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Fri	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Belmont	Readers	Panel	Why Good Writing Still Matters	A discussion of the role of craft in modern writing when so many books are available that do not attempt to push the literary envelope.	Jon Sprunk, Charlie Brown, Joy Ward, Lawrence M. Schoen, Lee C. Hillman
Fri	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Chase	Readers	Panel	Beyond Medieval History	A look at the challenges and possibilities of fantasy inspired by time periods other than medieval northwest Europe.	Jean Marie Ward (M), KT Bryski, Val Griswold-Ford, Tom Doyle, Joshua Palmatier
Fri	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	Developing a Mobile App - Where Do I Start?	So you're considering developing a mobile app for your podcast. Alex White walks you through many of the strengths and weaknesses of the jQuery Mobile framework, as well as shows off the new Disasterpiece Theatre Party Game. Learn how you can get started, as well as locate some great tutorial resources.	Allie Gamblin (M), Alex White, Brand Gamblin, Andrew Plotkin
Fri	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	Podcasting -- Where to Begin	So you want to make your own podcast. Our experts talk you through all the information you need to get started, what you need to buy and what skills you must acquire.	Christopher Morse (M), Dave Robison, Thomas Gideon, Gary Lester, Mike Luoma
Fri	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Writers	Panel	Creating Your Universe Without Breaking Natural Laws	Scientists look at the blatant disregard for basic reality in some science fiction and answer questions from today's authors on how NOT to repeat those faux Pas!	Myke Cole (M), Peter Bryant, Michael Underwood, Barbara Hill, DC Wilson
Fri	4:00 PM	1 hour 20 minutes	Parlor 1041	Gaming	Panel	Retrogaming on the Apple II /Ile		Kate Szkotnicki (M)
Fri	4:00 PM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: Mike Black, Doc Coleman, John French		Michael Black, John French, Doc Coleman
Fri	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Writers	Presentation	A Virtual Tour of the Universe	A presentation on world design showing an aspiring author how to gather and build a world or universe that will interest and hold readers.	Charles E. Gannon (M)
Fri	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon C	Readers	Panel	Plotters vs. Characters	The plot is going, going, gone. But the characters keep on keeping on. If a book is so completely character driven that the plot all but disappears, does it still hold your interest? Why or why not?	James Daniel Ross (M), Paula S. Jordan, Chris Snelgrove, Lawrence Watt-Evans, Scott Roche, Larry Hodges
Fri	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon D	Costuming	Workshop	Gilding Workshop	In this class students will learn and try the age old technique of gilding in which they will apply a metal leafing to a notecard of their choice and a also create a lucky coin or gear. This method is as timeless as the middle ages but can be used to make even the most elegant of calling cards for a Regency Ball or Steampunk gathering. The teacher will also show examples and explain the difference between liquid gilding and metal leaf gilding. Cost is \$10, class limited to 10.	Danielle Scott (M), Ingeborg i Trondheim (M)
Fri	5:00 PM	1 hour 50 minutes	Belmont	Filmmaking	Workshop	The ABC's of Creating a Web Series (Workshop)	Writer/Director Clint Gaige, with assistant from the cast and crew of Shotgun Mythos, takes us through the process of creating a web series.	H. Paul Shuch, Clint Gaige
Fri	5:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	Being the talent vs being the producer	What are the differences between the role of talent and the role of producer? A look at how both roles are important and how to do well at each.	Jay Smith (M), Dave Robison, Patrick Scaffido, Chris Snelgrove
Fri	5:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	Readers	Panel	Naming Names, Titling Titles	Discussion of our favorite and most memorable character names and book/story titles: What makes them memorable? What makes them good? How do they affect the reading experience? What makes them work for the character or book/story being named? When they're bad, how did they fail? How do you create a good one?	Leona Wisoker (M), CJ Henderson, Paula S. Jordan, Danny Birt, Veronica Giguere
Fri	5:00 PM	50 minutes	Pimlico	Publishing	Panel	Paper Vs. Digital Publishing	What differences need to be considered when publishing a print book vs a digital book? A look at how to choose one, the other, or both and how to do it right.	Gary Lester (M), Abigail Hilton, Charlie Brown, P.C. Haring, Ian Strock

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Fri	5:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Skeptics	Panel	Monsters vs. Aliens	Monsters vs. Aliens. Bruce Press with Skeptics. Moderator Marv Zelkowitz	Marv Zelkowitz (M), Bruce F. Press
Fri	5:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	Space Weapons and Future Warfare in the Real World	Panelists discuss a future where space weaponry is a significant factor in warfare and how contemporary science fiction has contributed to the development of such a reality.	Jack Campbell /John Hemry, Walt Boyes, Myke Cole, Charles E. Gannon, James Daniel Ross
Fri	5:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon C	Publishing	Panel	42 Reasons Why You Should Write for Young Adults	Editors and other publishing professionals talk about the YA market	Collin Earl (M), Scott Sigler, Mike D'Ambrosio, Mark Jeffrey, Brian Rathbone
Fri	5:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon D	Costuming	Workshop	Viking wire weaving	The Vikings used thin wires woven on a stick to make beautiful, strong, flexible jewelry chains for men and women. All materials needed for a short piece provided for free.	Ingeborg i Trondheim
Fri	5:15 PM	1 hour 30 minutes	Parlor 1026	Launch Events	Panel	Blood & Iron / Reign of Ash launch		Gail Z Martin (M), Jon Sprunk (M)
Fri	5:30 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	Gaming	Panel	Designing a Trading Card Game	Come join in discussions of trading card game design	Alex Shvartsman (M)
Fri	6:00 PM	50 minutes	Chase	Children	Workshop	Hats On	Learn to make your own foam hat from a basic pattern. This hat is a basic top hat design which can be made from plastic foam and are useful for that additional costuming touch.	Sue Bowen
Fri	6:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	Getting the Most out of Google Plus & Hangouts On Air	How to use Google Plus and Google Hangouts to build a dialogue, audience, and community.	Peter Bryant (M), A Kovacs, Pamela Gay, Brand Gamblin, Nicole Gugliucci
Fri	6:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	Dollars & Sense: The Business of Being Creative	Panel	Selling your audio (ACX vs Paudiobooks vs podcasting)	What are the different benefits of using ACX, audiobooks, etc? What skills do you need to be able to have a product people will pay for?	Abigail Hilton, Chris Snelgrove, Sue Baiman
Fri	6:00 PM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Other	Autographing: Veronica Giguere and T Jackson King		T Jackson King, Veronica Giguere
Fri	6:00 PM	50 minutes	Pimlico	Readings	Other	Reading: Cindy Young-Turner, Michelle Stengel, and Philippa Ballantine		Cindy Young-Turner, Philippa Ballantine, Michelle D. Sonnier
Fri	6:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Presentation	What Inventors Should Know	Patent lawyer Iver Cooper discusses what inventors should know about patent law and the patent process.	Iver Cooper (M)
Fri	6:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	The New Supernatural Mainstream	Paranormal Fantasy came out of the shadows. Is it still going strong in adult literature or has it all moved into either the erotic or the YA niches? What new twists are turning up?	CJ Henderson, Charlie Brown, Michael Hanson, Val Griswold-Ford, Myke Cole
Fri	6:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon C	Writers	Panel	Writing the Economics of Magic	A discussion examining how to address economics when building a world in which magic is a major factor.	Collin Earl, Brandon Sanderson, Jeffrey Lyman, Jean Marie Ward, Eric Hardenbrook
Fri	6:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon D	Costuming	Panel	How to Make It Fit on a Budget	Even if you don't have the money to buy a dress form, never fear! Learn how to use duct tape, newspapers, and other common household materials to make a form that you can build your costumes on.	Pavlina (M), Marianne Pease, Sharon Landrum, Stephanie Burke, Kate Szkotnicki
Fri	6:30 PM	1 hour 20 minutes	Parlor 1041	Gaming	Panel	Victorian Pastimes -- Gambling Games II		Marnen Laibow-Koser, Mildred Cady
Fri	7:00 PM	50 minutes	Belmont	Anime	Panel	Anime 101	Intro to Anime: A discussion of Anime and Otaku culture for the parents, new fans, and uninitiated.	Lee Sarfati (M), Grig Larson, Christine Chase, Jason Banks
Fri	7:00 PM	1 hour 50 minutes	Chase	Children	Workshop	Kamikaze Kostuming	Fabric, glue, pins, and needles. Ribbons, lace, buttons, cd's and more. Build a costume to roam the halls. Two hours to play, plot, and plan: to create and cobble.	Persis Thorndike (M)

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Fri	7:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	Writers	Panel	Science Ideas That Haven't been Overused in Fiction	Scientists discuss scientific theories, ideas, and possibilities that are ripe for new exploration in fiction.	Geoffrey Landis, Pamela Gay, Mary Turzillo, Catherine Asaro, Steve White
Fri	7:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	Podcasting 101	The basics of getting started; what to do, what not to do.	Hugh O'Donnell (M), Christopher Morse, Thomas Gideon, Paul Cooley, Scott Pond
Fri	7:00 PM	50 minutes	Garden Room	Music	Workshop	Stage and Screen Combat	Learn the right moves from the experts. This is a class participation event. Wear loose or stretchy comfortable clothing and soft shoes.	Matthew Sharpe (M), Marcus Lawrence, Rinn Critzer
Fri	7:00 PM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Other	Autographing: Martin Berman-Gorvine and Gail Z. Martin		Gail Z Martin, Martin Berman-Gorvine
Fri	7:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Writers	Panel	How To Submit A Story	What to do and not do when submitting a story and how to look smooth when you did the wrong thing and get accepted anyway.	Eric Bakutis (M), Christopher Pisano, J.R. Blackwell, Bud Sparhawk, Alex Shvartsman
Fri	7:00 PM	50 minutes	Pimlico	Readers	Panel	1632 Universe Readings	Readings from 1632 universe books and stories. Featuring panel guest Meriah Crawford.	Joy Ward (M), Iver Cooper, Robert Waters, Charles E. Gannon
Fri	7:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Presentation	Running Hot and Cold	Running Hot & Cold: A Cryogenics and Thermo Demonstration. Brent Warner, NASA	Brent Warner (M)
Fri	7:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	Crime Investigation in a SF or Fantasy Setting	Stump the experts! The audience will give the panel crime scenes and the problems that might arise. Would sentient beings on other planets have fingerprints? How would you trace magic users, etc? What about a paranormal who can access worm hole travel without the inconvenience of using the Transporter?	Charlie Brown (M), Michael Black, John French, Keith DeCandido, Melissa Scott
Fri	7:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon C	Writers	Panel	The Devil Is In The Details	Keeping your fantasy real by providing minutia. Editors and authors offer tips and techniques.	Darrell Schweitzer, D.H. Aire, Jo Walton, T.J. Perkins, Betsy Riley
Fri	7:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon D	Costuming	Panel	Makeup 101	So your costume is done and ready to go on stage. Want to make it really fly? Join us at our makeup panel to learn not only the basics you need for stage, but tricks and tips to fit your character.	Marianne Pease (M), Bill Frankenfeld, Kate Szkotnicki, Gaia Eirich, Stephanie Burke, Bill Kennedy
Fri	8:00 PM	50 minutes	Belmont	Anime	Panel	Round-Eye Gaijin!	Examining the Japanese take on Western civilization and ideas, as expressed in popular sci-fi/ fantasy manga and anime. Extra points awarded for gratuitous Hetalia references.	Robert Chase (M), Sonya Bleakley, Kathreja Sarfati, Christine Chase
Fri	8:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	Print On Demand	What do you need to know to move from just eBooks to paperbacks?	Larry Hodges (M), Abigail Hilton, Charlie Brown, Scott Pond, Ian Strock
Fri	8:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	New Media Fans	Panel	Finding New Podcasts	Where can you find the best new podcasts that really should be in your catcher? iTunes is an fine place to start, but that's just the beginning.	Christiana Ellis (M), Norm Sherman, Scott Roche
Fri	8:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Writers	Panel	Kicking Yourself Into Gear	Writers share their strategies for getting down to work when distractions or procrastination threaten	Reesa Herberth (M), Judi Fleming, Michael Black, Bud Sparhawk, Michelle Moore
Fri	8:00 PM	50 minutes	Pimlico	Writers	Panel	Copy Editing Do's and Don'ts	Finding an effective copy-editor, what makes someone good or bad as a copy editor, and why you may not want to have someone close to you edit your work	Elektra Hammond (M), Cindy Young-Turner, John French, Holliann Russell Kim, Sue Baiman
Fri	8:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Dollars & Sense: The Business of Being Creative	Panel	Marketing Platforms for Writers	Getting published is hard, especially for a first-time author. Publishers expect you to come with a platform. Speakers will explain what a platform is and how to start building it with an overview of appropriate tools.	Allie Gamblin (M), Brian Rathbone, Lawrence Watt-Evans, Scott Sigler

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Fri	8:00 PM	1 hour	Valley Ballroom	Special Events	Presentation	Opening Ceremonies	We introduce our Guests, bestow the 31st Compton Crook Award, and celebrate the changing of the guard.	Mark Van Name (M), Geoffrey Landis, Brandon Sanderson, Ken Anders, Charles E. Gannon, Myke Cole, Michael Flynn, Halo Jankowski
Fri	9:00 PM	50 minutes	Belmont	Video, Film and TV	Panel	Balticon Video Program Sneak Previews	Clips, teasers, and highlights of the Balticon 48 video program, including overnight screenings in the Belmont Room!	Thomas Horman (M)
Fri	9:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	Music	Panel	Using An Accent In Your Podcast	How to use accents in your podcast or audiobook without making a fool of yourself.	P.C. Haring (M), Nobilis Reed, Doc Coleman, Brand Gamblin, Mildred Cady
Fri	9:00 PM	1 hour 30 minutes	Con Suite	Fan	Other	Friday Face Time: Meet the GoHs and Program Participants	Come meet and mingle with Guests of Honor and program presenters, moderators and panelists. Network with literary and filmmaking professionals, fans, scientists, and more.	CON CHAIR Kelly Shannon Pierce (M), Brandon Sanderson, Ken Anders, Geoffrey Landis, Myke Cole, Charles E. Gannon
Fri	9:00 PM	2 hours 20 minutes	Derby	Filmmaking	Workshop	Screenwriting 101 Workshop	Short films are often characterized as being narrative, documentary, experimental or animated (or some combination, thereof). In this workshop you'll take your story and develop a working plan and strategy for your own short screenplay. While the focus of the workshop will be on short narrative, the techniques can be applied across the form. You will have the opportunity to develop and test your logline, build your premise and create a scene outline. We'll also look at practical matters, like formatting and what does and doesn't belong in a script.	James Gossard (M)
Fri	9:00 PM	1 hour 30 minutes	Garden Room	Dance	Dance	Teen Dance Party -- Age 13 to 19	Teens ages 13 to 19 are invited to dance to the music of DJs Daniel Hack and friends.	Daniel Hack (M), Joram Stanley (M), Caramon Stanley (M), Ethan Wilson (M)
Fri	9:00 PM	1 hour	Hunt Ballroom	Art	Other	Meet the Artist Guest of Honor: Halo Jankowski	Artist Guest of Honor Halo will be in the Art Show to meet fans and discuss his work exhibited there.	Nora Echeverria Art Show Villainess (M), Halo Jankowski
Fri	9:00 PM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: KT Bryski, Veronica Giguere, and Val Grisowld-Ford		KT Bryski, Veronica Giguere, Val Grisowld-Ford
Fri	9:00 PM	1 hour 50 minutes	Salon A	Gaming	Other	Late Night Cards Against Humanity		Kristina Lynch (M), Michelle Hymowitz (M)
Fri	9:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Writers	Panel	WHERE DID YOU GET THE IDEA?	One of the most common questions asked of writers is "Where did you get the idea?" You might get...no answer, a wonky answer, a lecture, an evil eye, a noisy sigh. They DO come from somewhere. Can that somewhere be tracked down? The audience will be expected to contribute a story idea on the spot.	Jeff Young, Mike Mcphail, Day Al-mohamed, D.H. Aire, Lawrence M. Schoen
Fri	9:00 PM	30 minutes	Salon C	Music	Concert	Filk Concert: Sarah Pinsker		Sarah Pinsker
Fri	9:15 PM	1 hour	Parlor 1026	Launch Events	Panel	ZOMBIES NEED BRAINS Launch: CLOCKWORK UNIVERSE: STEAMPUNK vs ALIENS Release Event	This is the kick-off of the new small press ZOMBIES NEED BRAINS, where we will be celebrating the start of the new small press and its first SF&F anthology CLOCKWORK UNIVERSE: STEAMPUNK vs ALIENS. Come join us for some snacks, meet some of the authors contributing to the first anthology, and learn all about ZNB and what it hopes to do in the future!	Joshua Palmatier (M)
Fri	9:30 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	Science	Other	Friday Face Time: Meet the Scientists Social	Come and meet the scientists participating in the Balticon Science Program	Miriam Winder-Kelly (M), Paul Loeschke (M)

