



Life, The Universe, & Everything

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Guest



ASSIGNMENTS: 9

Thursday - 9 AM

Panelist

Why Do You Need a Rosetta Stone?

From pidgin or trade languages to dedicated interpreters to pointing and waving, how to get around a language barrier.

Thursday - 5 PM

Panelist

Beyond ¡Hola!: Writing Realistic Bilingual Characters

Code-switching is a complex process, and whether your characters use it instinctually or deliberately, realistic code-switching can help them feel much more alive.

Friday - 11 AM

Panelist

How to Use Distraction to Your Advantage

Is it possible to use everyday distractions to increase productivity? Sometimes taking a short break can be just what the creative mind needs.

Friday - 12 PM

Moderator

Keys to Collaboration

Recommended practices for artists working on long term collaborative projects with authors. Hear both authors and artists discuss how to develop a good collaborative process.

...with Kevin Wasden, Phil Foglio, Jess Smart Smiley, Janci Patterson, Jemma M. Young, and Aaron Johnston

Friday - 5 PM

Moderator

Celebrate Classic Fantasy and Science Fiction

Join us as we discuss the authors and their founding works of the genres.

Friday - 6 PM

Presentation

Writing Your Own Filk Songs

Ramp up your fun and connect with the filking community by penning your own songs and parodies to filk with your friends.

Friday - 7 PM

Book Signing



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Saturday - 1 PM

Panelist

Horses Aren't Bicycles

All animals have unique needs, and all can present unique challenges to your characters. Whether your heroes are riding mountain rams or giant lizards, how can you make your animals feel more alive?

Saturday - 4 PM

Panelist

Influential Tomes of Earth's Cultures

Enflame your imagination by reviewing inspiring works from different cultures through the ages.

Saturday - 6 PM

Moderator

If I Were the One to Choose the Classics

Listen in as we talk about books we would've chosen for the classic canon and chime in with the ones you would've selected.