

NEXT CLUB MEETING: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

1:00PM-5:00PM

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

**“Salle Maisonneuve”
(South Tower)**

...and simultaneously on ZOOM!

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MonSFFA meets downtown, in Le Nouvel Hotel's “Salle Maisonneuve.” Le Nouvel is located on a major bus line. Nearest Metro: Guy/Concordia or Lucien-L’Allier, both just a short walk from Le Nouvel!

MEETING THEME: Cool science fiction and fantasy names! We ask MonSFFen to consider which character name from SF&F literature, or film and television strike them as classic, the most memorable, or the utmost in a cool SF&F name!

SEPTEMBER'S AGENDA INCLUDES:

- **REPORT ON WORLDCON 2024—***Anecdotes and photographs from the recent Glasgow Worldcon!*
- **TOM SWIFT—***A primer on the Tom Swift sci-fi/adventure book series!*
- **THOUGHTS ON NAMING SF&F CHARACTERS—***Opinion, tips, and more on the naming of SF&F characters!*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19:

Return of the Super Sci-Fi Book Sale! (see “Super Sci-Fi Book Sale,” page 2, for details)

MonSFFA'S SUPER SCI-FI BOOK SALE RETURNS NEXT MONTH!

We are counting down the days until the return of our Super Sci-Fi Book Sale after too long an absence!

In 2020, the club had no option but to suspend not only the sale, but its regular downtown meetings, as well, in compliance with the safety protocols implemented nationwide during the COVID-19 pandemic. But that's all behind us, now; we are again meeting downtown, and next month, we're bringing back the Super Sci-Fi Book Sale!

So break open your piggy banks, SF/F fans, and don't miss the stellar savings offered on sci-fi and fantasy books at this sale! (See “Super Sci-Fi Book Sale,” page 2, for all the details.)

AGENDA REWORKED FOR AUGUST CLUB MEETING!

Unfortunate and unavoidable real-world issues delayed the timely completion of two of our scheduled presentations last month, necessitating an eleventh-hour reworking of our meeting agenda. We are very appreciative of the efforts of those members who were able to step in and fill the unexpected programming vacuum we experienced!

Our planned primer on Tom Swift had to be postponed and will now be presented this month, at our September meeting, while our discussion of “the multiverse” was replaced by a discussion on superpowers, namely the unforeseen downsides of possessing certain superpowers. We'll reschedule the multiverse talk for a future date.

A third programming item was plagued by technical issues with our projector system, and proved to be missing a few key components; this one had to be offered in an abridged version.

Sometimes, fate conspires to trip us up, and our August meeting was a textbook example of one such occasion! That's why we always caution that programming is subject to change.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR ANNUAL MonSFFA MEMBERSHIP FEES?

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the club's normal operation for more than three years! During this period, our regular in-person meetings were suspended, and the payment of annual fees were deferred.

The club has now begun again collecting those annual membership fees, this in order to return to a positive cash flow situation, and so cover the monthly costs of renewed operations.

Standard membership remains only \$25 annually. We offer a family rate of \$40. Add \$10 to either of these 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
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But all of that said, the meeting was well received and folk enjoyed themselves.

Keith Braithwaite opened proceedings with a game originally put together by our late friend and fellow MonSFFAn, Sylvain St-Pierre. Players were challenged to view a still image or video clip from a sci-fi film or TV show, then recall several insignificant, trivial details about what they had just seen, betting for points on how much they would be able to accurately recollect.

Technical issues and a few misplaced elements caused the game to unfold rather less smoothly than planned, and Keith ended up cutting things short. But people had fun with it, nonetheless.

Danny Sichel steered our aforementioned discussion of the downside of superpowers, in which it was noted that we must first suspend our disbelief and accept that such powers are bestowed upon a person by means of “bullshit space science!”

MonSFFen were asked to consider that a power like x-ray vision, for example, could mean that rather than a so-gifted individual gazing upon the naked form of a lovely woman through her clothing, he would see her, and everyone else, as a skeleton! Immortality might seem fine at first, until the people you know and love, your family and friends, grow old and die while you live on. In another few million or billion years, will mankind even still be around? Will we have destroyed ourselves, or gone extinct, leaving the sole surviving immortal human all alone on an empty planet, or in world teeming with a non-human form of life that has evolved in the wake of mankind’s exit from the scene?

Danny explored with the group these and other unforeseen consequences of possessing various superpowers.

We also outlined plans for the staging of our upcoming book sale, asking club members to help out with the transportation of boxes of books, the setting up of our vendor tables, and the dismantling of the whole affair at day’s end.

Finally, we closed with a quick listing of the coolest handheld sci-fi gadgets and gizmos—ray guns, communication devices, magic wands, that sort of thing—MonSFFen piping up with their favourites.

NO IMPULSE NEXT MONTH

Please note that this edition of *Impulse* is designated our September-October 2024 issue, and thus, *Impulse* will not publish next month, October, as there is no regular meeting scheduled, but rather, our special, fund-raising Super Sci-Fi Book Sale.

Impulse will return in November.

SUPER SCI-FI BOOK SALE

The MonSFFA-sponsored Super Sci-Fi Book Sale returns after a five-year absence! This sale is a fund-raiser for the club, and will take place on Saturday, October 19, opening to the public from noon to 3:30PM.

Address: Le Nouvel Hotel, 1740 Boul. René-Lévesque O (corner St-Mathieu), Salle “St-Mathieu.”

Attention members of MonSFFA and friends of the club: we will need help carting and unpacking our boxes

of books. Those of you able to lend a hand with set-up are asked to arrive early on the morning of the sale. The more volunteers we have on hand, the better! We’ll also need help taking it all down at day’s end.

Over the years, MonSFFA has amassed a considerable stock of SF&F books—hardcovers, paperbacks, trades, specialty volumes—along with comic books, magazines, and a selection of DVDs. We’ve got plenty of inventory left over from past sales, plus lots of fresh stock, including from the legacy of our late friend, collector, and club member, Sylvain St-Pierre. And we’re clearing it all at our astonishingly low prices!

Amazing stories at amazing prices! Authors from *Asimov* to *Zelazny!* *Publications en Français Aussi!* Benefit from our Bulk Book Bargains—the more you buy, the more you save!

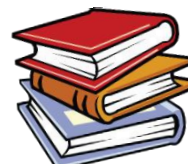
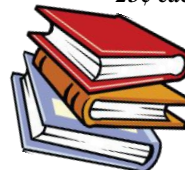
Stock up early on your Holiday reading! A good book makes a great Christmas gift! Piles of paperbacks! Boxes of books! An astounding assortment available! *Unimaginable, unbelievable, unbeatable bargains!* Everything! Must! Go!

Cash-Only Sales, Please.

SF&F readers, bring your purses and wallets! Bring shopping bags! Bring a friend! Spread the word; don’t let anyone you know miss this astonishing opportunity to save, save, *save!*

SUPER SCI-FI BOOK SALE 2024 Price List

Paperbacks:	50¢ each, 3 for \$1.00, 7 for \$2.00!
Trade Paperbacks:	\$2.00 each
Hardcovers:	\$3.00 each
BIG BULK BARGAIN:	\$15.00 for a whole BIG box full of books!
Select Specialty Books and Other Items:	As marked
Magazines and Comics:	25¢ each



The Super Sci-Fi Book Sale is a fund-raiser for MonSFFA, the Montreal Science Fiction and Fantasy Association. All proceeds from the sale are directed to the operating budget of the club.

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