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Fri	9:30 PM	1 hour	Salon C	Music	Concert	Filk Concert: Darren Zieger		Darren Zieger
Fri	10:00 PM	50 minutes	Belmont	Video, Film and TV	Panel	SF Films of the 70s	The 1970s were a mixed decade for films, but SF films blossomed and became one of the most bankable genres during the decade, culminating in "Star Wars."	Thomas Horman (M), Diane Weinstein, Alan Zendell, Zan Rosin, Billy Flynn, Daniel M. Kimmel
Fri	10:00 PM	50 minutes	Chase	Fan	Panel	Can a Nation Survive Without Defending its Borders?	Can a nation survive without defending its borders?	Robert Glaub (M), Jack Campbell /John Henry, Mike Mcphail
Fri	10:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	After Hours Events	Panel	Dirty Mad Libs	All The Way To the Aardvark	Patrick Scaffido (M), Doc Coleman, Starla Huchton
Fri	10:00 PM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: Jeff Young, Nobilis Reed, and N.R. Brown		Nobilis Reed, N.R. Brown, Jeff Young
Fri	10:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Writers	Panel	When to Stop Revising and Move on to the next project	A discussion of why and when to decide to be finished with a novel and move on to the next one	Michelle D. Sonnier (M), Jon Sprunk, Lawrence M. Schoen, j daniel sawyer, James Daniel Ross
Fri	10:00 PM	3 hours	Valley Ballroom	Dance	Dance	Dancing in the Gears	Attention all aeronauts, aethernauts, lady and gentleman adventurers, mad scientists, inventors, and other Steampunks and neo-Victorians! Join us for a time-traveling formal evening at the Steampunk Ball! Become part of the living clockwork of Victorian and Victorian-inspired set dances and spin madly with your partner to romantic waltzes and lively polkas. No previous experience is needed; all dances will be taught by dance mistress Susan de Guardiola. Music will be an eclectic mix of modern and nineteenth century. Steampunk, neo-Victorian, or Victorian costume encouraged and admired but not required. Airships and time machines should be parked outside the ballroom. No sabers, ray guns, or clanks permitted on the dance floor.	Susan de Guardiola (M)
Fri	10:30 PM	4 hours	Salon C	Music	Other	Friday/Saturday Overnight Open Filk	Drop by to sing and/or play filk music with us. Or just pull up a chair to listen!	
Fri	11:00 PM	7 hours 10 minutes	Belmont	Video, Film and TV	Other	Friday/Saturday Overnight Video in the Belmont	Overnight Video	Thomas Horman (M)
Fri	11:00 PM	50 minutes	Chase	Fan	Panel	Developing a Sense of Propriety	Advice from SF/F Fandom on how to avoid creepy behavior; how to tell your friend that his/her behavior is totally Uncool, instead of watching in silent horror; what's harassment and what else- while not harassment- is still unacceptable public behavior.	Debi Chowdhury (M), Leona Wisoker, Don Sakers, Jean Marie Ward, Mildred Cady
Fri	11:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	After Hours Events	Panel	Disasterpiece After Dark (Super Sexy Edition) - Mature Themes		Alex White (M), Stephen Granade
Fri	11:00 PM	1 hour 30 minutes	Garden Room	Dance	Dance	Balticon U Dance Party	Balticon University (Ages 18 to 25) presents a dance to music from DJ Daniel Hack & friends.	Caramon Stanley (M), Ethan Wilson (M), Daniel Hack (M), Joram Stanley (M)
Fri	11:00 PM	2 hours	Parlor 1026	Teen	Other	Teen Social	The dance may be over, but come hang with your friends, grab a snack, and socialize. Open discussion, ages 13-19	
Fri	11:00 PM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: Vonnie Winslow-Crist, Laura Nicole, and Joshua Palmatier,		Vonnie Crist, Joshua Palmatier, Laura Nicole

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Sat	8:00 AM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	Writers	Panel	Collaborative Writing	Co-authors share their secrets for successfully collaborating, managing plot points in shared stories, and keeping friendships intact.	Collin Earl (M), Philippa Ballantine, Bud Sparhawk, Chris Snelgrove, Bob Greenberger, Melissa Scott
Sat	8:00 AM	50 minutes	Derby	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	Sound Effects	Free Creative Commons options, making your own Foley, and finding affordable Royalty Free Libraries.	Dave Robison, John Taylor Williams, Christopher Morse, Nobilis Reed, Mark Jeffrey
Sat	8:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	Military Fantasy	Panelists discuss who they think writes the best military fiction in fantasy literature.	Jon Sprunk (M), David Brawley, Tom Doyle, Myke Cole, Robert Waters
Sat	8:30 AM	1 hour 15 minutes	Chase	Fan	Other	Shabbot Sevice/Parsha Discussion	Shabbat service/Parsha Discussion. Barry Nove	D.H. Aire (M)
Sat	9:00 AM	2 hours 50 minutes	Belmont	Writers	Workshop	Writer's Workshop	'The End is Near'. We will look at what makes a good ending. Participants are asked to bring a synopsis of one or more of their stories along with their endings in their entirety(not more than one page). As many synopses and endings will be read and discussed as time permits.	Steve Lubs
Sat	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	Writers	Panel	Self-Editing for the Self-Published Author	How can a self-published author make sure that they have put a professional product? What tips and tricks for self-editing can improve a book before its release?	Patrick Holyfield, Danielle Ackley-Mcphail, Barbara Hill, Brand Gamblin, Andrea Trask
Sat	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Derby	Dollars & Sense: The Business of Being Creative	Panel	Pricing eBooks and why free is not always better		Collin Earl (M), Chris Snelgrove, Michael Underwood, Sue Baiman, Kelly Harmon
Sat	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Garden Room	Fan	Presentation	How Natural is Natural Science?	Modern science arose only once, in the Latin West. China had high technology but nothing like science; Islam made a promising start, but sputtered out. What makes science different from engineering/technology or from mathematics/astronomy? What are the preconditions encouraging or retarding the development of natural science? How vital was the telescope?	Michael Flynn (M)
Sat	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	New Media Fans	Panel	Listener Pet Peeves- What's the Worst in Podcasts?	What do you hate to hear in a podcast? Share the pain with others and talk about what could be improved. Some problems you've heard a thousand times others just once but it was really bad!	Norm Sherman (M), Jimmy Rogers, Tim Dodge, Scott Roche, Mark Jeffrey
Sat	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	But, Honey, It's For the Studio!	Upgrading your gear is a serious temptation. In these trying economic times, bargains abound and the desire for some new shiny device in your studio sometimes outweighs the other factors in your life. Our panel of technophiles talk about what's out there, where to buy it cheap, and when you should buy it. We all love our gear, but we shouldn't deprive our families of food and shelter for the next new gadget.	James Durham (M), John Taylor Williams, Flynnstress, Tim Burke, Billy Flynn
Sat	9:00 AM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: Eric Bakutis, Michael Hanson, and Jay Smith		Michael Hanson, Eric Bakutis, Jay Smith
Sat	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon A	Fan	Panel	Diversity in Fandom	How the world is changing for writers of all genre's and their fan base.	Carl Cipra (M), Day Al-mohamed, Debi Chowdhury, Peter Prellwitz, Sonya Bleakley
Sat	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	Prompting Readers to Question the Impact Technology Has on the World.	How do writers weave encouragement to exercise technological conscientiousness into their stories? (Without sounding preachy, thank you very much.) Panelists provide examples and explain why they think the author's approach did or didn't work.	Martin Berman-Gorvine (M), Walt Boyes, Joy Ward, Charles E. Gannon, James Daniel Ross

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Sat	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon C	Art	Workshop	Wire Wrapping for Any Stone or Object	Students will receive all materials, including a stone to wrap, and instructions in creating a wire "cage" to hold their item. This works for odd-shaped stones or objects as well as regular cabochons, and there will be an assortment to choose from. Limited to 12 students. You can sign at the info desk to reserve your seat.	Nancy Janda (M)
Sat	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon D	Costuming	Panel	Presentation 101	Without a character to inhabit it, your costume is just weird clothes. Come learn how to animate it and show it to its best on stage.	Gaia Eirich (M), Sharon Landrum, Ron Robinson, Jeannette Holloman, Pavlina, Bill Kennedy
Sat	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Chase	Children	Workshop	Postcards from the Moon	Attendees will journey to the Moon and back using NASA hands on activities, 3-D images, and some take home resources.	Maria Esquela
Sat	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	Dollars & Sense: The Business of Being Creative	Panel	Podiobooks: Why should I give my work away for free	How podcasting a novel can help promote the work. How to get the most from this and success stories.	Jay Smith (M), Paul Cooley, Brand Gamblin, Mike Luoma
Sat	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Derby	Readers	Panel	Asian and Pseudo-Asian settings for SciFi and Fantasy	Authors and readers who have lived in Asian countries discuss the setting of stories in Asian and Pseudo-Asian settings.	Iver Cooper (M), L. Jagi Lamplighter, T Jackson King, Walt Boyes
Sat	10:00 AM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Other	Autographing: Sarah Pinsker and Alex Shvartsman		Sarah Pinsker, Alex Shvartsman
Sat	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Readers	Panel	Favorite Science Fiction Authors	Panelists discuss why, after the first novel, they kept reading their favorite Writers?	Larry Hodges (M), David Brawley, Darrell Schweitzer, Michael Hanson, Steve White
Sat	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	Writers	Panel	Writing Resolutions, Evaluation, and Measurement	What does it take to plan successfully? How can you move your writing forward? We all have busy lives. This workshop focuses on ways we can better resolve to get our work done; evaluate our forward momentum, and some simple means of measurement.	Andrea Trask, Kelly Harmon, Day Al-mohamed, Cindy Young-Turner, Judi Fleming
Sat	10:00 AM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: Walter Hunt, D.H. Aire, Brenda Clough		D.H. Aire, Walter Hunt, Brenda Clough
Sat	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Presentation	Life Extension and the Prospects for Functional Immortality	Life extension and the prospects for functional immortality	Robert Katz MD (M)
Sat	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	Reading Young Adult Science Fiction	Panelists from the Balticon teen and collegiate membership discuss what kinds of stories inspire them to read science fiction.	Collin Earl (M)
Sat	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon C	Art	Workshop	Paper Art Workshop	Paper art overview and hands on workshop. Book alteration and 3-D sculpture from the flat page.	Ruth Lampi (M)
Sat	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon D	Music	Workshop	Writing a Winning Song	Our panelists discuss the craft of songwriting, from generating ideas to writing tunes to adapting/parodying an existing tune.	Darren Zieger (M), ComicBookGoddess, Devo Spice, Batya Wittenberg
Sat	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Valley Ballroom	Costuming	Panel	Tech for Costumers	Let our stage tech crew and experienced costumers demonstrate the possibilities for lighting and showcasing your costume. Held on the main stage.	Eric Gasior (M), Ron Robinson, Gaia Eirich, Sarah Richardson, Jason McClain
Sat	10:30 AM	50 minutes	Garden Room	Special Events	Presentation	Heinlein Award Winner's Presentation		Michael Flynn (M), Geoffrey Landis
Sat	11:00 AM	50 minutes	Chase	Children	Workshop	The Impossible Possibilities of Wire	Create Anything Imaginable...with Wire or The Impossible Possibilities of Wire. Using pipe cleaners, you'll be able to make an item of your choice using a special technique created by the artist, Lonnie Q. Ingram. Mr. Ingram is a self-taught artist, with more than 20 years experience and has created 1000s of unique wire sculptures over the years. We'll use basic shapes to create animals, people and things. What do you want to create? Your imagination is your only limit!	Lonnie Ingram

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Sat	11:00 AM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	Conducting Podcast Interviews	The do's, don't's, and how-to's of conducting a podcast interview. What technologies are available to let you interview people from across the globe?	John Taylor Williams (M), Dave Robison, Thomas Gideon, Tim Dodge, Hugh O'Donnell
Sat	11:00 AM	50 minutes	Derby	Dollars & Sense: The Business of Being Creative	Panel	Author Branding Across Platforms and Media	For aspiring and experienced authors alike, one of the main challenges is gaining exposure. Social media like Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, and Google+ have become key. But it's more than simply having an account. Building an author brand and a following is about developing content to attract your target audience as well as being creative and standing out in the crowd. Spreading your work across various media types: print, eBook, audio book, podcasting, and blogging are ways to reach more readers.	Allie Gamblin (M), PJ Schnyder, J.R. Blackwell, T Jackson King, Charles E. Gannon
Sat	11:00 AM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Other	Autographing: Brandon Sanderson and Myke Cole	Autographing	Brandon Sanderson, Myke Cole
Sat	11:00 AM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Launch Events	Panel	Heroes of Earth/Save the Dragons Promotion		Martin Berman-Gorvine (M)
Sat	11:00 AM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	Fan	Other	Special Needs Reception	The Special Needs department hosts a social hour for their clients. And you might want to stick around for the Expressions of Disability in SF panel coming up next!	Ellen Montgomery (M), Day Al-mohamed
Sat	11:00 AM	1 hour 30 minutes	Pimlico	LARP	Panel	LARP Opening Ceremonies		
Sat	11:00 AM	1 hour	Salon A	Science	Presentation	Generating Magnetic Fields the Way Planets and Stars to		Dan Lathrop Ph.D. (M)
Sat	11:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	Grief, Loss, and Death in SF/F	Panelists discuss treatment of these topics in genre literature, with brief readings of illustrative examples.	Jon Sprunk (M), ComicBookGoddess, Chris Snelgrove, j daniel sawyer, Gail Z Martin
Sat	11:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon C	Art	Workshop	Bookbinding and Bookmaking	Come learn the history of bookbinding. Make a simple book or an elaborate one to take home. You can also bring your own drawings, printouts and paper bits and make your own book. \$10 supply fee. Includes paper, covers, paper awl, thread, needle, glue and decorations.	Amy Thacker (M), Rebecca Thacker
Sat	11:00 AM	1 hour 50 minutes	Salon D	Costuming	Workshop	Classical Historical Hairstyles	This lecture and workshop surveys women's hair fashions in Rome. Janet Stephens will guide you in the use of historically appropriate tools and techniques rediscovered through her extensive research. 1st hour: lecture on principles of ancient hair design. 2nd hour: Hands on workshop, limited to 10 dressers and 10 models (sign up sheets at the information desk). Dressers must be able to weave three-strand braids. A limited number of workshop kits (wide tooth comb, #13 blunt tapestry needle, sport weight yarn, 4 chopsticks, small scissors) will be available for purchase.	Janet Stephens (M)
Sat	11:00 AM	1 hour	Valley Ballroom	Art	Panel	Halo Jankowski Presentation	Guest of Honor Presentation by Balticon 48 Artist Guest of Honor Halo Jankowski	Carl Cipra (M), Halo Jankowski
Sat	12:00 PM	1 hour 20 minutes	Belmont	Gaming	Panel	Crayon Train Games 101	Get an appreciation for an unusual kind of train game with a high potential for replay. Draw tracks with crayons? What? Come learn to play! All of the good features of train games in general still apply. Session will include an overview for this class of game, brief play instructions, short games for learning, and great advice on how to play well and have fun on your own rails.	Michelle Hymowitz (M), Peter Eirich



