Yelton (M), Wyatt Weed, Van Allen Plexico

Salon 2 - Gateway Center
5:00 PM

Why Do Stories of Children Captivate Us?

GENERAL

It, Harry Potter, Stranger Things, etc. Stories about children grab our attention. Is it good writing or nostalgia?

Jan Gephardt Sherrell (M), Robin Wayne Bailey, Judi Cook

Salon 4 - Gateway Center
5:00 PM

Best 2000s and '90s SF TV Shows

MEDIA

Farscape, Firefly, Babylon 5, Battlestar Galactica, Andromeda, and more! Which were groundbreaking and which do we miss the most?

R.J. Carter (M), Jan DiMasi, Kasey Mackenzie, Donald Price

Salon 6 - Gateway Center
5:00 PM

6:00 pm

Opening Ceremonies

GOH

Center Hall B - Gateway Center
6:00 PM

SLUGs LARP: Alpha Complex Pre-Game Meeting

GAMING

Welcome to Alpha Complex, humanity’s safe refuge from the great (REDACTED) that befell the Earth (CLASSIFIED) years ago. Administered flawlessly by the benevolent, logical and friendly computer, all of mankind’s needs are provided for and happiness is abundant (and mandatory.) Even death isn’t the disadvantage that it once was, for now citizens have backup clones incase any unfortunate event were to destroy, eviscerate, incinerate or violently explode one’s body. Any rumors of civil unrest, food shortages, radioactive contamination, rampant mutations, secret societies,
human experimentation are completely unfounded and untrue. Especially anything to do with the vile Communist and their October Revolution. But if you were to witness such issues, please immediately contact the Friendly Computer so that it may dispatch a helpful troubleshooter team to rectify the situation, sanitize the area and eliminate any witnesses. Come join us this year in the dystopian world of Paranoia, a game that’s name basically says it all. Trust no one.

Salon 2 - Gateway Center 6:00 PM

**7:00 pm**

**Masquerade Tech Rehearsal**

Closed session.

Center Hall B - Gateway Center 7:00 PM

**How to Create A Superhero Universe from Scratch**

AUTHOR - CRAFT

So you want to create a new superhero universe, but don’t know where to start or what elements you need to consider. Our pros help you out!

Friday

Van Allen Plexico (M), Jim Yelton, Tracy Morris, Christine Amsden

Marquette A - Gateway Center 7:00 PM

**End of an Era: The Big Bang Theory**

MEDIA

How did the series help or hurt the portrayal of fans?

Jan DiMasi (M), Linda Wyatt, Deborah Millitello

Marquette B - Gateway Center 7:00 PM

**Filk Concert: Magical Wanderings**

FILK

Mark Ewbank and Valerie Ritchie.

Mississippian - Gateway Center 7:00 PM

**Diversity and Comics**

GENERAL

Why have some rallied against new, diverse characters, when this isn't truly a new phenomenon? Iron Heart is pushing it, but War Machine is cool?
Friday

King Kong – The 8th Wonder of the World

MEDIA

The 8th Wonder of the World – A panel discussing the great movie giant in anticipation of his upcoming bi-screen battle with Godzilla!

Tom Stockman (M)

Salon 6 - Gateway Center
7:00 PM

8:00 pm

Author Reading with Deborah Millitello, and Donna J.W. Munro

READING / SIGNING / ART DEMO

Deborah Millitello, Donna J. W. Munro

Cahokian (Authorquarium) - Gateway Center
8:00 PM

Hallway Costume Contest

If you would like to enter the contest, come in costume to our photo area in the foyer of the DoubleTree on Friday night between 8:00pm and 10:30pm to have your entry photo taken. The winning costume will receive a free membership to Archon 44.
Friday

Lobby Foyer - DoubleTree - Collinsville
8:00 PM

The Curse of Mary Sue

AUTHOR - CRAFT, GOH

How to break free of stereotypes in your writing.

*Marella Sands (M), Sela Carsen, Ty Franck, Daniel Abraham, Karen Chance*

Marquette A - Gateway Center
8:00 PM

Publish Your Book (Without Spending a Fortune!)

AUTHOR - CRAFT

*Steven M. Thomas (M)*

Marquette B - Gateway Center
8:00 PM

Animation 101

MEDIA

Ever wanted to make your own anime or cartoon but not sure where to start? Animation Professor/ Animator, Neko Pilarcik-Tellez, will give you an overview the tools and technology you'll need PLUS a demonstration of animation techniques.

Neko Pilarcik-Tellez (M)

Salon 4 - Gateway Center
8:00 PM

After the Bombs

MEDIA

An overview of post-apocalyptic cinema focusing mainly on the 1980s. The presentation will be an introduction to the genre and a rundown of influential films spawned by the fear of nuclear annihilation.

*Matt Davids (M)*

Salon 6 - Gateway Center
8:00 PM

The Heroine's Journey: From Woe to Whoa

AUTHOR - FAN

A brief look at how women's role in speculative fiction has changed since Urban Fantasy began to now. From character archetypes, roles, and journeys, what changes when women write women? Focusing on early 90's to today.

*Dajuan Kinney (M), Briana Gosa Gosa, Rachael Cooper*

St. Clair A & B - DoubleTree - Collinsville
8:00 PM
8:30 pm
Filk Concert: Cheshire Moon
FILK
Eric Coleman and Lizzie Crowe, both Pegasus Award winners.
Mississippian - Gateway Center 8:30 PM

9:00 pm
How Has the Internet Changed Fandom?
FANDOM
Fandom has rapidly evolved in the last 30 years. Has the Internet been a good or bad thing?

Keith Stokes (M), Tom Meserole, Les Roth, Wyatt Weed, Judi Cook
Illini A - Gateway Center 9:00 PM

Dance
Madison C & D - DoubleTree - Collinsville 9:00 PM

Sex with a Twist
AUTHOR - CRAFT

Friday
Not your regular sex writing panel! How do you write sex between aliens, monsters, and other-worldly creatures?

Zo Allen (M), Christine Amsden, Ethan Nahté, Sela Carsen
Marquette A - Gateway Center 9:00 PM

The Annual Mad Poet Reading: Season of the Pumpkin
READING / SIGNING / ART DEMO
Listen to Joey Froehlich, The Mad Poet, read selections of his mad poetry. Highly recommended and highly unique!

Joey Froehlich (M)
Marquette B - Gateway Center 9:00 PM

Gunshot Wounds and You
GENERAL
Are you a author who wishes to make the immediate treatment of a gunshot wound believable in their story? Are you a concerned citizen who wants to know what to do if something terrible happens? This class will focus on how to provide immediate life saving measures to a gunshot wound victim for
the layperson. No medical experience necessary.

