

Sci-Fi/Fantasy & Craft Conventions and Gatherings, 2025

How to Decide if a Conference is for Me

- **Conference Topic & Genre**

- Why do I want to go?
- Curiosity?
- General interest?
- Speakers?
- Do I know people who are going?
- Contacts and marketing?
- Book sales?
- Relevance to my writing practice?
- Do I need this information now?

- **Access**

- Where is it?
- How hard is it to get there?
- Can I afford the travel & accommodation costs?

- **Registration**

- Is the registration cost worth the benefit I hope to get out of it?
- How soon do I have to register to get in?

- **Impact**

If I have attended before, what difference has my attendance made to:

- Motivation?
- Learning?
- Changes to my writing practice?
- Books, stories & invitations resulting from attendance?
- Contacts?
- Sales?
- Fun & Good Times??

If I haven't gone before, how have other people benefited?

NOW: Which ones to pick?

(See over).

2025 Convention Schedule

(and other miscellaneous information of interest)

| Month | Date | Genre | Convention & Topic | Location |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| February | Feb. 12-16, 2025 | Special focus on poetry & screen writing but looks like all genres | https://sanmiguelwritersconference.org/ | San Miguel de Allende, Mexico |
| March | March 3-5, 2025 | Fantasy | International Conference on Games and Narrative (ICGAN '25) https://uwaterloo.ca/games-institute/events/international-conference-games-and-narrative-2025 Adapt, Adopt, Adjust: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Adaptation, Storytelling and Simulation An academic conference focusing on adaptation, storytelling, and simulation, relevant to narrative and fantasy writing. NB Registration Deadline Feb. 27. | University of Waterloo Waterloo, ON |
| | March 18, 2025 | | Victoria Festival of Authors | |
| | March 28-30, 2025 | Comics, movies, TV, animation | WonderCon https://www.comic-con.org/wc/ | Anaheim, California |
| April | April 3-5, 2025 | All genres | Las Vegas Writers Conference https://lasvegaswritersconference.com/ | Las Vegas, Nevada |
| | April 12, 2025 (Virtual) | Sci-fi/Fantasy | Can*Con https://www.can-con.org/ Ottawa's Sci-Fi, Fantasy, and Horror Literature Convention Details TBA | Virtual |
| | April 12-13, 2025 | Craft | Wordbridge: Lethbridge Writers Conference 2025 (\$40.00) https://wordbridgeyql.wixsite.com/wordbridgeconference Seeks to connect the writing community of Southern Alberta and to provide opportunities for writers to meet one another and to learn together. | Lethbridge, AB |

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| | | | Theme: It was a dark and stormy night Highlights: 100-word story competition, live action slush, blue pencil café, author table (Deadline March 14) | |
| | April 24-27, 2025 | Sci-Fi | Calgary Expo 2025 Comic Convention with Anime, Gaming, Media, Sci-Fi, and Video Gaming programming. A place to celebrate all things pop culture. Get an autograph or a photo with your favourite Guest then get the inside scoop about your favourite movies and TV shows at our celebrity panels! Watch professional Comic Artists battle it out in our popular Sketch Duels, learn from our "How To" workshops, and take photos with your favourite costumed characters! It's also a great place to buy a unique gift (or treat yourself!) with a huge show floor for shopping madness. | Stampede Park Calgary, AB |
| May | May 2-4, 2025 | Craft & business | Pikes Peak Writing Conference https://conference.pikespeakwriters.org/ Theme: The future is now | Colorado Springs, Colorado |
| | May 16-18, 2025 | Sci-fi/Fantasy | Keycon 2025 Science Fiction Convention with Fantasy programming Manitoba's premier science fiction and fantasy literary convention, featuring guests like Jim Butcher and Jennifer Blackstream. We are Manitoba's mixed-media fandom convention. | Hilton Winnipeg Airport Suites Winnipeg, MB |
| June | June 4-6, 2025 | All genres | Clarksville Writers Conference https://clarksvillevritersconference.com/ | Clarksville, Tennessee |
| | June 6-10, 2025 | Craft | SWA 2025 Writers Conference https://www.southeasternwritersassociation.org/ | St. Simon's Island, Georgia |
| | June 7-8, 2025 | Craft | Writers' Guild of Alberta 2025 Conference https://writersguild.ca/2025-conference-save-the-date/?utm_source=chatgpt.com A craft conference exploring major influences on genre and form through time. Workshops, masterclasses, and panels | Calgary, AB Alt Hotels University District SAIT dorms & suites. |

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| | | | will also delve into the business of writing and how to strengthen craft skill. | |
| | June 12-15, 2025 | Horror | Stokercon 2025 https://www.stokercon2025.com/ A long-celebrated convention for authors of the horror genre. It is an all-inclusive event where writers of all of the many subgenres the horror world may convene to share ideas, pitch their new projects, and revel in their weirdness. | Stamford, Connecticut |
| | June 17-21, 2025 | Thrillers | ThrillerFest XX https://thrillerfest.com/ | New York, New York |
| | June 20-23, 2025 | Sci-Fi & Fantasy | Missoula's Science Fiction & Fantasy Convention (MisCon) https://www.miscon.org/ A 4-day celebration of fantasy, science fiction, horror, gaming, cosplay, and anime. Through discussion panels , hangouts, games , readings, craft demos, and workshops, we bring fans together with authors, artists, game designers, actors, costumers, and other professionals in the world of speculative fiction. Special Guests: Casey Renee, Doug Hemphill, Jonathan Mayberry. | Missoula, Montana |
| July | July 16-19, 2025 | Romance | Romance Writers of America Annual Conference https://www.rwa.org/conference | Niagara Falls, ON |
| | July 17-20, 2025 Online & In person | All genres | Saskatchewan Festival of Words https://www.festivalofwords.com/ Welcoming Canadian authors, poets, and musicians to Moose Jaw for a weekend of book readings, discussions, writing workshops, and more. | Moose Jaw, SK or online |
| | July 24-17, 2025 | Comics, media | 2025 Comic-Con International https://www.comic-con.org/cc/badges/open-registration/ | San Diego, California |
| August | August 13-17, 2025 | Sci-Fi | Worldcon 2025 https://seattlein2025.org/ 83 rd World Science Fiction Convention (first time in Seattle since 1961) By sharing your stories, costumes, arguments, accessories, and artistic creations, we will use our | Seattle, Washington |