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Sat	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Chase	Children	Workshop	Celtic Interlace	Learn about and color in a Celtic Interlace.	Brent Warner
Sat	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	Breaking the Mold - Branching Out to Other Media	Like many creatives, you're multi-talented, and you've got a lot to offer. Learn how you can use your other talents in tandem to create a content-rich experience for your consumer.	Rob Balder (M), John Taylor Williams, j daniel sawyer, James Durham, Alex White
Sat	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	Managing Podcast Streams	How to set up multiple podcast feeds so you can have a single master feed for all your work and multiple smaller feeds for different podcast projects you're producing.	Jonah Knight (M), Patrick Holyfield, Jimmy Rogers, A Kovacs, Christiana Ellis
Sat	12:00 PM	1 hour	Garden Room	Publishing	Panel	Baen Traveling Show	Slide show presenting original art and finished covers for both current and upcoming Baen books. Attendees will learn what goes into designing a cover and how covers evolve, as well as getting a sneak peak of upcoming releases. Free books and other goodies will be given out!	Mark Van Name (M), Charles E. Gannon
Sat	12:00 PM	1 hour	Hunt Ballroom	Art	Other	Meet the Artists: Ellen Montgomery	Individual exhibiting artists will be available to meet fans and discuss their work at various times in the art show. The Meet the Artists schedule will be posted on the Art Show doors and in the Rocket Mail.	Nora Echeverria Art Show Villainess (M), Ellen Montgomery
Sat	12:00 PM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Other	Autographing: Walter Hunt, Daniel M. Kimmel, and Steven H. Wilson		Walter Hunt, Steven H. Wilson, Daniel M. Kimmel
Sat	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	Readers	Panel	Expressions of Disability in SF	It feels somewhat problematic to lump physical, developmental, and mental diagnoses together, but the commonality is in their perception as Other. It's a vast uncharted territory of "write what you know" since it touches so many lives but relatively few writers incorporate it into their fiction. Panelists discuss the Possibilities.	Sarah Pinsker (M), Gail Z Martin, Laura Nicole, Day Al-mohamed, Jennifer R. Povey
Sat	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Presentation	Virtual Human Intelligent Avatars in Medicine.	AI conversations have evolved from Eliza. Interactive character research enables a wide variety of practical, engaging and immersive interactions. Let's share their current capabilities and design architectures, culminating in a live editing session with a very chatty virtual patient.	Brett Talbot (M)
Sat	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Writers	Panel	Writing Sequels, Prequels, and Spin offs,		Maria V. Snyder (M), Tom Doyle, Bob Greenberger, Mike D'Ambrosio
Sat	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon C	Art	Panel	Iron Artists Competition	Iron Artists Competition	Ray Ridenour (M), Alan F. Beck, Halo Jankowski, Peter Bryant, Nutty Nuchtchas
Sat	12:15 PM	1 hour 30 minutes	Parlor 1026	Launch Events	Panel	Tea in Four Worlds Book Launch	Join Don Sakers and Melissa Scott for a nice cup of tea suited to their four new SF and fantasy releases! We'll have tea and snacks to suit each world, and give away books (Fairs' Point, Silver Bullet, Children of the Eighth Day, Meat and Machine) and goodies. Books will be available for sale!	Melissa Scott (M), Don Sakers (M)
Sat	12:30 PM	50 minutes	Pimlico	Balticon University	Panel	Professionalism and the Young Writer	Age may be just a number, but what do you do when most people have been working in the industry for longer than you've been alive? How do you balance edits and essays? How can the young writer best present themselves to their readers and colleagues?	Lawrence M. Schoen (M), CJ Henderson, John Zaharick, Michelle D. Sonnier, TJ. Perkins
Sat	1:00 PM	50 minutes	Chase	Children	Workshop	Journey to Neverland	Play pirate vs. fairies games like Tic Toc Croc and First Star to the Right (musical chairs with stars instead of chairs.)	Jay Buechler, Leigh Alexander
Sat	1:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	Dollars & Sense: The Business of Being Creative	Panel	Getting Started With Self Promotion	The basics of self-promotion: which services to go to first and how to make the most of them. What is worth your time? What isn't?	Scott Pond (M), Scott Sigler, Mark Jeffrey, Peter Prellwitz

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Sat	1:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	Readers	Panel	Out of Sight, Out of Mind?	Where does a story or novel published online stand a year after publication? Does print publication offer a chance to have new readers encounter that work over a longer period of time? Do readers bother to mine web archives for earlier works by an online-only author, or do they just look at what's new. Author and reader panelists discuss.	PJ Schnyder (M), A Kovacs, Alessia Brio, Barbara Hill, Andrea Trask
Sat	1:00 PM	1 hour	Hunt Ballroom	Art	Panel	Meet the Artists: Laurel Cunningham-Hill, Joni White	Individual exhibiting artists will be available to meet fans and discuss their work at various times in the art show. The Meet the Artists schedule will be posted on the Art Show doors and in the Rocket Mail.	Nora Echeverria Art Show Villainess (M), Laurel Cunningham-Hill, Joni White
Sat	1:00 PM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Other	Autographing: Maria V. Snyder and Jon Sprunk		Maria V. Snyder, Jon Sprunk
Sat	1:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Panel	Sailing on Venus	Preparations for a Descent into Hell. Geoffrey A. Landis	Geoffrey Landis (M)
Sat	1:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	5 Books for the Last Town on Earth	By some freaky quirk of fate, your little city survived a major cataclysm. As far as you know, you are all that's left, but you DO want to survive. What five books will help you and your neighbors survive?	Elektra Hammond (M), Cindy Young-Turner, Amy Kaplan, Brenda Clough, Larry Hodges
Sat	1:00 PM	1 hour 50 minutes	Salon C	Teen	Workshop	DIY Ocarina of Time Artifact	Only 15 Participants! Signup Sheet at Info Desk (top of the escalators). Every resident of Hyrule desires an Ocarina of Time, as they walk through the darkness of the Kokiri Forest or as they pass through Castle Town. Caramon will show you how to make one of your very own!	Caramon Stanley (M), Joram Stanley (M)
Sat	1:00 PM	1 hour 20 minutes	Salon D	Teen	Workshop	Embroider Flowers on a Love Token	Only 12 participants - Sign up sheet at Info Desk (near top of escalator	Ingeborg i Trondheim (M)
Sat	1:00 PM	1 hour	Valley Ballroom	Special Events	Panel	Brandon Sanderson's Presentation	Guest of Honor Presentation by Hugo winning novelist Brandon Sanderson	Carl Cipra (M), Brandon Sanderson
Sat	1:30 PM	1 hour 20 minutes	Belmont	Writers	Workshop	Exploring the Magick and Lore of the Celtic/Norse Gods/Goddesses Workshop	T. J. Perkins will present the lives, background, myths/legends of Gods/Goddesses of Celtic and Norse Mythology, followed by a Pathworking for you to 'meet' the character you'd like to work with, then a fun writing exercise or 2. Sign up at the information desk at the top of the escalator to reserve your spot.	T.J. Perkins (M)
Sat	1:30 PM	1 hour 20 minutes	Parlor 1041	Gaming	Panel	Recipe for Making an Effective Gamemaster		Peter Bryant, Kevin Simpson, Mike Mcphail
Sat	1:30 PM	1 hour 30 minutes	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: Robert Chase, Keith Decandido, Michael Flynn, and John C. Wright		John C Wright, Michael Flynn, Robert Chase, Keith DeCandido
Sat	2:00 PM	50 minutes	Chase	Children	Workshop	Storytelling with Bill Mayhew	Bill Mayhew has been telling stories for as long as he can remember and to the public for more than thirty years, all over the place, to audiences from kindergarten to senior citizens. He likes to tell funny stories; some are grim, some are sweet, and some are scary, but all are fun and most will make your little ones laugh!	Mayhew
Sat	2:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	Writers	Panel	10 Cool Underused Ways To Travel In Space	Scientists discuss ideas for space travel that have been underutilized or could be due for reintroduction into the genre.	Andy Love (M), Catherine Asaro, Geoffrey Landis, Charles E. Gannon, Pamela Gay
Sat	2:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	Helping Authors Find and Work Effectively With Narrators	Experienced podcasters discuss how to recruit and work with narrators to maximize the quality of their audio.	Veronica Giguere (M), Rob Balder, Patrick Holyfield, Chris Snelgrove, P.C. Haring

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Sat	2:00 PM	1 hour	Garden Room	Music	Panel	Ken Anders Concert	Guest of Honor Concert by SCA Bard and Balticon 48 Music Guest of Honor Ken Anders. The concert will be followed by an charity auction for BSFS Books for Kids	Ken Anders (M)
Sat	2:00 PM	1 hour	Hunt Ballroom	Art	Panel	Meet the Artists: Tristan Alexander	Individual exhibiting artists will be available to meet fans and discuss their work at various times in the art show. The Meet the Artists schedule will be posted on the Art Show doors and in the Rocket Mail.	Nora Echeverria Art Show Villainess (M), Tristan Alexander
Sat	2:00 PM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Other	Autographing: Tom Doyle, Hugh O'Donnell and Lawrence Schoen		Lawrence M. Schoen, Tom Doyle, Hugh O'Donnell
Sat	2:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Presentation	A Quantum of Mystery	A Quantum of Mystery. How do we visualize the double slit experiment? How do we understand what Feynman called the central, really the only, mystery of quantum mechanics? Veteran quantum mechanic John Ashmead & professional animator Larry Latham join forces to show what cannot be seen, and present, for your consideration, a Quantum of Mystery. John Ashmead, Larry Latham	John Ashmead (M)
Sat	2:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	Flipping SF Archetypes	Maybe humanity isn't the good guy on the intergalactic playing field. Maybe the mad scientist is just a jerk, not an evil genius. Maybe...	Scott Roche (M), T Jackson King, James Daniel Ross, Jean Marie Ward, Steven H. Wilson
Sat	2:30 PM	1 hour 20 minutes	Salon D	Costuming	Other	Auction: Treasures from Marty and Bobby Gear's Costume Closet	Costumes, fabrics, and accessories from the collection of Marty and Bobby Gear. GCFCG auctions fund Guild social outreach programs, including charity haunts and the post-masquerade party.	Sharon Landrum (M), Judy Mitchell, Ron Robinson, Jeannette Holloman
Sat	3:00 PM	50 minutes	Chase	Children	Workshop	Who Wants to be a Superhero	Create your own superhero persona and costume.	Eta Hack
Sat	3:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	New Media Fans	Panel	Disasterpiece Theatre LIVE	Disasterpiece Theatre is an exercise in true Hollywood movie magic. A theme is selected each week. The goal is to come up with the movies the industry would be most likely to make. The magic happens when we create something dark and terrible; a hideous and inexorable vision of the cinematic future; and you know true despair.	Alex White (M), Stephen Granade
Sat	3:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	Writers	Panel	Author Promotion Materials	We all know authors need stuff, but what stuff? What promotional items are available and which ones are effective?	Starla Huchton (M), PJ Schnyder, Jeffrey Lyman, Neal Levin, Allie Gamblin
Sat	3:00 PM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Other	Autographing: Michael Flynn and Jo Walton		Michael Flynn, Jo Walton
Sat	3:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Teen	Panel	What Brought You to Balticon, and How Do We Get Other Teens to Come	Young Fans and Balticon staff members talk about how to get more young people to attend, volunteer for, and be involved in Balticon and BSFS. An open forum discussion.	Daniel Hack
Sat	3:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	Gaming	Panel	Pirate Games		Perriane Lurie, Kristina Lynch, Victor Hutcherson
Sat	3:00 PM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Other	Reading: J Daniel Sawyer, Dave Robison, Patrick Scaffido		Dave Robison, Patrick Scaffido, j daniel sawyer
Sat	3:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Presentation	Life on a Little Known Planet	Life on a little known planet! The Ant Kingdom, New Species Discoveries and Fossil records! John S. LaPolla, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Biology, Co-Director, Biology Graduate Program, Towson University	John La Polla PH.D. (M)
Sat	3:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	Aged Characters in Fantasy	Do they have to be wise and revered? Avoiding the cliché.	Holliann Russell Kim (M), Jon Sprunk, Leona Wisoker, Joy Ward, Steven H. Wilson

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Sat	3:00 PM	1 hour 50 minutes	Salon C	Art	Workshop	Fantasy Art Drawing Workshop	How to draw the things in one's head to look real on paper by using, altering, and creating references. This is a hands-on participation workshop. Attendees will be drawing Fantasy subject matter from a variety of small Fantasy props (provided) with a variety of drawing materials (provided).	Charlene Taylor D'Alessio (M)
Sat	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Belmont	Readers	Panel	The 1632 Universe	Authors writing in this universe share their stories and experiences with readers and give us the inside skinny on what's coming up! Featuring Panel Guest Meriah Crawford.	Walt Boyes (M), Iver Cooper, Robert Waters, Charles E. Gannon, Walter Hunt
Sat	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Chase	Children	Workshop	Plaster Name Plates	Design your own personalized name plate, or just make a paper weight. We will use plaster of Paris and inclusions to create an individualized piece of sculpture that will work hard to contain your artistic talents. These pieces will be highly textured and one-of-a-kind with a beach theme.	Sue Bowen
Sat	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	How To Do A Blog Tour	How to use a blog tour to generate publicity for your upcoming release.	Brenda Clough (M), David Brawley, Tee Morris, Starla Huchton, Melissa Hayden
Sat	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	Writers	Panel	The transition: Experiences of New Media authors moving to the mainstream literary world	Podcasters and ePublishers discusses the experience of moving from the digital world in to print and what changes they had to make.	Philippa Ballantine, A Kovacs, Jared Axelrod, Scott Sigler
Sat	4:00 PM	2 hours	Garden Room	Dance	Panel	Medieval Dance	Come learn a bunch of easy and fun medieval dances, taught by Patches. Music provided by Maugorn and friends.	Patches (M), Maugorn, Gary Ehrlich
Sat	4:00 PM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Other	Autographing: Mike Black, L. Jagi Lamplighter, and John C. Wright		L. Jagi Lamplighter, Michael Black, John C Wright
Sat	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Anime	Panel	Anime and New Western TV	Can Anime withstand the onslaught of western shows, ie. Doctor Who, Breaking bad, Dexter, MadMen, Blacklist, Game of thrones, etc. -- does it have the subject matter to hold up? Will it or is it subjugated to the realm of "for children and immature nerds", whereas western television has started to grow up -- and grow up fast?	Grig Larson (M), Jason Banks, Robert Chase, Kathreja Sarfati
Sat	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Pimlico	Readers	Panel	Broad Universe Reading Rapid Fire Reading Saturday Afternoon	Rapid Fire readings from some amazing women/authors.	Jean Marie Ward (M), Reesa Herberth, Elektra Hammond, Gail Z Martin, Michelle Moore, Kelly Harmon
Sat	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Presentation	Is There Life Elsewhere in our Galaxy?	Is There Life Elsewhere in our Galaxy? Jason Kalirai, James Webb Space Telescope	Jason Kalirai (M)
Sat	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	Titles Looking for Stories	Help our writers avoid writer's block. You provide the titles, the writers on the panel will come up with a synopsis for each title. Audience votes on the best synopsis for each title.	Mark Van Name, Jennifer R. Povey, Bob Greenberger, Mary Turzillo, Larry Hodges
Sat	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon D	Editors	Panel	The Fine Line Between Editing and Rewriting	How much is too much? What should be entered as a comment and what should you just revise? How do you approach the editing process? Panelists discuss their editing process and experience, particularly on where to draw the line.	Christopher Pisano, Alessia Brio, Jon Sprunk, Sue Baiman, Bernie Mojzes
Sat	4:15 PM	1 hour 30 minutes	Parlor 1041	Launch Events	Panel	Flesh Sutra/America Craftsman Launch	Come celebrate with author Tom Doyle the release of his modern-day fantasy of military intrigue, "{American Craftsmen," and with author Tim W. Burke the publication of his fantastic journey of existential terror and self-discovery, "The Flesh Sutra."	Tom Doyle (M), Tim Burke, Barbara Hill