Kevin Hammel (M)

Salon 4 - Gateway Center
9:00 PM

Trending: Geek Life

GENERAL

Thanks to the large popularity of hit TV shows such as Big Bang Theory and Stranger Things, being a geek is in. What does that mean for fandom?

E Susan Baugh, Rhiannon Gonzalez (M), Matthew Edward Munro Wagenblast

Salon 6 - Gateway Center
9:00 PM

9:30 pm

Filk Concert: Ars Arcanum

FILK

Mississippian - Gateway Center
9:30 PM

10:00 pm

Open Filk

FILK
Saturday

10:00 am  
Lasalle - Gateway Center  
10:00 AM

**Autograph Session with Robin Wayne Bailey and Sela Carsen**

READING / SIGNING / ART DEMO

Robin Wayne Bailey, Sela Carsen

Cahokian (Authorquarium) - Gateway Center  
10:00 AM

**Conveying Emotions Through Art**

ARTIST, GOH

Emotions can be difficult, so our pros share their advice on how to bring them through in their art.

Anna Mulch (M), Keri Goble Billick, William Hodgson, Mitchell Bentley, Rachael Mayo

Illini A - Gateway Center  
10:00 AM

**St. Louis Legend - Vincent Price**

MEDIA

A panel to discuss the great horror actor born and raised in St. Louis.

Tom Stockman (M)

10:00 am  
Madison C & D - DoubleTree - Collinsville  
10:00 AM

**Audiobooks for Authors on a Budget**

AUTHOR - CRAFT

It's easier than you think to join publishing's fastest growing segment! Learn how to find the perfect narrator/producer and ways to promote your audiobook.

Jennifer Lynn (M), T.W. Fendley, Debbie Manber Kupfer, Steven M. Thomas

**Preparing for Cosplay Competition**

COSTUMING, GOH

Come hear Casey Renee's tips on competing in costume/Cosplay contests, her experiences competing and winning in Cosplay competitions (7 awards under her belt!), plus Anime vs Comic Con contests.

Casey Renee (M)

Marquette A - Gateway Center  
10:00 AM
The Most Difficult Thing About Cosplay

COSTUMING

Have you ever felt discouraged or frustrated while cosplaying? You are not alone. Don’t miss this dynamic conversation with Iso Rivers as she shares with you what almost 300 cosplayers have told her is the most difficult thing for them about cosplaying and how to overcome them.

Iso Rivers (M)
Marquette B - Gateway Center
10:00 AM

My Fandom is the Best

FANDOM

Make your case why your fandom is the best and should be respected.

Jan DiMasi (M), Dr. Mike Phoenix, Jimmy D. Gillentine, Nicholas Kirschman
Salon 1 - Gateway Center
10:00 AM

The Men Who Sold the Worlds: Designing and Selling New RPG Systems/Modules

GAMING

From its earliest days, tabletop gaming has been infused with the DIY spirit. Today, there are more ways than ever to create, promote, and sell new role playing systems, as well as content for existing games. Gamemasters: join this group of game designers as they discuss tools and strategies for monetizing something you’d be doing anyway—building exciting adventures in amazing new worlds!

Luke Smith (M), Chris Sagovac, Steve Bruns, Michael Breault
Salon 2 - Gateway Center
10:00 AM

Problematic Characters

GENERAL, GOH

Does it affect your enjoyment when your favorites do bad things? The Joker murders innocents, but does he cross a thematic line when he abuses Harley?

Prof Daniel Yezbick (M), Ethan Nahté, Michael Babbitt, Caroline Spector
Salon 4 - Gateway Center
10:00 AM
Saturday

Art on the Moon

The #dearMoon project is going to send artists around the Moon to communicate the beauty of the Moon and space exploration. But what if you LIVED ON the Moon? What types of art could you do with the materials on the Moon? This art demo uses chemicals found on the Moon to paint on glass and “cement board.” Using Water Glass and mineral pigments, Moon Village enthusiast Christine Nobbe will attempt to create a piece of art.

Christine Nobbe (M)
Salon 6 - Gateway Center
10:00 AM

Jules Verne, A Writer’s Guide to Imagination and Exploration

AUTHOR - FAN

Follow Jules Verne on his journeys. Poe and Dumas were his inspiration as to style, but the science, imagination, adventure, and camaraderie were all his!

Ronald R. Van Stockum Jr. (M)
St. Clair A & B - DoubleTree - Collinsville
10:00 AM

11:00 am

Autograph Session with Donna J.W. Munro and M.R. Sellars

READING / SIGNING / ART DEMO

Donna J. W. Munro, M. R. Sellars
Cahokian (Authorquarium) - Gateway Center
11:00 AM

The Wonderful World of Prismacolor Pencils

ARTIST

After almost 30 years of using Prismacolors, artist Rodney Eaton shares his many decades of experience in the medium, from beginner to seasoned vet. Tips and tricks on materials, techniques and preserving your color pencil art.

Rodney Eaton (M)
Illini A - Gateway Center
11:00 AM

Film Screening: The Last in Line

MEDIA

Twelve seasoned men and women are on the run. They find brief sanctuary in a barn in the
middle of an Ardenian forest. Surrounded by enemies on all sides, they must survive until dawn when they can make a break for the safety of the borderlands. Attacked through the night by Nosck warblades, Samada skydancers, and Ardenian rangers, the odds are impossible. These men and women are some of the most elite warriors the northern kingdoms have seen in ages and by all the gods and the seven hells, if anyone can survive this, they will or they will die trying. And many will indeed die before the night bleeds away into morning light...Due to language, the film is recommended for ages 13+. Followed by a Q&A with the director, Michael Babbitt.

Michael Babbitt (M), Krista Babbitt
Lasalle - Gateway Center 11:00 AM

Superheroes: Modern Myths?
GENERAL, GOH

Millennia ago people passed around stories of gods and mortals. Are superheroes a modern day continuation?

R.J. Carter (M), Robert Kemp, Matthew Edward Munro Wagenblast, Caroline Spector, Edward Wilson

Saturday

Madison C & D - DoubleTree - Collinsville 11:00 AM

Pumping Iron: Writing Exercises
AUTHOR - CRAFT

Having trouble with writer's block? Our pros share writing prompts to help get the words flowing!

Brian Katcher (M), Mark Tiedemann, Shawntelle Madison, Karen Chance, Howard Andrew Jones

Marquette A - Gateway Center 11:00 AM

The Emergence of Cosplay Over Costuming
COSTUMING

What are the differences? Is Costuming being forgotten? What other issues are there?

Bruce Mai (M), Nora Mai, Sandy Pettinger, Pierre Pettinger Jr

Marquette B - Gateway Center 11:00 AM

NewSpace: Commercial Space in the Modern Era
SCIENCE
Commercial companies have supported NASA from the beginning of the Space Age. Now NewSpace companies ARE the Space Age. Find out how NewSpace will help us land the first woman on the Moon in 2024.

