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"The mystery of life isn't a problem to solve, but a reality to experience." Reverend Mother Gaius Helen Mohiam. DUNE ~ Frank Herbert

May the 4th & Science Fiction Month, Author Q&A's, VE-Day, WBD Certificates, D&D, Mental Health Awareness Week, World Museum Day & Sci-Fi book Cover Competition.

MAY THE FOURTH MARKS THE BEGINNING OF OUR ANNUAL SCIENCE FICTION MONTH, A CELEBRATION OF EVERYTHING SCI-FI. FRANK HERBERT'S "DUNE" SERIES IS A LANDMARK SCIENCE FICTION SAGA SET IN A FAR-FUTURE, INTERGALACTIC FEUDAL SOCIETY CENTERED AROUND THE DESERT PLANET ARRAKIS. THE ONLY SOURCE OF THE VALUABLE SPICE MELANGE, WHICH EXTENDS LIFE AND ENHANCES CONSCIOUSNESS. THE STORY FOLLOWS PAUL ATREIDES, HEIR TO HOUSE ATREIDES, AS HE NAVIGATES POLITICAL INTRIGUE, ECOLOGICAL CHALLENGES, AND RELIGIOUS BELIEFS TO BECOME A MESSIANIC FIGURE, LEADING TO A COMPLEX STORY OF WAR, BETRAYAL, AND MYSTICISM.



Science fiction is one of the oldest, and most popular genres of literature. It is a genre that spans all mediums, including books, movies, and television. But where did this genre come from? Science fiction can be traced back to the early 1800s, when Mary Shelley wrote the novel, Frankenstein. This novel is often credited as being the first work of science fiction. Other early works of science fiction include Jules Verne's novel, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, and H.G. Wells' novel, The War of the Worlds. Science fiction is a genre that is based on the premise of science and technology. It typically explores the effects of science and technology on society. This genre often includes elements of fantasy and horror, and it is often used to explore social and political issues. Science fiction has become one of the most popular genres of literature and media. It has spawned numerous movies, television shows, and books titles. It is a genre that continues to grow in popularity, and it is sure to continue to entertain and engage audiences for years to come. Library sessions include a short presentation video introducing a visual history of Science-Fiction throughout the ages.

UPCOMING AUTHOR Q&A'S FOR MAY: WED 7TH MAY, 10:00 AM: GRAEME MACRAE BURNET (INSPECTOR GORSKI SERIES). THURSDAY 8TH MAY, 11:00AM: MARCUS DILLY (VICTORY EUROPE DAY, 80TH ANNIVERSARY (ELEBRATIONS)). WED 14TH MAY, 11:00 AM: RAMZEE (THE CHEAT BOOK).



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Wed 7th May, 10:00 Am
Graeme Macrae Burnet



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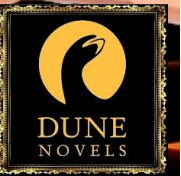
11am-14th May.
His debut middle grade novel 'The Cheat Book' was published in June 2024, he has also written comic books for 2000ad and Marvel.



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"A process cannot be understood by stopping it. Understanding must move with the flow of the process, must join it and flow with it."
Paul Atreides to Reverend Mother Gaius Helen Mohiam. DUNE - Frank Herbert



All of our student WBD competition winners received their award certificates and book prizes.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS
FRATURNITAS VIATORUM ARE NOW RESIDING IN THE PORT CITY OF 'SHARK FIN CAY', HOME OF THE BLACK ANVIL PIRATE FLEET. THE TRANQUILLITY IN THE QUIET MARKET SQUARE WAS SUDDENLY DESTROYED BY SCREAMS OF TERROR EMANATING FROM THE BEACH. **FLEE, THE ABOMINATION HAS BROKEN FREE OF IT'S BONDS!**



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK



This year, **Mental Health Awareness Week 2025** will take place from **12th to 18th of May**. The theme is '**Community**'. Being part of a safe, positive community is vital for our mental health and wellbeing. We thrive when we have strong connections with other people and supportive communities that remind us, we are not alone. Communities can provide a sense of belonging, safety, support in hard times, and give us a sense purpose. We want to use Mental Health Awareness Week to celebrate the power and importance of community. *We have a fabulous new display to coincide with this event.*

International Museum Day

The Future of Museums in Rapidly Changing Communities

18 May 2025

Each year since 1977, ICOM has organised **International Museum Day**, which represents a unique moment for the international museum community. The objective of International Museum Day (IMD) is to raise awareness about the fact that, "Museums are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among peoples." IMD was celebrated for the first time 40 years ago. All around the world, more and more museums participate in International Museum Day. Last year, more than 37,000 museums participated in the event in about 158 countries and territories. *Our final display ties in with IMD.*

SCIENCE FICTION BOOK COVER DESIGN COMPETITION 2025

DESIGN AND PRODUCE A BOOK COVER FOR A SCIENCE FICTION STORY OF YOUR CHOOSING... YOU CAN CREATE A NEW COVER FOR AN EXISTING BOOK TITLE OR CONSTRUCT AN ORIGINAL COMPLETELY FICTIONAL COVER FOR A TALE THAT YOU INVENT YOURSELF... THE COVER CAN BE BLACK AND WHITE OR FULL COLOUR, PENCIL, PEN OR DIGITAL... THE FINISHED DESIGN MUST INCLUDE THE BOOK TITLE, THE AUTHOR NAME AND ANY FURTHER TEXT INFORMATION YOU WISH TO ADD ABOUT THE TALE... ONCE YOU HAVE DRAWN THE ARTWORK FOR YOUR BOOK, SCAN THE IMAGE AND ADD FURTHER TEXT AND DIGITAL IMAGERY ELEMENTS ON THE LIBRARY COMPUTER (SEE MR DALTON TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS PROCESS)... THIS COMPETITION RUNS FROM THURSDAY 1ST OF MAY UNTIL FRIDAY 30TH OF MAY... SOME OF THE WINNING ENTRIES FROM THE 2024 COMPETITION CAN BE SEEN BELOW