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Sat	5:00 PM	50 minutes	Belmont	Readers	Panel	In the Hot Seat	Professionals (from any field) are there to answer questions. Getting agents, self publishing, tracking disease vectors, motivation ... whatever. The panel answers everything. That's the deal.	Myke Cole (M), Jon Sprunk, Lawrence M. Schoen, John Cmar, Joshua Bilmes
Sat	5:00 PM	50 minutes	Chase	Children	Workshop	Steampunk Filk Concert with Mark MacDicken	Steampunk Filk Concert with Mark MacDicken	Mark MacDicken
Sat	5:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	Editors	Panel	Anthologies	A look at the wave sweeping the industry. At one point anthologies were looked down upon in publishing. These days they are a staple. Themed or unthemed? Invitation only or open submission? There are so many different options for the aspiring anthology editor/packager. Planning on an anthology of your own? Come pick the brains of experience anthology editors for how to go about things and what to avoid.	Darrell Schweitzer (M), Sarah Avery, Lee C. Hillman, David Sklar, Mike Mcphail
Sat	5:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	New Media Fans	Presentation	Astronomy Cast Podcast	Astronomy Cast, hosted by Fraser Cain (Universe Today) and Dr. Pamela L. Gay (SIUE), provides weekly discussions on fact-based astronomical topics ranging from planets to cosmology. This show brings the questions of an avid astronomy lover direct to an astronomer. Together Fraser and Pamela explore the universe around us.	Pamela Gay (M)
Sat	5:00 PM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Other	Autographing: TJ Perkins, Melissa Scott, and Steve White		T.J. Perkins, Steve White, Melissa Scott
Sat	5:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Teen	Panel	Divergent Debate	Divergent Debate	Ethan Wilson (M), Thomas Hayden, Sam Prellwitz, Bella Shaivitz, Sarah Esquela, Daniel Hack
Sat	5:00 PM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: Jo Walton, Geoffrey Landis		Geoffrey Landis, Jo Walton
Sat	5:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Presentation	The Human Microbiome	The Human Microbiome: The Trillions of Microbes on Your Body! Lita Proctor, Ph.D. from the NIH	Lita Proctor Ph.D. (M)
Sat	6:00 PM	1 hour 50 minutes	Belmont	Filmmaking	Workshop	Preparing for Takeoff	A preproduction planning seminar for independent filmmakers, by a successful independent filmmaker. Arthur Vincie, writer/director of this year's Sunday morning film premier, will have his book available for purchase at this seminar.	Arthur Vincie (M)
Sat	6:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	Dollars & Sense: The Business of Being Creative	Panel	The Best Bang For Your Buck!	Whether you're investing money, time, or both, our shameless promoters will tell you what works and where you should focus your energies.	Michael Black, Chris Snelgrove, Neal Levin, Scott Sigler, Steve White
Sat	6:00 PM	2 hours	Con Suite	Launch Events	Other	Fortress Press Book Launch	Fortress Publishing, Inc. Presents TV Gods: "Picture your favorite TV show! Imagine your favorite Pantheon! Mash them together -- What could possibly go wrong?" The great pantheons of the world run amok through eighteen tales of wonder and hilarity. Discover how the Egyptian gods use night court for judging the souls of the dead. What will happen when an office of Greek gods get downsized? Why are there Norse gods on a space ship? Come join Fortress Publishing, Inc. in celebrating the launch of this exciting new anthology.	Christine Stuppi (M), Christopher Pisano, Brian Koscienski, Jon Sprunk, Elektra Hammond, Eric Hardenbrook, Mike D'Ambrosio, Jeff Young
Sat	6:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	Writers	Panel	Forgotten Works in Sci-Fi / Forgotten Works in Fantasy	What shows/books are classics that a new reader will not hear about unless we tell them?	Joshua Bilmes (M), L. Jagi Lamplighter, Jo Walton, Steven H. Wilson, Brett Talbot
Sat	6:00 PM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Panel	Autographing: Richard Leider and Dr. Seti		Rick Leider, H. Paul Shuch

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Sat	6:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Writers	Panel	GLBT Issues in YA Fantasy and SF	You want to address GLBT issues in your YA SF/F, but you're straight and you only have one queer friend and s/he never talks to you about their life. So how do you avoid sounding clueless? Who should you talk to? What questions should you ask?	Jared Axelrod (M), Carl Cipra, James Daniel Ross, N.R. Brown, Hugh O'Donnell
Sat	6:00 PM	1 hour 20 minutes	Parlor 1041	Gaming	Panel	The History of Mah Jongg		Donna Dearborn, Michelle Hymowitz
Sat	6:00 PM	50 minutes	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: Charles E. Gannon and Myke Cole	An interview with the author of 2014 Compton Crook Award winning novel "Fire With Fire" followed by readings by him and by Myke Cole, author of the 2013 award winning novel, "Shadow Ops: Control Point."	Bud Sparhawk (M), Charles E. Gannon, Myke Cole
Sat	6:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Presentation	Become a Rocket Scientist in Less Than an Hour	Who says rocket science is hard? You'll learn what makes a rocket work, the trade-offs in rocket design, and how you move around once you're in orbit. All in under an hour, and with just three equations and three graphs.	Stephen Granade (M)
Sat	6:00 PM	5 hours	Salon C	Costuming	Other	Masquerade Green Room	Preparation and gathering room for Marty Gear Memorial Masquerade contestants and exhibitors.	Lisa Adler-Golden, Jeannette Holloman, Ron Robinson
Sat	6:00 PM	5 hours	Salon D	Costuming	Other	Masquerade Green Room 2	Help herd Masquerade entrants! Select this item if you have volunteered to be a Masquerade Green Room helper.	Debi Chowdhury, Bill Frankenfeld, Judy Mitchell
Sat	7:00 PM	6 hours	Chase	Gaming	Other	Magic the Gathering: Draft Tournament with Brandon Sanderson	\$15 entry fee Limited 15 people, sign up at Info Desk. Come play in a Magic Draft tournament with Brandon Sanderson	Adrienne Reynolds (M), Brandon Sanderson
Sat	7:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	Dollars & Sense: The Business of Being Creative	Panel	Websites for SF Professionals	Guidelines for creating a website that will help you market your work and keep your name in front of your fans.	Neal Levin, Lauren Harris, Allie Gamblin
Sat	7:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	New Media Fans	Presentation	365 Days of Astronomy Podcast	The 365 Days of Astronomy Podcast is a project that publishes one podcast per day, for all 365 days of 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 -- and now 2014. The podcast episodes are written, recorded and produced by people around the world.	Pamela Gay (M)
Sat	7:00 PM	1 hour	Garden Room	Music	Concert	Concert: Mougorn		Mougorn
Sat	7:00 PM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Other	Autographing: Jhada Addams and Lawrence Watt-Evans		Jhada Addams, Lawrence Watt-Evans
Sat	7:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Writers	Panel	Shortening Your Books and Stories	How do you write shorter books and stories without cheating your readers? Panelists discuss methods and why this is (or isn't) a good idea in the first place.	Tim Burke, Keith DeCandido, Steven H. Wilson, Mary Turzillo, Betsy Riley
Sat	7:00 PM	50 minutes	Pimlico	Readers	Panel	Open Readings -- Saturday	Writers who have a science fiction or fantasy short story or novel they want to read from drop in, read it to others and (if they want) ask for some feedback. The rules are simple: the author goes to the front table and signs in, waits their turn. The moderator sets the timer on the table for 10 minutes maximum. If you ask for feedback, accept it graciously and without argument. Audience: Do not offer feedback to anyone who does not ask for it.	Bernie Mojzes (M)
Sat	7:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Presentation	Do Extraterrestrials Really Need Water?	Do Extraterrestrials Really Need Water?	Jennifer Grier (M)
Sat	7:30 PM	1 hour 20 minutes	Parlor 1041	Gaming	Panel	Kickstarter 101 for Game Players and Designers		Eric B. Hymowitz (M), Peter Bryant, Alex Shvartsman
Sat	8:00 PM	3 hours 30 minutes	Belmont	Video, Film and TV	Other	Video Room Moves to Belmont	Saturday evening videos in the Belmont Room	Thomas Horman (M)

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Sat	8:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	Dollars & Sense: The Business of Being Creative	Panel	Free Content Business Models	A discussion of various models for having an income while still giving your work away to the audience.	Jonah Knight (M), Norm Sherman
Sat	8:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	New Media Fans	Panel	Cowry Catchers Support Group	Cowry Catchers has completed its years-long podcast run. Let's remember the wonderful things it brought us and say farewell (but not goodbye) to this wonderful podcast series.	Lauren Harris (M), Abigail Hilton, ComicBookGoddess, Chris Lester
Sat	8:00 PM	1 hour	Garden Room	Music	Concert	Concert: Devo Spice		Devo Spice
Sat	8:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Readers	Panel	Dueling Funny Stories or Puns	Panelists face off with their funniest stories and puns, the funnier the better. Audience catcalls must be puns!	Brand Gamblin (M), Charlie Brown, Batya Wittenberg, Scott Roche
Sat	8:00 PM	1 hour 50 minutes	Salon A	Fan	Panel	SF/F Trivia	A perennial favorite back again. Come test your genre knowledge.	Brick Barrientos (M)
Sat	8:00 PM	1 hour	Valley Ballroom	Costuming	Other	Seating for Masquerade	Doors open for seating for the Masquerade	
Sat	9:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	Using Comedy in Audio Fiction	Authors discuss techniques for comedy to make your characters more likeable and to engage your listeners. How can comedy be used to support the story without going overboard?	Jimmy Rogers, Christiana Ellis, Norm Sherman, DC Wilson, Grig Larson
Sat	9:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	Readers	Panel	Things That Go Bump in The Night	Panelists cite some of the creepiest things they have recently read and discuss what about it made them leave the light on.	Darrell Schweitzer, John C Wright, Michael Hanson, N.R. Brown, Gail Z Martin
Sat	9:00 PM	1 hour	Garden Room	Music	Concert	Concert: Danny Birt		Danny Birt
Sat	9:00 PM	1 hour 20 minutes	Parlor 1026	Teen	Workshop	Duck Tape Fun	Duck Tape Fun	Eta Hack (M)
Sat	9:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	Filmmaking	Panel	Women of Indie Filmmaking	Panelists discuss their experience of and in the Indie Film industry. Is it harder for women to get established? What opportunities are available for women, as talent, as production staff, as directors? Who are some women who are making an impact on the industry?	Day Al-mohamed (M), Darla Gaige, Zoe Gaige, Rinn Critzer, Monique Gaw
Sat	9:00 PM	3 hours	Valley Ballroom	Special Events	Other	Masquerade: In Honor of Marty Gear	Balticon's masquerade has been renamed in honor of its founder, Marty Gear, and is still one of the best SF/F convention masquerades in the U.S.A.!	Renfield (M)
Sat	10:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	After Hours Events	Panel	Avoiding the pitfalls and writing kink right	For better or worse, Fifty Shades of Grey brought BDSM and the kink scene into the vanilla world. How can authors avoid the many ways to get BDSM wrong, and portray believable and satisfying relationships?	Mildred Cady (M), Alessia Brio, Jhada Addams, Doc Coleman, Andrea Trask
Sat	10:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	New Media Fans	Panel	Best of 2013	What new and continuing media productions from 2013 are on the must-listen list?	Jonah Knight (M), Flynnstress, Scott Roche
Sat	10:00 PM	1 hour	Garden Room	Music	Concert	Concert: Kim the Comic Book Goddess		ComicBookGoddess
Sat	10:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	Gaming	Panel	Tichu 101		Kristina Lynch, Michelle Hymowitz
Sat	10:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Filmmaking	Panel	Saturday Night Science Films	Lance Oszko has hand-picked some terrific short science films	Lance Oszko (M)
Sat	10:30 PM	2 hours	Parlor 1026	Teen	Other	Teen Chat. The Zombie Apocalypse is Nigh	Who do you want on your team? What supplies? What would you do to survive? Open discussion, ages 13-19	Debra Kaplan (M), Maura Taylor, Meg Nooj, Ethan Wilson
Sat	10:30 PM	1 hour 30 minutes	Salon B	LARP	Other	LARP Overflow	Room reserved for LARP activities during Balticon Beats	
Sat	11:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	After Hours Events	Panel	Podcasters Against Humanity	All Stars and Up and Comers gather for a Cards Against Humanity battle for the ages! Who is the wittiest? Who is the most sensitive? Who will keep their dignity?	Hugh O'Donnell (M), Nutty Nuchtchas, Christopher Morse, Nobilis Reed, Jennifer R. Povey, Scott Roche

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Sat	11:00 PM	1 hour 30 minutes	Con Suite	Dance	Dance	Balticon Beats: New Media Dance Party	DJ Alex Mister White mixes live at this jumping dance party/mixer! Come get down, at least until 12:30, because we should probably go to bed like responsible adults.	Alex White (M)
Sat	11:00 PM	1 hour 50 minutes	Derby	Anime	Panel	Anime After Dark	A free-wheeling discussion of anime, anime themes, and other anime and manga subjects for adults	Kathreja Sarfati (M), Lee Sarfati, Jason Banks, Christine Chase
Sat	11:00 PM	6 hours	Garden Room	Music	Other	Saturday/Sunday Overnight Open Filk		
Sat	11:00 PM	2 hours 30 minutes	Salon A	Fan	Panel	Eye of Aragon	Eye of Aragon	Susan de Guardiola (M), Walter Hunt, Daniel M. Kimmel
Sat	11:30 PM	8 hours	Belmont	Video, Film and TV	Other	Saturday/Sunday Overnight Videos in the Belmont	Overnight Video	Thomas Horman (M)
Sat	11:30 PM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: PJ Schnyder, Bliss Morgan, and James Daniel Ross		PJ Schnyder, James Daniel Ross, Andrea Trask
Sun	8:00 AM	1 hour 30 minutes	Belmont	Video, Film and TV	Panel	Sunday Morning Cartoons!	For the next hour and a half, bring your young'uns to watch the cartoons that held Baltimore kids spellbound on Saturday mornings in the twentieth century. Cartoons of the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s.	Thomas Horman, Eta Hack
Sun	8:00 AM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	Readers	Panel	Bars in Science Fiction and Fantasy	In the grand tradition of Callahan's Crosstime Saloon and Gavigan's Bar, writers come and tell us tales from the pubs and bars of SF.	Val Griswold-Ford (M), Darrell Schweitzer, Michael Hanson, Ian Strock, Steven H. Wilson
Sun	8:00 AM	50 minutes	Derby	Publishing	Panel	Finding an Agent	How to find an agent and what to expect from one in today's publishing world	Michael Underwood (M), Christine Norris, Joshua Bilmes
Sun	8:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon A	Readers	Panel	Use of Social Science in Speculative Fiction	Panelists from Social Science fields discuss how they see their fields represented in speculative fiction and offer suggestions for making better use of their fields.	D.H. Aire, T Jackson King, Joy Ward, Lawrence M. Schoen
Sun	8:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	Designing Aliens	Reader panelists offer their design for an alien and writer panelists discuss how they would develop the alien's character.	Chris Jackson (M), John C Wright, Paula S. Jordan, Jeff Young, Steve White
Sun	8:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon C	Readers	Panel	Scientist as Protagonist	Panelists discuss excellent and dreadful examples of this character	Carl Cipra (M), Jack Campbell /John Henry, Geoffrey Landis, Christopher Morse, Stephen Granade
Sun	8:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon D	New Media Fans	Panel	The Current State of Podcast Fiction	What's new? What's good?	Jared Axelrod (M), Scott Roche
Sun	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Chase	Art	Other	Stretch and Sketch	Come limber up and do a bit of sketching to start your day!	Halla Fleischer (M)
Sun	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	Peer Media -- What Is It and What Do I Do With It?	New media, social media, digital media--find out how the model of network based peer production has brought a revolution to all forms of media. Learn how content itself and the acts of creation and sharing have changed and continue to change in a world with low cost to entry, no central gatekeepers and conversation instead of channel. Blogging and podcasting are the tip of the iceberg, peer media is only limited by the reach of the internet and the imagination of individual creators.	Thomas Gideon (M), Lesley Conner, Scott Sigler, Mark Jeffrey
Sun	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Derby	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	Satellite Recording	How to voice act "in a vacuum". What producers want from you and how to achieve it.	Bryan Lincoln (M), Laura Nicole, j daniel sawyer, Chris Snelgrove, Chris Lester