Christine Nobbe (M), Nicholas Kirschman, Dr. Jack Glassman Ph.D.

Salon 1 - Gateway Center
11:00 AM

Role-playing Game Self-publishing 101

GAMING

Have you ever wanted to publish your own tabletop role-playing game? This seminar will teach you the basics of self-publishing your own RPG. Topics will include software recommendations and helpful tips on keeping costs low, plus marketing hints.

Matt Davids (M)

Salon 2 - Gateway Center
11:00 AM

The Work Of AGoH
Mitchell Bentley

ARTIST, GOH

Mitchell Bentley, our Artist Guest of Honor, shares his work and experiences.

Saturday

Mitchell Bentley

Salon 4 - Gateway Center
11:00 AM

Avengers: End Game, or The Movie to End All Movies

MEDIA

What did you think of the MCU's titanic sequel to Avengers: Infinity War. Did it deliver? Did you go to the bathroom?

Van Allen Plexico (M), Jim Yelton, Marella Sands, Donald Price, Mike Cole

Salon 6 - Gateway Center
11:00 AM

The Expanse: Finishing the Series

AUTHOR - FAN

The final book is coming out next year. Let's discuss the events of Tiamat's Wrath and what we think is in store for us in the last book!

Keri Goble Billick, Mark Rowley (M), Kevin Hammel

St. Clair A & B - DoubleTree - Collinsville
11:00 AM
Saturday

12:00 pm

**Autograph Session with Angie Fox and Jimmy D. Gillentine**

READING / SIGNING / ART DEMO

*Angie Fox, Jimmy D. Gillentine*

Cahokian (Authorquarium) - Gateway Center
12:00 PM

**Charity Auction**

The Archon 43 Charity Auction benefits The Challenger Learning Center. The auction will be preceded by a short talk about their mission.

Great Rivers A - Gateway Center
12:00 PM

**Dragons!**

GENERAL

A look at these awesome mythological creatures, and their origins in the East and West.

*Rachel Neumeier (M), Dave Schroeder, Rachael Mayo*

Illini A - Gateway Center
12:00 PM

12:00 pm

**Science Fiction vs. Fantasy**

GENERAL

Usually lumped into one, but which one is actually more popular? Is it cyclical?

*Joey Froehlich (M), Tom Meserole, Rich Horton, Benjamin C. Kinney*

Madison C & D - DoubleTree - Collinsville
12:00 PM

**Writing and Publishing Tools, Tips, and Tricks**

AUTHOR - CRAFT

Everything from websites, software, and more to help you in your publishing career

*Kasey Mackenzie (M), Shawntelle Madison, Zo Allen, David Benem*

Marquette A - Gateway Center
12:00 PM

**Making Costumes for Kids**

COSTUMING

Do you struggle to find resources to create costumes for kids? Learn tips and trick for working with patterns for kids and how to translate adult patterns into kids clothes.
Saturday

12:00 PM

Reading with GoH
James S.A. Corey (Ty Franck and Daniel Abraham)
READING / SIGNING / ART DEMO, GOH
Daniel Abraham, Ty Franck
Salon 4 - Gateway Center
12:00 PM

Will the Robots Rebel?
SCIENCE
It's a popular plot device, but what's the likelihood of this actually happening?
Jan Gephardt Sherrell (M), Bob Perry, Dr. Jack Glassman Ph.D.
Salon 1 - Gateway Center
12:00 PM

Let's Go See the Wizard!
MEDIA
The Wizard of Oz is 80 years old this year! Why is this movie so timeless? Why is the movie more popular than the book today?
Prof Daniel Yezbick (M), Meg Elison, Angela Williams, Joy Ward, Sherri Dean
Salon 6 - Gateway Center
12:00 PM

Writing Mental Illness
AUTHOR - CRAFT
Characters reflect real life, and sometimes are mentally ill. Writers discuss the challenges and benefits of creating mentally ill characters.
Cole Gibsen (M), M. R. Sellars, Christine Amsden, Thomas Stratman
Salon 2 - Gateway Center
Saturday

St. Clair A & B - DoubleTree - Collinsville
12:00 PM

12:30 pm

Mandatory Masquerade Meeting

Center Hall B - Gateway Center
12:30 PM

1:00 pm

Author Reading with
Robin Wayne Bailey, Tracy Morris, and Thomas Stratman

READING / SIGNING / ART DEMO

Robin Wayne Bailey, Tracy Morris, Thomas Stratman

Cahokian (Authorquarium) - Gateway Center
1:00 PM

Bright Colors!

ARTIST

I have bright colors and I'm not afraid to use them!

Jan Gephardt Sherrell (M), Rachael Mayo, Allison Stein

Illini A - Gateway Center
1:00 PM

Searching for Markets and Writing to Them

AUTHOR - CRAFT

An explanation of how writers find markets, build up a pro career, get paid to write (even if it is just a bit).

Elizabeth Donald, Thomas Carpenter, Brock J. Hanke, Kasey Mackenzie (M), Benjamin C. Kinney

Marquette A - Gateway Center
1:00 PM

Making and Wearing Corsetry

COSTUMING, GOH

Our pros share their advice on making and wearing corsets.

Nora Mai (M), Casey Renee

Marquette B - Gateway Center
1:00 PM

Performance Seminar

FILK

Will provide a basic understanding of what you need to do and how you need to do it when you are performing in public, particularly for those who are new to it.

Mississippian - Gateway Center
1:00 PM
43 New Discoveries Since Archon 42

Our annual update on the top 43 discoveries in physics, astronomy, and mathematics for the past year. Witness the ideas, photos, and concepts that are driving the scientific debate about space and the nature of the universe.

Christine Nobbe (M), Nicholas Kirschman

Salon 1 - Gateway Center
1:00 PM

LARPing 101

Do you like playing video games, table top games, and/or hanging out with friends? Not sure what LARPing is or if it's the thing for you? Come to this panel and find out!

Sahil Vaid (M), Kaylah Crepps, Twyla Miller, Micah Stancliff

Salon 2 - Gateway Center
1:00 PM

The Past is the Present

Nostalgia is becoming a huge selling point for a lot of companies right now. Disney is remaking the animated classics, clothing stores are reintroducing classic styles and old school snacks are becoming a hit. Are we as a society too stuck in the past? Can we move forward into new and better ideas?

Rhiannon Gonzalez (M), Kristin Bailey, Marella Sands

Salon 4 - Gateway Center
1:00 PM

Phase 4 of the MCU

How do they even go on after Avengers: End Game?

David VonAllmen (M), Robert Kemp, Prof Daniel Yezbick, Matthew Edward Munro Wagenblast

Salon 6 - Gateway Center
1:00 PM

Young Adult Books: Not Just For Teens Anymore (or Ever?)