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| | | | imaginations to build yesterday's tomorrow and explore the wonders of the 21st century. Hugo Awards Ceremony held here. | |
| | August 15-17, 2025 | All genres | When Words Collide A wide range of genres, including commercial and literary fiction, YA, children's books, and poetry. It aims to support writers in the craft and business of writing, exploring all avenues of the writing process, publishing, and storytelling, while building a strong literary community. | Sheraton Cavalier Calgary |
| | August 21-24, 2025 | Sci-fi/Fantasy | Fan Expo Canada Fan Expo Canada 2025 Comic Convention with Anime, Fantasy, Gaming, Media, Sci-Fi, and Video Gaming programming. A place to celebrate all things pop culture. | Metro Toronto, Convention Centre Toronto, ON |
| | August 21-24, 2025 | Crime | Killer Nashville https://www.killernashville.com/ | Nashville, Tennessee |
| September | September 19-21, 2025 | Sci-Fi | Edmonton Expo 2025 Comic Convention with Anime, Gaming, Media, Sci-Fi, and Video Gaming programming. Attracts tens of thousands of people ton Edmonton, Alberta | Edmonton Expo Centre Edmonton, AB |
| | September 26-28, 2025 | Fiction | 2025 Colorado Gold Writers Conference https://rmfw.org/conference/ | Denver, Colorado |
| October | TBA but last year it was in October | All Genres | Victoria Festival of Authors https://victoriafestivalofauthors.ca/ | Victoria, BC and possibly hybrid |
| | October 24-26, 2025 Master Classes October 22 & 23 | All Genres | Surrey International Writers' Conference (SiWC) https://www.siwc.ca/ This comprehensive professional development conference offers writers in all genres—from beginners to experts—the opportunity to hone their craft through workshops, masterclasses, and networking events. Presenter roster to be posted in the spring. | Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel 15269 104 Avenue Surrey, BC. Book Now!! |

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| | (In-person, hybrid, or online) | | | |
| November | November 10-16, 2025 | Craft & Business | Kauai Writers Workshop https://kauaiwritersconference.com/ | Lihue, Kauai |
| December | Dec. 4-6, 2025 (to be confirmed) | Fantasy (Brandon Sanderson's Con) | Dragonsteel Nexus 2025 https://tabletop.events/conventions/dragonsteel-nexus-2025 | Salt Lake City, Utah |
| Miscellaneous | | | | |
| Grants | Deadlines variable | Research (Feb 15) Professional Development (April 1) Events Attendance (Nov 1) | ACCESS Copyright Foundation Has 3 grant programs to support creators, publishers, organizations and arts professionals in their work. Interested in supporting publishable Canadian content. Grants to individual creators must be for literary or visual works that are intended for professional publication, whether in text or in images that can be reproduced and published in print or digital formats. | Out of Saskatoon, SK but doesn't seem limited to SK residents |
| Residency | October 28-November 19 | Craft | Mountain Writers Intensive 2025 https://www.banffcentre.ca/programs/mountain-culture/mountain-writers-intensive-2025 A three-week residency for eight writers working on mountain narratives, environmental journalism, stories of adventure, or projects with an environmental theme. Writers can work in any genre (fiction, nonfiction, journalism, or poetry), and will enjoy dedicated, uninterrupted writing time in a spectacular mountain setting, the communality of a small group of artistic peers and support from renowned faculty. Offers writers dedicated time to work on their projects, access to group seminars and workshops with faculty, and opportunities to showcase their work-in-progress Participants also have free access to book-related events at the Banff Centre Mountain Film and Book Festival. | Banff Centre Banff, AB |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application Deadline May 28, 2025 | |
| Unspecified For Women Writers | Women Writers of Sci-fi, Fantasy & Horror | Not available | <p>WisCon A feminist science fiction convention that focuses on issues of gender, race, and class. It's considered one of the world's leading feminist science fiction conferences. (Madison, Wisconsin)</p> <p>Women in the Black Fantastic A two-day online conference that celebrates the achievements of Black women in science fiction and fantasy. (University of Pennsylvania)</p> <p>Broad Universe An international organization that promotes the work of women writers of science fiction, fantasy, and horror.</p> <p>Women in SF&F Month A month-long event that highlights women working in science fiction and fantasy.</p> <p>Gals Get Lit! A monthly book club that focuses on science fiction and fantasy.</p> | |
| Designation | SF Canada | | <p>Canada's National Association of Speculative Fiction Professionals https://www.sfcanada.org/</p> <p>To qualify for SF Canada membership, an author must have published for payment at least two short stories or three poems in commercial markets or received a royalty advance for a novel. Speculative fiction" is understood by members to include science fiction, fantasy, horror and any other weird fiction that invokes a sense of wonder."</p> | |