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Sun	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Readers	Panel	Children's and YA Horror and Dark Fantasy	Is this sub-genre going too far? Parents and young readers discuss.	Christine Norris (M), Lee C. Hillman, David Sklar, Catherine Petrini
Sun	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	Writers	Panel	Which comes first: Hero or villain?	Who do you develop first? The protagonist or their adversary?	Amy Kaplan, Bob Greenberger, Ruth Lampi, Mike D'Ambrosio, Kelly Harmon
Sun	9:00 AM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: Day Al-mohamed, Larry Hodges, Daniel M. Kimmel,		Day Al-mohamed, Daniel M. Kimmel, Larry Hodges
Sun	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon A	Filmmaking	Presentation	International Film Trailers	Lance Oszko presents trailers for both real and imagined films from around the world.	Lance Oszko (M)
Sun	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon B	Editors	Panel	Editors Q&A	For the writers in the audience, or aspiring editors, here's your chance to pick the brains of our panel of seasoned editors on topics like submissions, the editing process, publication and after - whatever you want to know about how to get your work accepted and what happens once you do.	Lawrence M. Schoen (M), Walt Boyes, Ian Strock, Sue Baiman, Joshua Bilmes
Sun	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon C	Gaming	Panel	What Game Should We Play Tonight?		Perrianne Lurie, Ann Rudolph, Kristina Lynch
Sun	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon D	Costuming	Presentation	Miss Lizzie's Traveling Historical Fashion Show	Making history come to life with a hands-on collection of authentic garments, jewelry, accessories, beadwork, sewing notions, vintage photographs, and style periodicals. Hold history in your hands!	Lisa Ashton (M)
Sun	9:30 AM	2 hours	Garden Room	Filmmaking	Other	Sunday Morning Film Premier -- Found in Time	"Found In Time", written and directed by Arthur Vincie, is a fantasy that combines elements of film noir, sci-fi, and drama. It takes place in an "altered" present-day New York City. Psychics with real powers sell their "wares" on the street, marginalized by society and closely monitored by the dreaded Psychological Police Corp (the Psychcops). They lead dark, lonely lives, plagued as much as helped by their gifts. Arthur will be available for Q&A after the screening.	Arthur Vincie (M)
Sun	9:30 AM	1 hour	Valley Ballroom	Science	Presentation	Dr. Vinton Cerf	A presentation by our special science guest, Vinton Cerf, Chief Internet Evangelist and Google Vice President	Vinton Cerf Ph.D. (M)
Sun	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Chase	Children	Workshop	Balloon Bounce Space/Face Painting	Take a span of medium thick plastic drop cloth about 10' by 20', tape it together, add a floor fan at one end and an entrance slot at the other, inflate. Throw in any number of balloons, nerf balls, graffiti pops, and children. Also add some adults, seated at either end of the inflated chamber to control the Runamoks. And don't forget Ming will be doing facepainting all weekend!	Ming Diaz (M)
Sun	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	The Road to Parsec	A Parsec Award Winning Podcaster, Parsec Judge, and Steering Committee Member discuss what it takes to craft an Award winning entry. The panel will cover a review of this year's rules, submission criteria and tips from the experts.	Laura Burns, P.C. Haring
Sun	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Derby	New Media Fans	Panel	Geek Radio Daily	Geek Radio Daily is a place for geeks and stealth geeks alike to hang out and talk about a variety of geeky topics. Check out the sometimes weekly podcaster's Weekly, if you will. The cast is usually available on Thursdays, and if you are new to the show, just jump right in!	Flynnstress (M), Billy Flynn
Sun	10:00 AM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Other	Autographing: Cindy Young-Turner and Alan Zendell		Cindy Young-Turner, Alan Zendell

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Sun	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Writers	Panel	Reading the Alien Psyche:	What are your sentient aliens -- or folk of myth and fantasy -- thinking? Or feeling? Inscrutable doesn't begin to cover it. But ... this is fiction, right? And you've designed their environment that produced them. So ... why not take it that one step further, based on what you already know about them? A panel of writers and editors, both F and SF, considers how to go about it.	Chris Jackson (M), John C Wright, T Jackson King, Paula S. Jordan, Bernie Mojzes
Sun	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	Readers	Panel	A Cheat of Crooks	A reception for the all of the attending authors of Compton Crook winning novels and their fans.	Jonette Butler (M), Maria V. Snyder, Mark Van Name, Michael Flynn, Charles E. Gannon, Myke Cole
Sun	10:00 AM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: Catherine Asaro, Walter Boyes, Alan Zendel		Alan Zendell, Walt Boyes, Catherine Asaro
Sun	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon A	Writers	Panel	How NOT to Break into print- The Bad Advice panel		Keith DeCandido (M), Lawrence M. Schoen, Michelle D. Sonnier, Ian Strock, Joshua Bilmes
Sun	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon B	Fan	Panel	Marriage Equality and the Future of Human Relationships	Marriage Equality and the Future of Human Relationships	Thomas G. Atkinson
Sun	10:00 AM	1 hour 20 minutes	Salon C	Gaming	Panel	Victorian Parlor Games II	Room Set-Up: Theatre w/head table	Marnen Laibow-Koser, Mildred Cady
Sun	10:00 AM	1 hour	Salon D	Music	Panel	Filk, Copyright and IP	A discussion of what you can and can't legally do when writing a filk song based on someone else's work, whether it's using a well-known tune or borrowing the plot from a favorite book or movie.	Devo Spice (M), Ken Anders, Danny Birt, Sharon Palmer
Sun	10:30 AM	1 hour 50 minutes	Belmont	Writers	Workshop	The Literary Handyman Mini-Writers Workshop: The Art of Sensual Writing	The Art of Sensual Writing - an interactive workshop on incorporating the five senses into your fiction to create a richer literary backdrop for your reader. Attendees will be guided through a series of exercises designed to focus on not just Sight and Sound, which are most common in fiction, but also Taste, Touch, and Smell. NOTE: This is not an erotica workshop.	Danielle Ackley-Mcphail (M)
Sun	11:00 AM	50 minutes	Chase	Children	Workshop	Professor Probius, Mad Scientist!	Watch a demonstration of cool experiments! Be a lab assistant in the professor's deranged plot to take over the world!	Mark MacDicken
Sun	11:00 AM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	Converting your eBook for multiple formats	Ipad, Nook, Kindle, Kindle fire- how do you make sure all your potential fans can read your eBook on their device?	Gary Lester (M), T Jackson King, Chris Snelgrove, Steven H. Wilson
Sun	11:00 AM	50 minutes	Derby	Editors	Panel	Dealing with Problematic Authors	Every editor has had unfortunate experiences with authors who are difficult to work with. How do you deal with the situation when they fight you on revisions or get combative over contract terms? How do you decide when enough is enough and how does that impact your process moving forward. Panelists share their war stories and how to deal tactfully with difficult situations.	Lawrence M. Schoen (M), Walt Boyes, Ian Strock, Sue Baiman, Joshua Bilmes
Sun	11:00 AM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Other	Autographing: Alessia Brio and Keith Decandido		Alessia Brio, Keith DeCandido
Sun	11:00 AM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	Anime	Presentation	Intellectual Property Law and Fanworks	This was a well-received talk given by Robert R Chase at Anime USA this past year, and a subject of which all fans engaged in fanworks should have some knowledge.	Robert Chase (M)
Sun	11:00 AM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: J.R. Blackwell, Alex Shvartsman, Paula Jordan		J.R. Blackwell, Paula S. Jordan, Alex Shvartsman

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Sun	11:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon A	Readers	Panel	Dangerous Voices Variety Hour	Dangerous Voices Variety Hour takes its cues from such diverse inspirations as the popular Baltimore 510 reading series, NPR's quiz show Wait Wait Don't Tell Me, and Orson Welles' original War of the Worlds broadcast. It features readings, irreverent author interviews, trivia, prizes, and more.	Sarah Pinsker (M), Michael Underwood
Sun	11:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	Academic vs. Emotional Book Reviewing	Reader and author panelists discuss which approach to book reviewing they find most useful, maddening, and informative.	Scott Roche (M), Leona Wisoker (M), Melissa Hayden, Darrell Schweitzer, Jon Sprunk
Sun	11:00 AM	1 hour 20 minutes	Salon D	Gaming	Panel	Boardgame Mainstays		Perrianne Lurie (M), Eric B. Hymowitz, Kristina Lynch
Sun	11:00 AM	1 hour	Valley Ballroom	Science	Presentation	Dinosaur Update	Perennial Balticon Favorite Dr. Holtz's presentation Dinosaur.	Thomas Holtz Jr. (M)
Sun	11:15 AM	1 hour 30 minutes	Parlor 1026	Launch Events	Panel	Hidden Harbor Mysteries Launch		Bryan Lincoln (M), Lauren Harris, Jay Smith
Sun	11:30 AM	50 minutes	Salon C	Costuming	Panel	Electronics and Your Costume	How to get that extra zing for your costume. Come learn about LEDs, wiring, and how to use electric elements in your costume safely.	Pavlina (M), Sarah Richardson, Thomas G. Atkinson, Ming Diaz, Jason McClain
Sun	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Chase	Children	Workshop	Dueling crafts! New Dimensions in Paper Beads and Magic Wands & Sonic Screwdrivers Workshop	Two crafts workshops for the price of one! New Dimensions in Paper Beads: earn to design paper beads which match your own concept of a string of fashionable beads with your own statement - AND - Magic Wands & Sonic Screwdrivers Workshop: For young wizards, witches, fairies, and time lords! Make your own unique instrument of molecular manipulation. Go beyond the geometric! Learn to design paper beads which match your own concept of a string of fashionable beads with your own statement. Select from a set of colors and textures then let your imagination create beads that match you and your bejeweled desires.	Eta Hack (M), Mark MacDicken
Sun	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	Next Steps: What To Do After Recording Your Podcast	There are a lot of tutorials, presentations, and classes on how to record a podcast but when it gets to posting and sharing your cast, things seem to get glossed over. There are many components working in concert to make a podcast feed. This session aims to explain what each of those components are and how they function together. Further, we hope to show you how you can save money by picking and choosing what services provide each piece. This session will cover: choosing a hosting provider, choosing blog/podcast software; tagging mp3s; writing show notes; uploading files to a host; posting an episode; feed creation; and finally statistics/tracking.	Flynstress (M), John Taylor Williams, Peter Bryant, Thomas Gideon, Gary Lester
Sun	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	Writers	Panel	Promoting Your Book	Self-promotion tips for authors. Are bookmarks and/or postcards effective at garnering attention? Does a blog help or hurt an author? Does an author have to have a website? How do you find good reviewers? What tactics do NOT work? What methods might work for an established author that wouldn't work for a beginner?	Christine Norris (M), Tee Morris, Melissa Hayden, Mike D'Ambrosio

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Sun	12:00 PM	1 hour 30 minutes	Garden Room	Fan	Panel	Liar's Panel	Each panelist, including the moderator, answers all the questions. All answers must be the truth, except three. No one other than the answering panelist knows if the answers are true or lies. After each one, anyone in the audience can challenge the answering panelist. Multiple people can challenge; the more, the better. After there are no more challengers, the panelist tells whether the answer was truth or a lie. If it was true, every challenger puts a dollar in a bucket that runners pass. If it was a lie, the panelist puts \$10 in the bucket. All proceeds go to support the literacy program, BSFS Books for Kids.	Mark Van Name (M), Charles E. Gannon, Jo Walton
Sun	12:00 PM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Other	Autographing: Tim Dodge, Larry Hodges, and Chris Lester		Tim Dodge, Chris Lester, Larry Hodges
Sun	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	Readers	Panel	SF and The Thinking Man	Panelists discuss how science fiction affects public thinking and policies.	Martin Berman-Gorvine, Alan Zendell, John C Wright, Walt Boyes, Joy Ward
Sun	12:00 PM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: Bernie Mojzes, Steven H. Wilson, Nancy Janda		Nancy Janda, Steven H. Wilson, Bernie Mojzes
Sun	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	How To Read Writers We Don't Understand	What if you need to know esoteric scientific or paranormal jargon, advanced physics or obscure history to comprehend a work? How does the reader determine if the effort is worthwhile?	Darrell Schweitzer (M), Sarah Avery, Chris Snelgrove, Scott H. Andrews, Jeff Young
Sun	12:15 PM	45 minutes	Salon A	Science	Panel	Well THAT Was Unexpected	he history of radio astronomy is full of serendipity, foibles, and a lot of ingenuity. From the accidental discovery of noise from the cosmos in the 1930s to the unusual vehicles kept around one of the world's biggest radio telescopes, there will be stories that shape an entire field and tell about the people behind the science. The stories of these scientists and engineers in radio astronomy inspire and entertain.	Nicole Gugliucci
Sun	12:30 PM	1 hour 20 minutes	Salon C	Art	Workshop	Celtic Design Drawing Workshop	Brent will show participants how to lay out and draw a Celtic interlace.	Brent Warner (M)
Sun	1:00 PM	2 hours	Belmont	Writers	Workshop	Poetry Workshop	Explore the arena of verse from inspiration and writing to submitting for publication and mall press publishing. Open Mic & reading of annual poetry contest winners follows.	Vonnie Crist (M), Katie Hartlove (M)
Sun	1:00 PM	50 minutes	Chase	Children	Workshop	Super Moves	Dance as you explore your inner super hero	Jay Buechler, Leigh Alexander
Sun	1:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	Dollars & Sense: The Business of Being Creative	Panel	Promoting Your Podcast	Where and how does an up and coming podcaster spread the word about their releases?	Mark Kilfoil (M), A Kovacs, Norm Sherman, Scott H. Andrews, Mark Jeffrey
Sun	1:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	New Media Fans	Panel	2014 in Podcasting- What was Awesome?		Jonah Knight (M), Jimmy Rogers, Flynnstress, Tim Dodge, Scott Roche
Sun	1:00 PM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Other	Autographing: Brian Koscienski, Chris Pisano, Jeff Young		Brian Koscienski, Christopher Pisano, Jeff Young
Sun	1:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Writers	Panel	Open Heart Surgery with a Chain-saw: Deep Edits	Your draft is back and it isn't pretty. How do you perform edits at the level of story/character without junking the whole work? What are some tricks to keep discouragement at bay? What happens when the effects of those edits ripple through the whole story?	Bud Sparhawk (M), Michael Black, Chris Jackson, Eric Bakutis, Michelle Moore

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Sun	1:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	Readers	Panel	The World is Large and Strange	History contains many things so strange that, if you put them in fiction, readers would find them too implausible to be believed, yet they are actually true. Panelists discuss what this tells us about history, belief, "plausibility" and the process of constructing fiction.	Gary Lester, Ruth Lampi, Tee Morris, Jack Campbell / John Henry, Tom Doyle
Sun	1:00 PM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: P.C. Haring, Grig Larson, Lawrence M. Schoen		Lawrence M. Schoen, P.C. Haring, Grig Larson
Sun	1:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Presentation	An Intimate Q&A Session About the Internet & Google	An intimate Q&A session about the Internet & Google. Dr. Vinton Cerf, Internet and Google Guru . (Marv Zerkowitz, moderator)	Marv Zerkowitz (M), Vinton Cerf Ph.D.
Sun	1:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	Reading as Exploration	Panelists tell us about books they read recently that opened up new avenues of thinking for them.	Leona Wisoker (M), Cindy Young-Turner, Tim Burke, Jeffrey Lyman, T.J. Perkins
Sun	1:00 PM	1 hour 50 minutes	Salon D	Teen	Workshop	Beginning Beading on Fabric	Come learn how to sew and embroider with seed beads! We will teach you the basics: what kinds of beads to use, what kinds of needles and thread are needed, and how to prepare your fabric or surface for this type of beads. The hands-on portion of the workshop consists of actually sewing the beads onto fabric around a cabochon, a flat-back plastic or glass piece, and then attaching the cabochon using a beading technique called peyote beading. If there is time, we can also teach edge beading and how to make a beaded fringe. This is NOT a class where you leave with a finished project, but you WILL learn a technique that you can adapt to many different types of costuming.	Lisa Ashton (M), Carol Salemi
Sun	2:00 PM	50 minutes	Chase	Children	Workshop	Tall Tails	Storyteller Tim Livengood tells stories that he pulls from out of his head. Humorous stories, stories about how the world got the way that it is (sorry about that!) and perhaps a tall tale or two.	Timothy Livengood
Sun	2:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	Dynamic Voice Acting - Some Mature Themes	Concerned about some of the performances of your actors? Would you like to give the director your very best work? Alex White demonstrates the importance of power, context and motivation through a series of acting games. Come try your hand at directing our panel of professional voice actors, or join us onstage with a performance of your own. Be prepared to critique and be critiqued, as this panel is intended to improve your skills.	Alex White (M), Veronica Giguere, Patrick Scaffido, Stephen Granade, Laura Nicole
Sun	2:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	Full Cast vs. Straight Read	Featuring people who have done podcast novels as straight reads, who have done ones with a full cast, and one fans of each. The discussion will center around the pro's and con's of each and the (probably irresolvable) question of which is better.	Bryan Lincoln (M), Abigail Hilton, j daniel sawyer, Starla Huchton
Sun	2:00 PM	50 minutes	Garden Room	Art	Panel	Art Auction	Art Show entries with more than 3 bids will be auctioned. Any remaining items from the BSFS Books for Kids Charity Auction that begins during the Masquerade Halftime will follow, time permitting.	Eric Fleischer (M)
Sun	2:00 PM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Other	Autographing: Brandon Sanderson and Charles Gannon	Autographing	Brandon Sanderson, Charles E. Gannon
Sun	2:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Fan	Panel	Cthulhu out of the Hat: Writing Prompts for the Deranged	Panelists and audience write science fiction stories based on the items pulled out of a hat. Panelists will read their stories at the end, audience members will share their resulting stories on the grass by the tennis courts at Noon on Monday. We had so much fun last year we're doing this again!	Molly Brown (M), Grig Larson, Ruth Lampi, Tee Morris, Philippa Ballantine