You've walked past the teen section so many times, and you see book titles that you're almost interested in. But are you too old to enjoy such fantasies?
Saturday

Lets talk about how you're never too old to read these titles.

Rachel Neumeier (M), Donna J. W. Munro, Michales Joy, Cole Gibsen, Deborah Millitello

St. Clair A & B - DoubleTree - Collinsville
1:00 PM

2:00 pm

Autograph Session with Brian Katcher and Richard White

READING / SIGNING / ART DEMO

Brian Katcher, Richard White

Cahokian (Authorquarium) - Gateway Center
2:00 PM

When to Finish Your Art

ARTIST

How our pros stop overthinking their artwork.

William Hodgson, Robert Kemp, Keri Goble Billick, Anna Mulch (M), Craig Skaggs

Illini A - Gateway Center
2:00 PM

Say No To The Crud

FANDOM

Savvy congoers provide tips for enjoying conventions while avoiding the dreaded Con Crud when you get home.

Jan DiMasi (M), Judi Cook, Allison Stein, Sherri Dean

Lasalle - Gateway Center
2:00 PM

The Devil's in the...: Adding Depth to Your World with Detail

AUTHOR - CRAFT, GOH

How can details make your world seem more polished and engaging?

David VonAllmen (M), Dave Schroeder, Karen Chance, Ty Franck, Shawntelle Madison

Marquette A - Gateway Center
2:00 PM

Bought vs. Made Costumes

COSTUMING, GOH

Is one better than the other? Or are they both good ways to explore your favorite characters?

Ariana Bauer (M), Nora Mai, Casey Renee, Bruce Mai, Pierre Pettinger Jr
Saturday

**One Shot Performances**

**FILK**

Don't have a full set together but have a single you'd like to perform in public? Sign up for a One-Shot Performance! Will be similar to a coffee house-type venue. A sign up sheet will be provided and it will be first come, first served.

**Mississippian - Gateway Center**

2:00 PM

**The 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing**

**SCIENCE**

How did this momentous event change America?

*Christine Nobbe (M), Dr. Jack Glassman Ph.D., Bob Perry*

**Salon 1 - Gateway Center**

2:00 PM

**How to Effectively Research**

**AUTHOR - CRAFT**

We all know that researching for your writing can be a daunting task. Our authors discuss how they tackle research.

**Science Fiction in Comics**

**GENERAL**

From Buck Rogers to Guardians of the Galaxy, a discussion of sf favorites and little known gems.

*Dr. Mike Phoenix (M), Van Allen Plexico, Edward Wilson, Brock J. Hanke*

**Salon 4 - Gateway Center**

2:00 PM

**The Expanse: Season 4**

**MEDIA**

Revived from the ashes! What do we hope to see this season on a new network with their second chance?

*Paul Hahn (M), Adrian Matthews, Douglas Ferguson*

**Salon 6 - Gateway Center**

2:00 PM
Small Press and Self Published Works, How Do You Find The Good Stuff?

AUTHOR - FAN

You can find hundreds of e-books for a dollar or even free on Amazon and other platforms. Conventions are full of authors selling their own books in dealers’ rooms. And you’ve still got your established favorites. With so many choices, how can readers decide the best place to spend their dollars?

Walt Boyes (M), David Benem, Linda Wyatt

St. Clair A & B - DoubleTree - Collinsville 2:00 PM

3:00 pm

Author Reading with Sela Carsen, Meg Elison, and Ethan Nahté

READING / SIGNING / ART DEMO

Sela Carsen, Meg Elison, Ethan Nahté

Cahokian (Authorquarium) - Gateway Center 3:00 PM

Art Demo with John Kaufmann

READING / SIGNING / ART DEMO

John Kaufmann (M)

Illini A - Gateway Center 3:00 PM

Sassy and Smart Women of SFF

GENERAL

The women of your favorite franchises, what makes them great and how do they help elevate their universes?

Tracy Morris (M), Cynthianna/Celine Chatillon, Joy Ward, Sherri Dean

Lasalle - Gateway Center 3:00 PM

Short Story Writing For Beginners

AUTHOR - CRAFT

Tips on basic story structure, characters, etc. from folks who have sold short fiction.

Michales Joy (M), Angie Fox, Dave Creek, Elizabeth Donald

Marquette A - Gateway Center 3:00 PM
Saturday

Focus on Fit: Fitting the Bust

COSTUMING

Learn tips and tricks to help you get a better fit around your bust. Whether you need to enlarge or reduce - learn simple ways to modify patterns and work your mock-ups so you look amazing in your costumes.

*Ariana Bauer (M)*

Marquette B - Gateway Center
3:00 PM

Filk Concert: Cathy MacManamon

FILK

Mississippian - Gateway Center
3:00 PM

Mistakes, We’ve Made A Few

FANDOM

Con running, programming and room party ideas that didn’t work.

*Zo Allen (M), Les Haven, Tom Meserole*

Salon 1 - Gateway Center
3:00 PM

Build-A-Campaign Workshop: How to

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Create an Epic RPG Storyline

GAMING

As a GM, would you like to see your players become personally invested in an adventure beyond simply racking up experience points and collecting treasure? Do you want to create an unforgettable campaign tailor-made to your players, but don’t know where to start? Join this interactive workshop as our panel walks you through the process of building an epic campaign.

*Larry Babb (M), Steve Bruns, John Henry Muhrer, Chris Sagovac, Michael Breault*

Salon 2 - Gateway Center
3:00 PM

The Evolution of the Book in Human History

GENERAL

Painting on cave walls, carving on rocks, scrolls on papyrus, printed paper, and now E-readers. How have books changed and changed?

*E Susan Baugh (M), Marella Sands, Rich Horton, Bob Perry*

Salon 4 - Gateway Center
3:00 PM
Saturday

Star Trek - The Motion Picture That Almost Wasn't

MEDIA
Join filmmaker Wyatt Weed in a look back at the trials and tribulations of Star Trek - The Motion Picture.

Wyatt Weed (M)
Salon 6 - Gateway Center
3:00 PM

Panels 101

FANDOM
How do you create or participate on a panel? How do you submit it? Come find out!

Erin McFadden (M), Patricia McFadden, Rhiannon Gonzalez
St. Clair A & B - DoubleTree - Collinsville
3:00 PM

4:00 pm

Autograph Session with Mark Tiedemann, R.J. Carter, and Deborah Millitello

READING / SIGNING / ART DEMO

Mark Tiedemann, R.J. Carter, Deborah Millitello

Cahokian (Authorquarium) - Gateway Center
4:00 PM

Mixing It Up! Creating with Mixed Media

ARTIST
How can you use mixed media to achieve the best results? Our Pros show you how!