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Sun	2:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	Meeting Other Podcasters	Why you should network with other podcasters, and what you should steer clear of.	Gary Lester (M), Nutty Nuchtchas, Thomas Gideon, Nobilis Reed, Chris Lester
Sun	2:00 PM	50 minutes	Pimlico	Readers	Panel	Open Readings - Sunday	Writers who have a science fiction or fantasy short story or novel they want to read from drop in, read it to others and (if they want) ask for some feedback. The rules are simple: the author goes to the front table and signs in, waits their turn. The moderator sets the timer on the table for 10 minutes maximum. If you ask for feedback, accept it graciously and without argument. Audience: Do not offer feedback to anyone who does not ask for it.	Lee C. Hillman (M)
Sun	2:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Presentation	Our Solar System: Scales and Latest Discoveries	Our Solar System: Scales and Latest Discoveries. Inge Heyer	Inge Heyer (M)
Sun	2:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	Doomed, I Tell You! Doomed!	Panelists discuss the value (or lack thereof) of doom and gloom speculative Fiction.	Diane Weinstein (M), Val Griswold-Ford, Paul Cooley, Mike D'Ambrosio, Martin Berman-Gorvine
Sun	2:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon C	Writers	Panel	How to write from an animal point of view	How to use no-human creatures effectively as point of view characters	Joy Ward (M), CJ Henderson, L. Jagi Lamplighter, Jeffrey Lyman, Jo Walton
Sun	2:00 PM	1 hour	Valley Ballroom	Special Events	Panel	Mr. Poor Choices II	Want to know how the 2008 Compton Crook award winner got that nickname? Want to know what's bothering him now? Come to his STANDUP COMEDY SHOW. Hear about some of his most recent poor choices, learn just what's confusing him and laugh until you hurt.	Mark Van Name (M)
Sun	3:00 PM	50 minutes	Belmont	Readers	Panel	Poetry Readings	Readings of the annual poetry contest winners, followed by Open Mic poetry readings.	Vonnie Crist (M), Katie Hartlove (M), Paula S. Jordan, Jo Walton, Mary Turzillo
Sun	3:00 PM	1 hour	Chase	Children	Panel	Medieval Make Believe	Travel in a storybook world. Create simple crowns, princess or wizard hats, and create their own coat of arms to make your character com alive!	Jay Buechler, Leigh Alexander
Sun	3:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	Publishing	Panel	Steps to Successful Self-Publishing	The basic and necessary steps to go from unpublished to successfully self published. What do you need to make sure to do?	Lauren Harris (M), Alessia Brio, Brian Rathbone, Brand Gamblin
Sun	3:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	New Media Fans	Panel	Metamor City Live Drama	Metamor City is a gritty mega-metropolis where the buildings soar hundreds of meters above ground and humans rub shoulders with telepaths, shapeshifters, and even stranger beings. Listen as creator Chris Lester and the Metamor City Players perform a live radio drama -- complete with music and sound effects -- and enter a world like no other.	Chris Lester (M), Laura Nicole
Sun	3:00 PM	50 minutes	Garden Room	Readers	Panel	Wheel of Time Discussion	Panelists discuss the Wheel of Time series.	Ray Ridenour (M), Brandon Sanderson, Jennifer Liang
Sun	3:00 PM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Other	Autographing: Sarah Avery, Mark Jeffery, and David Sklar		Sarah Avery, David Sklar
Sun	3:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Writers	Panel	Professionalism and the Emergent Writer	How should writers starting to release their work balance exposure and professionalism? Authors discuss what writers starting to make the scene should definitely do and definitely avoid as they start sharing their work with the world.	Charles E. Gannon (M), T Jackson King, Chris Jackson, Lawrence Watt-Evans, Ian Strock
Sun	3:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	Writers	Panel	Speaking in Public for Writers	The mechanics and logistics of reading and speaking in public for writers	Jennifer R. Povey (M), Judi Fleming, James Daniel Ross, Tee Morris, Betsy Riley

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Sun	3:00 PM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: Hildy Silverman, Mark Van Name, Jeffrey Lyman		Mark Van Name, Jeffrey Lyman, Hildy Silverman
Sun	3:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Presentation	Genius Machines: The Future of Artificial Intelligence, Virtual Reality, Robotics, and Biomechanics	Almost Human? Can humanity remake itself with science? Download our brains into computers or other technologies yet to be invented? Live in virtual universes so well developed that we can no longer tell created worlds from reality - artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and biomechanics (neural prosthetics + enhanced living body)? Augment our minds and bodies, add human organs on chips & programmable nanotherapeutics? Catherine Asaro reviews genius machines + super humans in the military, government, and commercial sectors.	Catherine Asaro (M)
Sun	3:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	Etiquette in Science Fiction and Fantasy	What do manners and formality do for a civilized society? How do we design such a system for the cultures in our stories?	Steven H. Wilson (M), Leona Wisoker, John C Wright, Batya Wittenberg, Bernie Mojzes
Sun	3:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon C	Video, Film and TV	Panel	OZ: The Yellow Brick Road Never Ends	It's been 75 years since Judy Garland put on the Ruby Slippers and went in search of the Wizard of Oz, and Oz is as popular as ever - the recent movie "Oz the Great and Powerful" and not one but TWO upcoming tv shows based on the OZ books by L. Frank Baum. Stick around for a screening of one of the earliest OZ movies, "His Majesty the ScareCrow of OZ."	Thomas Horman (M), Zan Rosin, Tom Doyle, Billy Flynn, James Gossard
Sun	3:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon D	Teen	Other	Teen Chat. Doctor Who	Change is coming, for good or for bad.: remembering the past and looking to the future. What would like to see in the wibbly wobbly ball of time? Open discussion, ages 13-19	Meg Nooj (M), Thomas Hayden, Sam Prellwitz, Ben Prellwitz
Sun	4:00 PM	1 hour 20 minutes	Belmont	Teen	Workshop	Teen Writer's Workshop	Teen Writer's Workshop	T.J. Perkins (M)
Sun	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Chase	Children	Workshop	More than Just Coloring Pages	Does your coloring lack dimension? Learn how to make your coloring jump off the page.	Llyssa Holmgren
Sun	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	Writers	Presentation	The YA Voice	Releasing your Inner Teenager Ever read a young adult book that sounds like it was written by an adult? That's so preachy and boring to that your reaction is an underwhelming meh? Yeah, me too. This module will focus on the trend in first person POVs in YA novels and how to pull it off without sounding so last year. (50 mins)	Maria V. Snyder (M)
Sun	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	New Media Fans	Panel	Fullcast Podcast Live	Bryan Lincoln and Abigail Hilton with guests	Bryan Lincoln (M), Abigail Hilton
Sun	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Garden Room	Readings	Presentation	Brandon Sanderson Reading	Brandon Sanderson Reading and interview	Brandon Sanderson
Sun	4:00 PM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Other	Autographing: Eric Bakutis, Darrel Schweitzer, and Walter Poetzman		Darrell Schweitzer, Robbie Whiplash, Eric Bakutis
Sun	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Writers	Panel	Who did what to whom, where, when, and why?	Methods of keeping continuity straight for series and shared world anthologies.	Mildred Cady (M), Rob Balder, Val Griswold-Ford, Paul Cooley, Catherine Petrini
Sun	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	Writers	Panel	Handling The Technical Side: Writers & Their Fact Checkers	Authors and technical advisors or subject matter experts discuss how the author wrestles with the importance of getting enough technical homework done (military, science, etc.) to ensure they don't write something so unbelievable that they end up losing readers, or having readers "fall out of the story" over a detail.	J.P. Harvey (M), T Jackson King, j daniel sawyer, Scott Sigler, Mike Mcphail

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Sun	4:00 PM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: Jared Axelrod, L. Jagi Lamplighter, Christine Norris		L. Jagi Lamplighter, Christine Norris, Jared Axelrod
Sun	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Presentation	Cosmic Smackdowns!	Cosmic Smack downs! Highlights of 5.5 billion years of interplanetary collisions.	Pamela Gay (M)
Sun	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	They Play in Other Sandboxes	Panelists discuss successful and well-known SF writers who write in other genres and recommend some examples we might want to read.	Carl Cipra (M), Jo Walton, Elektra Hammond, Sarah Pinsker
Sun	4:00 PM	1 hour	Salon C	Video, Film and TV	Panel	His Majesty the ScareCrow of OZ	After the Oz discussion panel, stick around for a screening of one of the earliest OZ movies, "His Majesty the ScareCrow of OZ".	Thomas Horman (M)
Sun	4:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon D	Costuming	Panel	Masquerade show and tell	Entrants from the Masquerade display their work and answer questions about making and showing their costumes.	Gaia Eirich (M)
Sun	4:00 PM	1 hour	Valley Ballroom	Special Events	Panel	Marty Gear Memorial		Eric Gasior (M), Lisa Adler-Golden
Sun	5:00 PM	50 minutes	Chase	Children	Workshop	CSI Balticon	John French introduces young people to the basic techniques used by the police to identify people involved in crimes.	John French (M)
Sun	5:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	Writers	Presentation	How to craft a pitch	How to put together a brief pitch of your story so you can easily explain it to potential agents, publishers, and promoters.	Jared Axelrod (M)
Sun	5:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	Writers	Presentation	The Fantasy Author's Guide to Beer	Your hero stops at a medieval tavern to drink a cold, hoppy beer with lots of head stop! How has beer changed through history? What do authors need to know as they describe their characters' favorite brews? What did the beer of yore look and taste like? Samples not provided.	KT Bryski (M)
Sun	5:00 PM	50 minutes	Garden Room	Fan	Panel	Raising Geeklings	Passing Geek consciousness on to the next generation. Raising children who have tech awareness, inquiring minds and global consciousness.	J.P. Harvey (M), Grig Larson, Tee Morris, Beth Lynne Prellwitz, Peter Prellwitz
Sun	5:00 PM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Other	Autographing: Mary Turzillo, Christine Norris, and Vonnie Winslow Crist		Vonnie Crist, Christine Norris, Mary Turzillo
Sun	5:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	Readers	Panel	Dueling Drabbles	Authors spin out 100 word stories in this competition for best Drabbler of Balticon 47.	Hugh O'Donnell (M), Peter Prellwitz, Keith DeCandido, Hildy Silverman
Sun	5:00 PM	50 minutes	Pimlico	Readers	Panel	Broad Universe Rapid Fire Reading Sunday	Rapid Fire readings from some amazing women/authors.	Leona Wisoker (M), Sarah Avery, Lee C. Hillman, Sarah Pinsker
Sun	5:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Presentation	Avoiding Obvious Science Errors in Science Fiction		Andy Love (M)
Sun	5:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	Good and Evil in Genre Literature	Panelists discuss the treatment of these abstracts, if they are indeed abstract. Who handles them well? Who does not? Is one or the other winning?	Christopher Morse (M), Collin Earl, Jack Campbell /John Henry, Arnold T. Blumberg, Steven H. Wilson
Sun	5:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon C	Video, Film and TV	Panel	L. Frank Baum		Tom Doyle (M)
Sun	5:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon D	Fan	Panel	Authors vs. Artists SFF Pictionary	Authors team up against Artists in a game of Pictionary.	Stephanie Burke (M), Ruth Lampi, Rick Leider, Danny Birt, Ray Ridenour



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Sun	5:30 PM	50 minutes	Belmont	Writers	Panel	Maps for Fictional Worlds	Dystopias, post-apocalyptic, fantasy, and science fiction all have one thing in common - fictional worlds. They also present a unique challenge to the author as in how do you build a world from scratch? Do you use an existing city and change it? Do you use a historical map? Or do you draw your own?	Brian Rathbone (M), Jo Walton, Lawrence Watt-Evans, TJ. Perkins
Sun	5:30 PM	1 hour	Parlor 1026	Launch Events	Panel	Dirty Magick		Charlie Brown (M), Patrick Scaffido
Sun	6:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	Blogging for dummies	What works. What Doesn't. How to use a blog to drive traffic to your site, book, or podcast.	Allie Gamblin (M), David Brawley, Sue Baiman, Melissa Hayden
Sun	6:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	New Media Fans	Panel	When New Becomes Old	A discussion of new media, old media, and what could be the next big thing.	Jared Axelrod (M), A Kovacs, Flynnstress, Lauren Harris, Mark Kilfoil
Sun	6:00 PM	50 minutes	Garden Room	Filmmaking	Panel	Casting: Working with Amateurs vs. Professionals	Panelists discuss the pros and cons of casting amateurs versus casting professionals for your film.	James Gossard (M), Robbie Whiplash, Clint Gaige, Arthur Vincie, James Durham
Sun	6:00 PM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Other	Autographing: Val Griswold-Ford and John Hemry		Jack Campbell /John Hemry, Val Griswold-Ford
Sun	6:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	Music	Panel	Narration vs Voice Acting	The difference between narration and voice acting. What skills do you need and what makes a good narrator as opposed to a good voice actor.	Pamela Gay (M), John Taylor Williams, Veronica Giguere, j daniel sawyer, Laura Nicole
Sun	6:00 PM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Other	Reading: Collin Earl, Mike Luoma, Jennifer R Povey		Collin Earl, Jennifer R. Povey, Mike Luoma
Sun	6:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Presentation	Pluto and SETI's New Horizons	Prof. H. Paul Shuch, CFII LSRM-A/GL/WS Chief Flight Instructor, AvSport of Lock Haven discusses uploading a Message from Earth (kind of a Voyager Record 2.0) into the memory banks of NASA's New Horizons spacecraft, heading to Pluto.	H. Paul Shuch (M)
Sun	6:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	Science Fiction Title Chain	It's a game! The audience provides the words for a science fiction story or novel's title, the panelists arrange them in a more or less coherent order. Then each panelist and an audience member (who is not an author) come up with a descriptive synopsis. The audience votes on the synopsis they like best. In honor of our Guest of Honor's works, every synopsis must contain two of the three words "wheel", and "mist" and "steel."	Leona Wisoker, Danny Birt, David Sklar, Grig Larson, Mary Turzillo
Sun	6:45 PM	15 minutes	Valley Ballroom	Filmmaking	Other	Seating for Film Festival		
Sun	7:00 PM	6 hours	Chase	Gaming	Other	Sunday Night RPG		
Sun	7:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	WordPress 101	Learning to go from novice to hero using the Wordpress content management system.	Dave Robison, Jhada Addams, Doc Coleman, Sue Baiman, Allie Gamblin
Sun	7:00 PM	1 hour 50 minutes	Con Suite	Launch Events	Other	Dark Quest Books/Bad-Ass Faeries Launch Party	Those Bad-Ass Faeries are back in Dark Quest Book's all-new volume, It's Elemental, along with plenty of other great new titles. Come help the authors, editors, and the publisher celebrate the their spring releases, including Baba Ali and the Clockwork Djinn by Danielle Ackley-McPhail and Day Al-Mohamed, In All Directions by David Sherman, Beginning a Beginning by Danny Birt, Trouble on the Water, Consigned to the Sea, Tales from Rugosa Coven by Sarah Avery, and Trust and Treachery. Join us for food, fun, and as always PRIZES!	Danielle Ackley-Mcphail (M), N.R. Brown, Keith DeCandido, Mike Mcphail, CJ Henderson, Phoebe Wray, L. Jagi Lamplighter, Judi Fleming, Danny Birt, Peter Prelwitz, Lee C. Hillman, Jeffrey Lyman, Neal Levin, James Daniel Ross, Jean Marie Ward