Paul Daly, Edward Wilson, Anna Mulch (M), Tim Hutchings, Craig Skaggs
Illini A - Gateway Center
4:00 PM

Escape from Archon - An Interactive Puzzle Panel

GENERAL
The Plutonians are furious. They have heard that upstart Earthlings have downgraded their planet and they want revenge. They have traveled to our world and have infiltrated this convention. However as they are microscopic they can only communicate through a series of puzzles. Help us solve these puzzles to escape this room and save mankind!

Debbie Manber Kupfer (M), Joey Kupfer

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An Overview of the Scrivener Writing Environment

AUTHOR - CRAFT

This presentation by long-time Scrivener user and successful author Dave Schroeder provides anyone interested in the Scrivener Writing Environment with a tour of the program’s features, strengths, and weaknesses. If you’ve hit up against Microsoft Word’s limitations or if you’ve heard about Scrivener and want to learn more about it, this is the perfect presentation for you. New Scrivener users may also learn a few tricks and tips as well.

Dave Schroeder (M)

Marquette A - Gateway Center
4:00 PM

As You Know, Bob…

AUTHOR - CRAFT

What are some creative ways to fill the reader or viewer in on background to the story?

Rachel Neumeier, David Benem, Howard Andrew Jones, M. R. Sellars, Christine Amsden (M)

Filk Concert: Court and Country

FILK

An a capella group, of whom eight are coming to Archon, and who have been performing around the country for a number of years.

Mississippian - Gateway Center
4:00 PM

Women in Spaceflight: Mercury 13 and Beyond

SCIENCE

Mercury 13 refers to a lost-in-history rogue initiative organized by a NASA consultant, Dr. Lovelace, to see if women could be astronauts. The “Mercury 13” female pilots passed the same tests at the Mercury 7 astronauts and aspired to be astronauts. See how they paved the way for the first female astronauts.

Christine Nobbe (M), Nicholas Kirschman, Cynthianna/ Celine Chatillon

Salon 1 - Gateway Center
4:00 PM
No Prep GMing: Or How I learned to Stop Worrying
and Love Random Tables

GAMING

How to run tabletop role-playing game sessions without spending hours of prep time. Tricks and tips for allowing exciting adventures to unfold at the gaming table. Updated and expanded with more practical tips.

Matt Davids (M)

Salon 2 - Gateway Center
4:00 PM

Autograph Session GoH
James S.A. Corey
(Daniel Abraham and Ty Franck)

READING / SIGNING / ART DEMO, GOH

Ty Franck, Daniel Abraham

Salon 4 - Gateway Center
4:00 PM

The Growing Star Trek Universe -- A Good or Bad Thing?

MEDIA

Star Trek has taken a new turn with the announcement of Picard. Come share your thoughts on the recent Star Trek iterations and the franchise’s future.

Paul Hahn (M), Thomas Stratman, Dave Creek

Salon 6 - Gateway Center
4:00 PM

The Great Women Authors in Science Fiction and Fantasy

AUTHOR - FAN

Discuss Butler, LeGuin, Zimmer Bradley, and more. Who should you be reading today?

Kathryn Sullivan (M), Keith Stokes, Zo Allen

St. Clair A & B - DoubleTree - Collinsville
4:00 PM

4:30 pm

Art Auction

All artwork with at least three bids goes to auction! The Art Show will remain open for one hour after the auction closes to allow for pick up by bid winners.

Great Rivers A - Gateway Center
4:30 PM
Saturday

5:00 pm

Autograph Session with Tracy Morris and Rich Horton

READING / SIGNING / ART DEMO

Tracy Morris, Rich Horton

Cahokian (Authorquarium) - Gateway Center
5:00 PM

Creating Dynamic Compositions

ARTIST

How to create a composition to draw the viewer in.

Brent Chumley (M), Edward Wilson, John Kaufmann, Craig Skaggs

Illini A - Gateway Center
5:00 PM

The Same ol' Trope and Dance

AUTHOR - CRAFT, GOH

Editors want the newest freshest story...right?

Angie Fox, Joy Ward, Benjamin C. Kinney, Meg Elison (M), Daniel Abraham

Marquette A - Gateway Center
5:00 PM

Defining and Developing Voice

AUTHOR - CRAFT

What is voice? Many writers struggle with this concept. Join our Pros as they discuss voice and how to develop it naturally.

Mark Tiedemann (M), Michales Joy, Adrian Matthews, Joey Froehlich, Thomas Carpenter

Marquette B - Gateway Center
5:00 PM

Filk Concert: Random Fractions

FILK

Our good friends out of Chicago - Cathy MacManamon, Jason Meereen Berg, and Daniel Gunderson.

Mississippian - Gateway Center
5:00 PM

The Likelihood of Aliens

SCIENCE

What is the likelihood of other lifeforms out there? We can't be the only ones, right?

Christine Nobbe (M), Walt Boyes, Kristin Bailey

Salon 1 - Gateway Center
5:00 PM
The Arsenal of Madness: Tips & Tricks for Gamemasters

GAMING

On game night, your role as the gamemaster is equal parts improv performer, statistical analyst, storyteller, and diplomat — all at once, all on the fly. It’s the best seat in the house. Join our panel of gamemasters for tips, tools and resources to help make your time at the head of the table exciting, engaging and memorable.

Luke Smith (M), Chris Sagovac, Molly Atkins, John Henry Muhrer, Michael Breault

Salon 2 - Gateway Center 5:00 PM

Have You Been Hypnotized?

GENERAL

Want to find out more about hypnotism? Come learn about it and watch a small demonstration of people in a state of hypnosis!

Bob Adams (M)

Salon 4 - Gateway Center 5:00 PM

The End of Star Wars

MEDIA

The potential end of the Skywalker saga is upon us. Can they finish it without messing it up?

Jim Yelton (M), E Susan Baugh, David VonAllmen, Donald Price

Salon 6 - Gateway Center 5:00 PM

LGBTQ+ Representation in Fandom

FANDOM

The representation is getting better, but what can happen to make it amazing and standardized across the board?

Brian Katcher (M), Robin Wayne Bailey, Jan Gephardt Sherrell

St. Clair A & B - DoubleTree - Collinsville 5:00 PM

6:00 pm

Author Reading with Howard Andrew Price, Marella Sands, and Jan Gephardt

READING / SIGNING / ART DEMO
Saturday

Howard Andrew Jones, Marella Sands, Jan Gephartd Sherrell

Cahokian (Authorquarium) - Gateway Center
6:00 PM

My Inspiration

ARTIST

Who inspired you to get into artmaking?