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Sun	7:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	New Media Fans	Panel	The WEIRD Show's 300th Episode! LIVE!	The WEIRD Show, a Parsec-awarded podcast and radio show celebrates its 300th episode at Balticon! Let's look back at the weird news, strange ideas and odd views and celebrate them!	Mark Kilfoil (M), Nutty Nuchtchas
Sun	7:00 PM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Other	Autographing: Arthur Vincie and Chris Jackson		Arthur Vincie, Chris Jackson
Sun	7:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Anime	Panel	Positive Role Models in Manga and Anime	The Bad Role Models are easy to identify -- but what anime characters are considered positive role models for adults or children? What story lines and or character arcs have become personal inspiration? Come share!	Christine Chase (M), PJ Schnyder, Kathreja Sarfati
Sun	7:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	Writers	Panel	Your Novel: Getting to Second Draft:	OK, your first draft is finished. Uneven? Needs trimming? Poorly organized? Yep. But drafted through to the end? Yes! So, how to recognize what's good and what's not and wrestle it into shape? Novelists, both seasoned and newbie, discuss how they go about it.	Charlie Brown, Sarah Avery, Don Sakers, Val Griswold-Ford, Steven H. Wilson
Sun	7:00 PM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: Mark Jeffrey, H. Paul Shuch, Mary Turzillo		H. Paul Shuch, Mary Turzillo, Mark Jeffrey
Sun	7:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Skeptics	Panel	Sagan's Toolkit	Weird Science, Pseudoscience, and Skepticism	Marv Zelkowitz (M), Thomas Holtz Jr.
Sun	7:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Writers	Panel	Writing Real Children	How can authors realistically portray children in their writing, whether in YA, or in adult works featuring young characters? What are the pitfalls to watch out for when writing a child character?	Holliann Russell Kim (M), KT Bryski, Chris Snelgrove, Catherine Petrin, Martin Berman-Gorvine
Sun	7:00 PM	1 hour	Salon C	Music	Panel	Tales from the Recording Studio	Our panelists explore their adventures in recording, from finding studio time to herding fellow band members to working through the inevitable false starts, outtakes and other recording mishaps.	Sharon Palmer (M), Jonah Knight, Maugorn, Sarah Pinsker, Linda Swann
Sun	7:00 PM	4 hours	Valley Ballroom	Filmmaking	Panel	Balticon Sunday Night Short Film Festival	A competitive screening of short films in Live Action, Animated and Specialty film categories. You be the judge!	Daniel M. Kimmel (M)
Sun	7:30 PM	1 hour 20 minutes	Belmont	Video, Film and TV	Panel	Boldly Going: Star Trek Fan-Made Episodes	Miss Star Trek? Wish the original series continued for more than 3 seasons? Well never fear, talented fans are continuing the adventures of the Enterprise and crew, and many of their efforts are very well done. Come and hear about some of the best.	Thomas Horman (M), James Gossard
Sun	8:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	Dollars & Sense: The Business of Being Creative	Panel	Social Media Promotion	For writers, podcasters, and artists. Learning to take advantage of free or low costs internet resources to build your marketing strategy and brand.	Arnold T. Blumberg (M), J.R. Blackwell, Hugh O'Donnell, Allie Gamblin, Melissa Hayden
Sun	8:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	New Media Fans	Panel	Interactive Fiction	Interactive fiction is becoming more accessible as a medium for expression. Panelists discuss the genre, its history, and its potential.	Andrew Plotkin
Sun	8:00 PM	3 hours	Garden Room	Dance	Dance	Swing and Jitterbug Dance	Tech crew's own Larry and Liana will be offering a half hour of instruction. The rest of the evening will be open dance. Host Iver Cooper will be on hand for individual coaching if you want a bit more help.	Iver Cooper (M), Larry Schroeder, Liana Olear
Sun	8:00 PM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: Timothy Dodge, Brian Koscienski, Scott Roche		Brian Koscienski, Tim Dodge, Scott Roche
Sun	8:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Skeptics	Panel	The World of Weird News	Bigfoot, UFOs, and Other Questionable Claims. Sharon Hill	Marv Zelkowitz (M), Sharon Hill
Sun	8:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Publishing	Panel	Firebringer Press Presents		Steven H. Wilson (M)
Sun	8:00 PM	1 hour	Salon C	Music	Concert	Filk Concert: Batya Wittenberg		Batya Wittenberg

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Sun	8:30 PM	1 hour	Parlor 1026	Launch Events	Panel	Metamor City: Things Unseen Book Launch		Chris Lester (M)
Sun	8:30 PM	1 hour	Parlor 1041	Launch Events	Panel	Trafficking in Magic/Magicking in Traffic and The Memory Singer Launch	Fantastic Books invites you to join them in celebration of the launch of their first original anthology: "Trafficking in Magic/Magicking in Traffic" edited by David Sklar and Sarah Avery, and the launch of T. Jackson King's newest novel "The Memory Singer".	David Sklar (M), T Jackson King, Sarah Avery
Sun	9:00 PM	50 minutes	Belmont	After Hours Events	Panel	Ex Libris:	Five players. Each player brings a book, preferably obscure erotica, and take turns reading the title and cover copy. Other players take turns writing first sentences for that novel. They have two minutes. These are submitted to the player whose turn it is, who reads out the first sentences, along with the REAL first sentence. Audience votes, winner gets a point. In order to facilitate voting, audience is given cards with numbers 1-5 to hold up. Winner is the player with the most votes.	Nobilis Reed (M)
Sun	9:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	New Media Fans	Panel	Beyond the Wall Live	Join co-hosts P.G. Holyfield, Vivid Muse, Chooch Schubert, Christiana Ellis and Nutty Nuchtchas as they discuss the previous week's episode of the HBO television series "Game of Thrones," with Q&A and maybe a surprise or two. We'll be focusing on the television series, but also spend time on most of the other forms of media tied to the Song of Ice and Fire series by George R.R. Martin, including (of course) the novels, RPG and board games.	Patrick Holyfield (M), Nutty Nuchtchas, Christiana Ellis
Sun	9:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	New Media Fans	Panel	Dead Robots' Society Livecast	J. Daniel Sawyer joins the Dead Robots' Society's Paul Cooley and Scott Roche to talk about writing.	Paul Cooley (M), Scott Roche, j daniel sawyer
Sun	9:00 PM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: Brand Gamblin, Starla Huchton, Alex White		Starla Huchton, Brand Gamblin, Alex White
Sun	9:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Panel	Chasing the Signal	A tour of remote observatories and the science they will uncover in the next decade. From the most remote places on Earth, international teams of astronomers chase after an elusive signal: the whisper of hydrogen from the very early Universe. With this science, we can unlock some of the secrets of the first galaxies to form.. The techniques for these radio telescopes are new with their own challenges and pitfalls.	Nicole Gugliucci (M)
Sun	9:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Publishing	Presentation	Space and Time Magazine		Hildy Silverman (M), Diane Weinstein
Sun	9:00 PM	1 hour	Salon C	Music	Other	Filk Concert: Boogie Knights		Keith DeCandido, Kate Greenberger, Linda Swann, Sharon Palmer
Sun	10:00 PM	50 minutes	Belmont	Video, Film and TV	Panel	Film the Raven Evermore: Films Based on the Tales of Poe	Since the beginning, the tales of Edgar Allen Poe have inspired filmmakers and been adapted as movies. Come discuss some of the movies made from Poe's stories, and then stick around for screenings of some of the best.	Rick Leider (M), Zan Rosin, Eric Hardenbrook, Billy Flynn, James Gossard
Sun	10:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	After Hours Events	Panel	Exquisite Corpse		Jhada Addams (M), Scott Roche, David Sklar
Sun	10:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	Readers	Panel	All Balticon Summarize <author> Competition	One by one, competitors have sixty seconds to summarize an author's entire ouvre, modeled after the Monty Python Skit Summarize Proust Competition. The author is the judge, counting out how many novels are summarized.	Nobilis Reed (M)
Sun	10:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Costuming	Panel	Non-human Costuming	Aliens can have fur, wings, and claws. Learn how to build the body parts we don't have.	Marianne Pease (M), Carol Salemi, Thomas G. Atkinson, Bill Kennedy

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Sun	10:00 PM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: Lauren Harris, Abigail Hilton, Chris Jackson		Abigail Hilton, Chris Jackson, Lauren Harris
Sun	10:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Panel	Astronomers R Us	The weirdest phenomena in the universe ...audience participation encouraged.	Pamela Gay (M), Nicole Gugliucci, Carey Lisse Ph.D., Inge Heyer
Sun	10:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Dance	Workshop	Teen Belly Dancing Workshop. Ages 13 to 19	In this Workshop you will have fun with Yasaman in learning the Grace, Posture, Outline, and beginner Moves in belly dance; Yasaman will tell you a little bit about belly dance history: how it has changed and grown in the US and what fusion belly dance is all about. Then she will do a short performance demonstration (at the end). This workshop is both for those who have never taken a belly dance class or workshop, as well for those who have and wish to refresh. There is always something new to learn from every Teacher. Yasaman will also have a free gift for each student.. Belly Dancing Class for ages 13 to 19 only. This is a full participation class. No spectators allowed!	Yasaman Vrd'dhi
Sun	10:00 PM	6 hours	Salon C	Music	Other	Sunday/Monday Overnight Night Filk		
Sun	10:15 PM	1 hour 30 minutes	Parlor 1041	Launch Events	Panel	The Street/Freelance Hunters Launch		Hugh O'Donnell (M), Paul Cooley (M)
Sun	11:00 PM	8 hours	Belmont	Video, Film and TV	Other	Sunday/Monday Overnight Videos in the Belmont	Overnight Video	Thomas Horman (M)
Sun	11:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	Readers	Panel	Nutty Bites Live! George R R Martin vs Robert Jordan	Join Nuchtchas, Tek, and guests as they debate the works and influence of these great authors. Debate is a lose term when you have great respect and love for both sides. As Robert Jordan is the Ghost of Honor we hope he will attend.	Nutty Nuchtchas (M), Rick Leider, Jennifer Liang
Sun	11:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	Publishing	Presentation	Circler Press Present		Nobilis Reed (M), Andrea Trask, Bernie Mojzes
Sun	11:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Teen	Panel	Con Etiquette 101 for Teens	Whether this is your first con or your 100th, it is important to know how to interact with others. Topics include offering construction criticism, no means no, safety in numbers, appropriate and inappropriate touching, and more.	Maura Taylor (M), Ben Prellwitz, Beth Lynne Prellwitz, Victoria Besner, Debra Kaplan
Sun	11:00 PM	1 hour 30 minutes	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: Jhada Addams, Alessia Brio, Stephanie Burke,		Alessia Brio, Jhada Addams, Stephanie Burke
Mon	12:00 AM	2 hours	Valley Ballroom	Fan	Other	Rocky Horror Picture Show	Shadowcast of the Rocky Horror Picture show.. Please no throwing food or liquids!. Shadowcast by: Maura Taylor, Chelsea Manzon, Jacqueline Maranville, Ian Turner, Brandon Lee, Melissa Conley, Cecilia Frank, Kelsey Hughes, Esther Louisa Robinson, Justin Smith, Pierson Parvand Higareda, Samantha Reilly	Maura Taylor (M)
Mon	8:00 AM	2 hours	Belmont	Video, Film and TV	Panel	Monday Morning Cartoons!	For the next two hours, bring your young'uns to watch the cartoons and films that held Baltimore kids spellbound on Saturday mornings in the twentieth century. Cartoons of the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s.	Eta Hack
Mon	8:00 AM	50 minutes	Chase	Dollars & Sense: The Business of Being Creative	Panel	Long-term Career Planning for Creatives: Surviving the Next 10 Revolutions	The publishing world is constantly changing so how can you prepare for a future that you can't even predict?	Eric Hardenbrook (M), Christopher Pisano, Charles E. Gannon, Michael Underwood, Joshua Bilmes

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Mon	8:00 AM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	Dollars & Sense: The Business of Being Creative	Panel	Nurturing Online Communities	How do you encourage your readers to form a rabid online fanbase? Can a writer nurture fans to gather in groups so large they rival the might of Joss Whedon's Browncoats?	Norm Sherman (M), Dave Robison, Andrew Plotkin
Mon	8:00 AM	50 minutes	Derby	Publishing	Panel	How and Why Romance is 53% of the Market	Editors, publishers and book reviewer panelists try to explain this phenomenon to those of us who Just. Don't. Get. It.	Reesa Herberth (M), Collin Earl, L. Jagi Lamplighter
Mon	8:00 AM	50 minutes	McCormick Suite	Fan	Panel	Kaffeeklatsch - Myke Cole		Adrienne Reynolds (M), Myke Cole
Mon	8:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon A	Publishing	Panel	eBook publishing for the erotica author	What are eBook publishers looking for? What will get a contract into your hands, and what can you expect to see on it when you get it? eBook publishing won't make you rich, but the rewards are not inconsiderable if you've got the talent and energy to make it work. We'll discuss what it takes to get from the slush pile to the reader.	Alessia Brio (M), Nobilis Reed, Jhada Addams
Mon	8:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon B	Writers	Panel	Etiquette & Gender Changes in Fiction	Many genres are based on historical time periods where etiquette and gender roles were very specific, and a completely correct How does a writer come to the decision of what to change?	Don Sakers (M), Allie Gamblin (M), Mildred Cady (M), James Daniel Ross, Batya Wittenberg
Mon	8:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon C	Publishing	Panel	The Short Fiction Market	You Were Published WHERE? Panelists talk about new magazines that have come and gone, new zines that seem to have staying power, Kickstarter, etc.	Rob Balder, Tim Burke, Alex Shvartsman, Eric Bakutis
Mon	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Chase	Writers	Panel	How to write Polyamory and not a train wreck	With poly coming to the attention to the mainstream media world, what are the factors that writers need to take into account when their characters develop this relationship dynamic? Writing a monogamous relationship is difficult enough; how do you write a relationship for three or more?	j daniel sawyer (M), Reesa Herberth, D.H. Aire, N.R. Brown, Michelle Moore
Mon	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	Google+ for authors	Google+ is built to showcase your skills and expertise. Come learn how authors can leverage this first-ever social layer to win fans and showcase their expertise across all of Google's properties.	Brand Gamblin (M), David Brawley, Patrick Holyfield, Nicole Gugliucci
Mon	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Derby	Readers	Panel	Best Entry Level Books To Recommend	What are the best books to lend a friend to convert them to the ways of Science Fiction and Fantasy?	Judi Fleming (M), Christopher Pisano, Christiana Ellis, Catherine Petrini, Jeff Young
Mon	9:00 AM	1 hour 50 minutes	Garden Room	Gaming	Other	Whist Tournament		Marnen Laibow-Koser, Victor Hutcherson, Mildred Cady
Mon	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Writers	Panel	Collaborating	To be a successful indie author you either need to develop a number of non-writing skills, or work with an editor, a cover artist or graphic designer, and/or a layout expert.	Scott Roche (M), J.R. Blackwell, Charles E. Gannon, Scott Pond, Mike Luoma
Mon	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	Dollars & Sense: The Business of Being Creative	Panel	Crowd sourcing	When to use a crowdsourcing method for funding your next project and when not to. How to make sure your crowdfunding is successful and how to plan ahead so you can deliver what you promise.	Rob Balder (M), Pamela Gay (M), Joshua Palmatier, Neal Levin
Mon	9:00 AM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: Leigh Amy Alexander, Danny Birt,		Leigh Alexander, Danny Birt
Mon	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Presentation	New Insights on Syphilis	Dr. John Cmar, Sinai Hospital offers New insights on a disease that keeps on re-emerging in B-more.	John Cmar (M)
Mon	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	Don't Forget the Can-Opener	Packing and preparing for a multiple-generation space flight. You have one year to prepare. What do you take to provide for you and your future generations? Help our author panelists plan!	Mary Turzillo (M), Geoffrey Landis, Amy Kaplan, Ian Strock, Melissa Scott
Mon	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon C	Writers	Panel	Magic Spreadsheet	How to use the magic spreadsheet to improve your writing habit	Veronica Giguere (M), Sue Baiman, Paul Cooley, P.C. Haring