William Hodgson (M), Paul Daly, Allison Stein, Keri Goble Billick

Illini A - Gateway Center
6:00 PM

Writing Speculative Fiction for Children - Picture Books to Young Adult

AUTHOR - CRAFT

Not sure if you're writing a middle-grade or young adult book? Learn how to write, pitch and market stories for young readers.

Jennifer Lynn (M), Debbie Manber Kupfer, Jessica Mathews, T.W. Fendley

Marquette A - Gateway Center
6:00 PM

Writing Realistic Fight Scenes

AUTHOR - CRAFT

Do your fight scene seem outlandish or fall flat? Come get tips on making your fights a knock-out!

Thomas Carpenter, Walt Boyes, Kasey Mackenzie (M), Cole Gibsen

Marquette B - Gateway Center
6:00 PM

World Building: Starting From Scratch

AUTHOR - CRAFT

What are the best methods for getting the world you've been building in your head onto the page?

Richard White (M), Glen Cook, Kathryn Sullivan, David VonAllmen, Karen Chance

Salon 2 - Gateway Center
6:00 PM

Campfire Stories

GENERAL

What are your true ghost stories?

Joey Froehlich (M), Brian Katcher, Jack Snyder, Elizabeth Donald

Salon 4 - Gateway Center
Saturday

6:00 PM

The History of Fandom

FANDOM

How do we learn about fannish history? How can we pass it down to the younger generation?

Dr. Mike Phoenix (M), Keith Stokes, Thomas Stratman, Tim Hutchings

Salon 6 - Gateway Center
6:00 PM

Compare and Contrast: Books vs. Movies

AUTHOR - FAN

Come discuss the similarities and differences between our favorite books and their film counterparts.

Jim Yelton (M), Brock J. Hanke, Dave Creek

St. Clair A & B - DoubleTree - Collinsville
6:00 PM

7:00 pm

Creating Beasts and Birds in Science Fiction & Fantasy Art

ARTIST

The only limit is your imagination, but how do you create believable creatures in your artwork?

Allison Stein (M), Rachael Mayo, Brent Chumley

Illini A - Gateway Center
7:00 PM

Writing for Comic Books

AUTHOR - CRAFT

Do you have an idea for a comic, but don’t know how to translate your vision to page? Come learn how to start!

Prof Daniel Yezbick (M), Brock J. Hanke, R.J. Carter, Richard White

Marquette A - Gateway Center
7:00 PM

Let Your Fangs Down!

MEDIA

Who are some of the best and most memorable vampires in word and screen? Who is your favorite and why?

E Susan Baugh, Meg Elison (M), Jimmy D. Gillentine, Tim Hutchings, Sherri Dean

Salon 2 - Gateway Center
7:00 PM
Saturday

PlotQuest: The Challenges and Triumphs of Making an Interactive Animated Series

MEDIA

Part web series, part interactive fiction, PlotQuest invites the audience to shape the narrative of this animated story by voting on what we animate next. Join the creators of PlotQuest as they discuss their production process, happy accidents, and lessons learned along the way. As time permits, we may show an episode or two (surprise, they’re short!) and take questions from the audience.

Neko Pilarcik-Tellez (M), Pltnm06Ghost, Tommy Benoist, Taylor Gooden, Chelsea O’Bannon

Salon 4 - Gateway Center 7:00 PM

7:20 pm

Masquerade & Masquerade Overflow Seating Begins

Center Hall B - Gateway Center 7:20 PM

8:00 pm

The Archon Masquerade

Center Hall B - Gateway Center 8:00 PM

Creating Book Covers

ARTIST

Book covers are the first thing to pique the reader's interest! Learn how to create dynamic book covers to complement great stories!

Craig Skaggs (M), Jan Gephardt Sherrell, Elizabeth Donald

Illini A - Gateway Center 8:00 PM
Saturday

9:00 pm
How to Survive as a Professional Illustrator
ARTIST

It's definitely not an easy line of work. Our Pros share what has worked for them.

Craig Skaggs (M), Paul Daly, Keri Goble Billick, Brent Chumley

Illini A - Gateway Center
9:00 PM

Dance

Madison C & D - DoubleTree - Collinsville
9:00 PM

After Masquerade Jam

FILK

Will begin when the Archon Masquerade concludes.

Mississippian - Gateway Center
9:00 PM

10:00 pm
Geek Trivia

GAMING

Test your knowledge of everyone favorite geeky subjects. The geek trivia team is once again bringing you the best pop culture trivia in the city. Grab a team and prove to your fellow geeks that you are the superior minds. You memorized all those Game of Thrones characters for some reason, right?

Kevin Hammel (M)

Marquette B - Gateway Center
10:00 PM

Open Filk

FILK

Mississippian - Gateway Center
10:00 PM

The Rocky Horror Picture Show Annual Screening

Join your fellow Transylvanians in doing the Time Warp again! Original movie. (2 hours) Will start around 10pm, after the end of the Masquerade.

Salon 1 - Gateway Center
10:00 PM

11:30 pm
Open Filk

FILK

St. Clair A & B - DoubleTree - Collinsville
11:30 PM
Sunday

10:00 am

Autograph Session GoH
James S.A. Corey
(Daniel Abraham and Ty Franck)
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Ty Franck, Daniel Abraham

Cahokian (Authorquarium) - Gateway Center
10:00 AM

Paint by Numbers: Art from Beginning to End
ARTIST, GOH

What steps do you take to prepare for and then complete a work of art?

Rachael Mayo, Anna Mulch (M), William Hodgson, John Kaufmann, Mitchell Bentley

Illini A - Gateway Center
10:00 AM

Non-Denominational Worship Service

Lasalle - Gateway Center
10:00 AM

Creating Compelling Cover Copy
AUTHOR - CRAFT

This presentation by successful self-published author Dave Schroeder explores the various blurbs, banners, tag lines, testimonials, and more that can be added to physical books to help them capture potential readers’ attention. It doesn’t focus on cover art, but instead examines what can be added to beautiful covers to make them more effective selling tools.

Dave Schroeder (M)

Marquette A - Gateway Center
10:00 AM

Focus on Fit: The Male Form
COSTUMING

Guys want to cosplay too! Learn tips and tricks on sewing and fitting the masculine body type. This is a great panel for armor makers too as many tricks for fitting work across all types of pattern making.

Ariana Bauer (M), Mikhail Lynn

Marquette B - Gateway Center
10:00 AM

When One Story Becomes Many
AUTHOR - CRAFT

How to proceed when you realize your story is too involved for one book.
Cole Gibsen (M), Robin Wayne Bailey, Glen Cook, Thomas Carpenter

Salon 1 - Gateway Center
10:00 AM

Lesser Known or Forgotten Gems

AUTHOR - FAN

What authors or stories are wonderful, but no one seems to know about them?

Rich Horton (M), David Benem, Rachel Neumeier, Keith Stokes

Salon 2 - Gateway Center
10:00 AM

Your Holy Grail

GENERAL, GOH

What's the "Holy Grail" of your collection? Do you have it, or are you still searching?

Tom Stockman (M), Linda Wyatt, Michales Joy, Caroline Spector

Salon 4 - Gateway Center
10:00 AM

The Superhero Movie: Even Rome Fell

MEDIA

When will this genre have its twilight? Do we even want it to?

Joey Froehlich (M), Jack Snyder, Les Roth

Salon 6 - Gateway Center
10:00 AM

11:00 am

Author Reading with Richard White, Van Allen Plexico, and Elizabeth Donald

READING / SIGNING / ART DEMO

Richard White, Van Allen Plexico, Elizabeth Donald

Cahokian (Authorquarium) - Gateway Center
11:00 AM

Art Demo with Allison Stein

READING / SIGNING / ART DEMO

Allison Stein (M)

Illini A - Gateway Center
11:00 AM
Sunday

Masquerade Show and Tell

Come and join the Masquerade contestants for a Costume Show and Tell. Find out about the workmanship and difficulties of wearing this year’s costumes. (2 hours)

Lasalle - Gateway Center
11:00 AM

Plotting Secrets

AUTHOR - CRAFT

Our pros share their best methods in plotting their stories!

*Brian Katcher (M)*, Howard Andrew Jones, Mark Tiedemann, Donna J. W. Munro, Christine Amsden

Marquette A - Gateway Center
11:00 AM

SF Side Hustles

FANDOM

We could all use some extra money! How can fans turn their interests into cash?

*Meg Elison (M)*, Robin Wayne Bailey, Linda Wyatt, Tim Hutchings

Marquette B - Gateway Center
11:00 AM

Writing What You Don’t Know

AUTHOR - CRAFT

Authors write about things they’ve never done all the time, whether it’s killing another person, working in zero gravity or something as “simple” as riding a horse. How much can you research and how much is built on reading other writers who may not have direct knowledge either?

*Kristin Bailey, Ethan Nahté, Tracy Morris, Les Haven (M), Cole Gibsen*

Salon 1 - Gateway Center
11:00 AM

Disney+: Shut Up and Take My Money?

MEDIA

Star Wars spin-offs, MCU spin-offs, Disney’s Vault. Too ambitious, or can they reach the high bar?

*Prof Daniel Yezbick (M), Matthew Edward Munro Wagenblast, Jimmy D. Gillentine, Dave Creek*

Salon 2 - Gateway Center
11:00 AM
Sunday

Conversation with the Con Chairs & Staff

GENERAL

Have some suggestions? Want to share a great idea? Hated everything? Now's your chance to share your thoughts.

Erin McFadden, Patricia McFadden, Alan DeVaughan (M), Scott Corwin

Salon 4 - Gateway Center
11:00 AM

The New Doctor: Jodie Whittaker's First Season

MEDIA

What did we think of her as the newest Doctor? What do we hope to see in Season 12?

Cynthianna/ Celine Chatillon (M), Adrian Matthews, Kathryn Sullivan, Deborah Millitello

Salon 6 - Gateway Center
11:00 AM

12:00 pm

Autograph Session with Dave Creek and Meg Ellison

READING / SIGNING / ART DEMO

Dave Creek, Meg Ellison

St. Louis Costumers Guild Open Meeting

COSTUMING

Annual open meeting - everyone welcome! Meet & greet (plus a tiny bit of business). (2 hours) Host: St. Louis Costumers Guild

Illini A - Gateway Center
12:00 PM

When to Finish Your Story

AUTHOR - CRAFT, GOH

How to stop before you ruin your story.

Kasey Mackenzie (M), Mark Tiedemann, Benjamin C. Kinney, Ty Franck, Rich Horton

Marquette A - Gateway Center
12:00 PM

Costuming for Full-Figured Women

COSTUMING

Everyone should feel awesome in a costume! Learn how to make patterns for your body!

Dave Creek, Meg Ellison
Sunday

*Ariana Bauer (M), Rhiannon Gonzalez, Sandy Pettinger*

Marquette B - Gateway Center
12:00 PM

**MCU: Phase 4; Is it Worth it?**

GENERAL

Endgame was a hit, and Spider-Man continues to be a fan favorite, but can the new phase of the MCU hold up to the legacy left behind by the Avengers?

*Van Allen Plexico (M), Jim Yelton, Dr. Mike Phoenix, Donald Price*

Salon 1 - Gateway Center
12:00 PM

**Rise of the Newbs: Getting New Players into D&D**

GAMING

Dungeons & Dragons is deep into a new golden age, with more people playing than ever before. What’s bringing all these new players to the table, and how can we, as experienced gamers, help keep them there? Join Luke and Molly as they discuss their recent recruitment efforts, strategies for easing people into complex rule sets, and the benefits (and pitfalls) that come with welcoming fresh new players to the game.

*Luke Smith (M), Steve Atteberry*

Salon 2 - Gateway Center
12:00 PM

**The Cthulhu Mythos: Beyond Lovecraft**

GENERAL

So you’ve read everything HP Lovecraft wrote, but still have no idea who or what the King in Yellow is? Or "Unaussprechlichen Kulten", Ithaqua, or the Tcho-Tcho? That’s because generations of writers have picked up where HPL left off, elaborating on and expanding the Cthulhu Mythos. Come join a panel of Mythos junkies discuss which authors and stories fans new to the Mythos should read next!

*Brent Chumley, Sarah Doombringer, Ethan Nahté, Tim Hutchings (M)*

Salon 4 - Gateway Center
12:00 PM

**The DC Cinematic Universe: Where is It Going?**

MEDIA

With its recent hits with Aquaman and Shazam!, the DC Extended Universe has a new
lease on life. Can they keep it going?

*Thomas Stratman, Paul Hahn* (M), *Matthew Edward Munro Wagenblast*

Salon 6 - Gateway Center  
12:00 PM

**1:00 pm**

**Author Reading with**  
Daniel Yezbick, R.J. Carter, and Jimmy D. Gillentine

READING / SIGNING / ART DEMO

*Prof Daniel Yezbick, R.J. Carter, Jimmy D. Gillentine*

Cahokian (Authorquarium) - Gateway Center  
1:00 PM

**Myths and Legends**

AUTHOR - FAN

Why are we still drawn to stories and characters hundreds or thousands of years old?

*Thomas Stratman (M), Sela Carsen, Benjamin C. Kinney*

Marquette A - Gateway Center  
1:00 PM

**Doctor, Where's Your Tricorder?**

SCIENCE

Some visions of medicine in the future are decried by those in the medical field are scoffed at as “wand-waving,” although other ideas seem more actually plausible. Back in 1949, Robert A. Heinlein infamously predicted that colds, flu, and cancer would have been eradicated by the year 2000. Why didn’t that happen? What else in the medical field has been erroneously predicted by sf writers, and what are some of today’s budding techniques and technologies that seem to open up entire new realms of possibility?

*Marella Sands (M), Dr. Jack Glassman Ph.D., Walt Boyes*

Salon 1 - Gateway Center  
1:00 PM

**Solarean Adventures Open Meeting**

GAMING, GENERAL

Interesting in learning more about the LARP group Solarean Adventures? Pop into this open meeting!

Salon 2 - Gateway Center  
1:00 PM
You Can't Go Home Again

GENERAL, GOH

Which shows or franchises did you love as a child have you found to be... less than stellar as an adult?

*Douglas Ferguson (M), Kristin Bailey, Caroline Spector, Judi Cook*

Salon 4 - Gateway Center 1:00 PM

Ray Harryhausen - Stop Motion Genius!

MEDIA

To celebrate the 23rd anniversary of Ray Harryhausen being a guest at Archon, join us for a panel discussing the artist, his influence, and his passing in 2013.

*Tom Stockman (M)*

Salon 6 - Gateway Center 1:00 PM

Song Writing Panel

FILK

St. Clair A & B - DoubleTree - Collinsville 1:00 PM

Shamans, Druids and Wise Women-Writing the Mystic in Fiction

AUTHOR - CRAFT

Discover European Mystical alternatives to the Native American medicine man, including an introduction to the concepts of mystics, Druids, Scyrs, and wise women.

*Jennifer Lynn (M)*

Marquette A - Gateway Center 2:00 PM

Cleaning and Storing Your Costumes

COSTUMING

Just like regular clothes, your carefully made costumes will need to be cleaned and stored. What are the best ways to do this?

*Nora Mai (M), Judi Cook, Les Roth, Pierre Pettinger Jr, Sandy Pettinger*

Marquette B - Gateway Center 2:00 PM
Sunday

Excelsior!: Remembering Stan

GENERAL

Stan Lee had a huge impact on popular culture, and became a beloved figure to the public through his many cameos. Let's remember him.

Dr. Mike Phoenix (M), Van Allen Plexico, Prof Daniel Yezbick

Salon 4 - Gateway Center
2:00 PM

Tin Filker

FILK

St. Clair A & B - DoubleTree - Collinsville
2:00 PM

3:00 pm

Closing Ceremonies

GOH

Lasalle - Gateway Center
3:00 PM

Dead Puppy Filk

FILK

St. Clair A & B - DoubleTree - Collinsville
3:00 PM

4:00 pm

Dead Dog Party

Bring out your deeeaaad... Bring your party leftovers and get rehydrated at the annual Dead Dog Party! Not ready to go home yet? Come on by for this year's last Hurrah!

Madison C & D - DoubleTree - Collinsville
4:00 PM
Children’s Programming

FRIDAY

Cardboard Minecraft Armor Contest (Children's)

Do you like MineCraft? Do you think you can craft that diamond armor in real life? Come make and showoff your best armor or even make yourself into a Creeper. (No real diamonds, just cardboard and your skills!)

Salon 5 - Gateway Center
3:00 PM

Live Action Duck Hunt (Children's)

Are you an expert marksman? Come show off your skills with a nerf gun and try and shoot as many ducks as you can. Be careful though, our dog will judge your shots.

Salon 5 - Gateway Center
4:00 PM

Dr. Slime's Mad Laboratory (Children's)

Join the mad Dr. Slime to make your own fluffy slime to play with and take home!

Salon 5 - Gateway Center
5:00 PM

Live Action Angry Birds (Children's)

Come help vanquish the pigs and get the birds’ eggs back.

Salon 5 - Gateway Center
6:00 PM

Archon's Got Talent (Children's)

So you think you can sing? Come join us for a fun time and your favorite songs. There will be no judges, just come enjoy yourself and pick out your favorite song to sing the night away with!

Salon 5 - Gateway Center
8:00 PM

SATURDAY

Boffer Sword Making (Children's)

Join Children's Programming to make your own Boffer Sword (foam)!
Children’s Programming
Salon 5 - Gateway Center
10:00 AM

Boffer Sword Fighting
(Children's)

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

After making your own Boffer Sword, learn some real skills to use it!

Salon 5 - Gateway Center
11:00 AM

Duct Tape Armor and Instant Costuming
(Children's)

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Join us to make your own costume! Have fun bringing your own character to life by using your creativity.

Salon 5 - Gateway Center
12:00 PM

The Third Annual Greater Archon Children's Costume Extravaganza!!!
(Trademark Pending) & Teen's Cosplay Contest (Children's)

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Come show off your costume! Directly after the Children's costume extravaganza, the Teen's Cosplay Contest (ages 13 - 17) will be held. Come sign up before for the Teen's Cosplay Contest.

Salon 5 - Gateway Center
1:00 PM

Warsong Grid
(Children's)

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Capture the Flag! Two opposing teams of three try to bring their opponent's flag to their own base, while defending their own flag on a 60 space battlefield. There is no physical contact.

Salon 5 - Gateway Center
3:00 PM

Mystery Sock Theatre 300 (Children's)

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Come create your own sock puppet to put on a show!

Salon 5 - Gateway Center
4:00 PM

Propulsion with the Challenger Learning Center (Children's)

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Make your own rocket and see how far it goes on take off!
Children’s Programming
Salon 5 - Gateway Center
5:00 PM

Lego My Monster
(Children's)

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Are you good with Legos?
Come show your skill and build monsters, towers, or people, oh my!

Salon 5 - Gateway Center
6:00 PM

SUNDAY

Live Action Duck Hunt
(Children's)

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Are you an expert marksman?
Come show off your skills with a nerf gun and try and shoot as many ducks as you can. Be careful though, our dog will judge your shots.

Salon 5 - Gateway Center
10:00 AM

Storytime with Debbie and Jessica (Children's)

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Meet Wanda Wizzlewoop and her cat Whiskey, Esmeralda Grunch and her best friend, Tulip, and Cecilia, a kitty looking for a human to train. Listen to stories, solve some puzzles and create your own magic wand with the authors of the puzzle book, Paws 4 Logic.

Debbie Manber Kupfer (M), Jessica Mathews

Salon 5 - Gateway Center
11:00 AM

Sewing 101 (Teens)

TEEN

Come learn to make your own dice bag!

Ariana Bauer (M)

Mississippian – Gateway Center
11:00 AM

Live Action Angry Birds
(Children's)

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

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Salon 5 - Gateway Center
12:00 PM

Gaming Hour
(Children's)

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Join us to play games from our collection, or bring your own to play with friends!

Salon 5 - Gateway Center
1:00 PM