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Mon	9:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon D	Costuming	Panel	Working with Worbla	Learn the many application of Worbla and other thermoplastic materials in costuming.	Pavlina (M), Sarah Richardson, Jason McClain
Mon	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Belmont	Video, Film and TV	Panel	The State of SF and Fantasy on TV	SF and Fantasy TV shows are all over the dial these days. Panelists discuss their favorites, which are being overlooked, and what's coming up.	Thomas Horman (M), Flynnstress, Zan Rosin, Christiana Ellis, Billy Flynn
Mon	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Chase	Editors	Panel	How Not to Make the Second Book of Your Trilogy a Letdown	Editor and reader panelists offer advice on writing successful sequels.	James Daniel Ross (M), Brandon Sanderson, Peter Prellwitz, Joshua Palmatier
Mon	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	From Page to Pod	According to Marshall McLuhan, "Form and content are closely related." For stories existing in both print and podcast form, how do they change as they cross media? What are the strengths and weaknesses of both forms of storytelling, and what should authors keep in mind as they adapt their novels for podcasting?	Paul Cooley (M), DC Wilson, Mark Jeffrey, Jay Smith
Mon	10:00 AM	1 hour 50 minutes	Con Suite	Children	Workshop	Lego Challenge	Tons of Lego, kids, and imagination!	Eta Hack (M)
Mon	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Derby	Readers	Panel	Literary vs Speculative vs Genre Fiction	With Spec/Genre Fic taking over the book shelves, why is there still a distinction	Martin Berman-Gorvine (M), John C Wright, Charlie Brown, Michelle D. Sonnier, Arnold T. Blumberg
Mon	10:00 AM	1 hour 50 minutes	Hunt Ballroom	Art	Panel	Art Show Monday Workshops: Kumihimo	Kumihimo is the traditional Japanese technique of braiding multiple strands to create intricately colored cords. We will be using commercial foam braiding discs to make our cords. Space is limited to 12 participants, sign up in the Art Show. \$4 materials fee.	Halla Fleischer (M)
Mon	10:00 AM	50 minutes	McCormick Suite	Fan	Panel	Kaffeeklatsch - Geoffrey Landis		Adrienne Reynolds (M), Geoffrey Landis
Mon	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Readers	Panel	Potter-verse Holes	As much as we love them, the Harry Potter books have some logical inconsistencies and plot holes. This panel will discuss the parts we tend to ignore or overlook.	Catherine Petrini (M), Rachel Elizabeth Kolar, Ian Strock
Mon	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	Fan	Panel	The Balticon Indie Spirit and What Makes Us Tick	There's something about Balticon that inspires people to start sharing their creative endeavors. What could be behind this indie spirit?	James Durham, Grig Larson, Scott Roche, Tee Morris, Sue Baiman
Mon	10:00 AM	1 hour 30 minutes	Pimlico	LARP	Panel	LARP Closing Ceremonies		Ren (M), Jabal Al'Kaldazar, NightCats, Emi, Darklonmystik
Mon	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Presentation	A Time Traveler's Guide to Talmud	The 63 volume Babylonian Talmud discourses compiled a millennium and a half ago are records of a people exiled from their devastated homeland. Their leaders attempted to preserve their ancient way of life using techniques that reflect how the World Wide Web works. Rabbinic conversations use classical Greek rhetoric, language games (incl. outrageous puns), & self-aware fantasy to extract wisdom & spiritual strength from encounters with an invisible God. Let's explore Talmudic time-travel narratives + major fantasy quests of spiritual reality & social construction. All welcome incl. Atheists & Aliens.	Larry Pinsker Rabbi (M)
Mon	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon B	Writers	Panel	Branding Your Work For Success	How to properly market your work so your genre spanning ground breaking work attracts readers instead of driving them away by being too specific or too vague.	Walt Boyes (M), Collin Earl, T Jackson King, Allie Gamblin
Mon	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon C	Readers	Panel	Moments and Mechanics in History & their Potential in Steampunk	Using unusual or fantastic events or inventions to increase not only the authenticity of your steampunk but to also spur ideas. Authors and reader panelists discuss these events and potential alts or impacts.	Philippa Ballantine, Charles E. Gannon, Doc Coleman, Jeff Young, Melissa Scott
Mon	10:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon D	Anime	Panel	I Like Anime, So How Do I Share It With Friends?	How to introduce folks to anime, and how to help them identify and avoid some of the weirder subject matter.	PJ Schnyder (M), Jason Banks, Christine Chase, Lee Sarfati

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Mon	11:00 AM	50 minutes	Belmont	New Media Fans	Panel	Storytelling in Video Games	The narratives in mainstream video games are becoming more sophisticated and mature. What is the industry currently doing and how could it get even better in the future?	Christiana Ellis, Andrew Plotkin, Hugh O'Donnell, Brand Gamblin, Billy Flynn
Mon	11:00 AM	50 minutes	Chase	Editors	Panel	Editor vs. Copyeditor	What is the difference between editor and copy-editor? Are they the writer's allies or adversaries?	James Daniel Ross (M), Diane Weinstein, Brian Koscienski, John French, Holliann Russell Kim
Mon	11:00 AM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	Publishing	Panel	ePublishing today	The current state of ePublishing. What markets you should be looking at, what changes are on the horizon, and what is selling.	Chris Snelgrove (M), Michael Underwood, Gary Lester, Mark Jeffrey
Mon	11:00 AM	50 minutes	Derby	Readers	Panel	Games fantastic and futuristic	Will people be playing poker among the stars? Creation and modification of games and sports in Sci-Fi/fantasy settings. Examples include: Quidditch in Harry Potter, sports in Scott Sigler's Galactic Football League series, and Star Trek chess.	Leona Wisoker (M), John C Wright, Jack Campbell /John Hemry, Eric Bakutis, Alex Shvartsman
Mon	11:00 AM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Other	Autographing: Iver Cooper and Joshua Palmatier		Joshua Palmatier, Iver Cooper
Mon	11:00 AM	50 minutes	McCormick Suite	Fan	Panel	Kaffeeklatsch - Brandon Sanderson		Adrienne Reynolds (M), Brandon Sanderson
Mon	11:00 AM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Costuming	Panel	How to pick patterns and materials	How to choose a pattern that can be easily modified and how to select appropriate fabrics and materials for various applications. Our panelists look forward to discussing accessories and props as well as garments.	Sharon Landrum (M), Marianne Pease, Jason McClain, Pavlina, Thomas G. Atkinson
Mon	11:00 AM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	Balticon University	Panel	Skool Daze: Pursuing a writing career while still in school	So you're pulling double-duty with your writing: writing papers by day and stories by night. What are some ways to finish your novel and still get your homework in on time? What comes first: essays or edits? And how can academia help your fiction?	Kat Otis, Judi Fleming, J.R. Blackwell, KT Bryski, Peter Prellwitz
Mon	11:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Presentation	Dodos and Deextinction	Dr. Thomas Holtz examines the serious discussion about resurrecting extinct species a la Jurassic Park. How would that work? What would be the challenges? What species would be likely candidates? And, if we can, should we?	Thomas Holtz Jr. (M)
Mon	11:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	Medicine in SF	Medical professional and scientist panelists discuss examples from the absurd to the sublime and tell us what is wrong and right with the medical science into their examples.	Brett Talbot, Catherine Asaro, John Cmar
Mon	11:00 AM	50 minutes	Salon C	Writers	Panel	Pay It Forward	Authors who have successfully published their work or been published can help those just starting out. Does this happen? Can we do more from both sides of the equation?	Jo Walton (M), Charles E. Gannon, Brian Rathbone, Betsy Riley, Mike Luoma
Mon	11:00 AM	1 hour 50 minutes	Salon D	Teen	Workshop	Create Anything Imaginable...with Wire	Only 13 Participants! Sign-up Sheet at Info Desk (near top of escalators) Using pipe cleaners, you'll be able to make an item of your choice using a special technique created by the artist, Lonnie Q. Ingram. Mr. Ingram is a self-taught artist, with more than 20 years experience and has created 1000s of unique wire sculptures over the years. We'll use basic shapes to create animals, people and things. What do you want to create? Your imagination is your only limit!	Lonnie Ingram (M)
Mon	11:00 AM	1 hour	Tennis Courts	Fan	Panel	Readings from the Cthulhu Hat	The Deranged Bestow Their Works on the Rest: Run while you can! The audience members from the Sunday panel will be sharing their stories with all available victims. No guarantees of survival if Cthulhu is actually summoned. The panelists will choose the one they like best and it will be submitted for publication in the Balticon 49 BSFan. Meet us on the grass outside near the tennis courts. We'll have some blankets available to sit on.	Molly Brown (M), Philippa Ballantine, Tee Morris, Hildy Silverman

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Mon	11:30 AM	1 hour 30 minutes	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: Charlie Brown, Ruth Lampi, Darrell Schweitzer, Joy Ward		Darrell Schweitzer, Joy Ward, Charlie Brown, Ruth Lampi
Mon	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Belmont	Writers	Panel	Beta Readers	A good (free) alternative for the indie author. What to look for, how to cultivate a group of betas, what not to do.	Danny Birt (M), j daniel sawyer, Alex Shvartsman, Mike Luoma
Mon	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Chase	Editors	Panel	Networking for Editors	Need someone to blurb a book? Looking for copyeditors? Proofreaders? Artists? Writers? Reviewers? Panelists discuss how and where to find those connections your projects need to succeed and how to approach them.	Walt Boyes (M), Hildy Silverman, Catherine Asaro
Mon	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	New Media Fans	Panel	The Shared Desk Livecast	From the writing desk of award-nominated and award-winning authors and podcasters Philippa Ballantine and Tee Morris comes The Shared Desk, a writer's show that explores collaboration, science fiction, fantasy, and just about anything that catches their fleeting attention spans.	Philippa Ballantine, Tee Morris
Mon	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Con Suite	Children	Workshop	Storytelling with Don Sakers	Come enjoy the fun, silly entertaining stories told by the amazing and lovable Mr. Don!	Don Sakers (M)
Mon	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	Music in Podcasts	A panel of podcast novelists discussing how they've used music in their productions, what they think works/doesn't work, how they choose where and when to use it, and good sources of podcast music.	James Durham (M), Tim Dodge, Christiana Ellis, DC Wilson, Mark Kilfoil
Mon	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Garden Room	Filmmaking	Other	Film Festival Winners and U.S. Film Trailers	Come see the winners of the Sunday Night Short Film Festival and trailers and teasers for movies that will be showing up in U.S. theaters in coming months.	Lance Oszko (M), Susan de Guardiola
Mon	12:00 PM	1 hour 50 minutes	Hunt Ballroom	Art	Workshop	Art Show Monday Workshops: Omiage	Omiage - the tradition of small gifts, \$5.00 materials fee - Students receive all materials and instructions to hand-sew a small oriental-style pouch from vintage kimono silk, suitable for gifting in the Japanese tradition of omiame. Additional materials will be available for purchase.	Nancy Janda (M)
Mon	12:00 PM	1 hour	Maryland Foyer	Autographings	Other	Autographing: Paul Cooley and Leona Wisoker		Leona Wisoker, Paul Cooley
Mon	12:00 PM	50 minutes	McCormick Suite	Fan	Panel	Kaffeeklatsch - Ken Anders		Adrienne Reynolds (M), Ken Anders
Mon	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1026	Costuming	Panel	Oversize props for Cosplay	Jealous of the beautiful weapons and props that you see cosplayers carrying? This panel will help you design and construct your own amazingly oversized prop.	Stephanie Burke (M), Marianne Pease, Sarah Richardson, Jason McClain, Kate Szkotnicki
Mon	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Parlor 1041	Dollars & Sense: The Business of Being Creative	Panel	Take my money, please!	Looking at ways that creative people overcome the roadblock of creating a sustainable business. Panelists will discuss examples like what Cory Doctorow is doing where people who download the stuff for free can pay him money and part of that money still goes to his agent and his publishers.	Brian Koscienski
Mon	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Presentation	The Atmosphere of Mars	The atmosphere of Mars, and where it goes to bed at night	Timothy Livengood (M)
Mon	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	My Favorite Planet	What fictional (or non-) world would you most like to visit or inhabit? Why? Would you like a past, future, or alternative Earth? Panelists tell us about their favorite planet!	Scott Roche (M), John C Wright, Geoffrey Landis, Brett Talbot, Jeff Young
Mon	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon C	New Media Production and Technology	Panel	Multi-creatives	The demands of multiple artistic pursuits. Learning to do it all without losing your mind.	J.R. Blackwell (M), David Brawley, P.C. Haring, Sue Baiman, Alex White



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Mon	1:00 PM	50 minutes	Belmont	Writers	Panel	Science for Writers Q&A	Writers and aspiring writers bring their questions, and a group of science experts will try to hash out answers that would work in a hard SF universe. Let's get the people in the science track and the literary track talking to each other!	Walt Boyes, T Jackson King, Pamela Gay, Ian Strock, Stephen Granade
Mon	1:00 PM	50 minutes	Chase	Writers	Panel	How Hard Can it Be? Jumping out of Genre	What do you do when you get a great opportunity...in a field in which you have NO experience? What are the advantages and pitfalls to writing in many genres? What are some strategies for leaving your comfort zone?	KT Bryski (M), Michael Hanson, Elektra Hammond, Starla Huchton, Betsy Riley
Mon	1:00 PM	50 minutes	Chesapeake	Writers	Presentation	User Experience and Your Novel	Join Alex White as he demonstrates how to apply UX design principles to the art of novel writing. This thought experiment will get those gears turning and have you thinking about your writing in new and exciting ways!	Alex White (M)
Mon	1:00 PM	50 minutes	Con Suite	Children	Other	Spiffy Spacey Balloons	The coolest balloon space guns, aliens, and space ships you have ever seen!	Mark MacDicken
Mon	1:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	Writers	Panel	Sci-fi Evolution: Writing Non-Human Characters	From fuzzies to androids to the genetically-manipulated, from telepathic felines and sentient starships, science fiction is populated with decidedly NON-humans. But how strange can we make these characters, and how much like us do they need to be? Top authors in Science Fiction Romance reveal how to create the unbelievable and inter-breedable.	Philippa Ballantine, Joy Ward, Scott Roche, Michelle Moore
Mon	1:00 PM	1 hour	Garden Room	Music	Panel	A Discussion of Musical Communities	There are several musical communities under the fannish umbrella: filkers, SCA bards, comedy musicians, and wizard rock, to name a few. What qualities do these communities have in common? How are they different? Can some of the conflicts that have arisen be bridged and misperceptions corrected?	Gary Ehrlich (M), Ken Anders, Linda Swann
Mon	1:00 PM	50 minutes	McCormick Suite	Fan	Panel	Kaffeeklatsch - Halo Jankowski		Adrienne Reynolds (M), Halo Jankowski
Mon	1:00 PM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Other	Reading: David Sklar, Gary Lester,		David Sklar, Gary Lester
Mon	1:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Presentation	NASA's New Laser Communications Missions	Astronomer extraordinaire Laura Burns discusses NASA's new Laser Communications Missions.	Laura Burns (M)
Mon	1:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	When A Dwarf Is A Midget And Other Fantasy Conundrums	The roles played by dwarves and elves in fantasy have remained fairly static although that does seem to be changing. Is there such a thing as a stereotypical dwarf and elf?	Brian Koscienski, James Daniel Ross, Joshua Palmatier, Jeff Young
Mon	1:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon C	Readers	Panel	What is the difference between alternate history and parallel Worlds?	Defining the genres and what tropes make up each one.	Collin Earl, Jack Campbell /John Hemry, Don Sakers, Arnold T. Blumberg, Martin Berman-Gorvine
Mon	1:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon D	Writers	Panel	Why Writing Can't Be Taught And How To Teach It	A discussion of the difficulties posed by teaching writing.	Rachel Elizabeth Kolar, John C Wright, Sarah Avery, j daniel sawyer, Kat Otis
Mon	2:00 PM	50 minutes	Chase	Editors	Panel	The Secret Life of Project Editors	More and more, publishers are turning production responsibilities over to the editor. What is involved with heading a project? What considerations need to be added to your mental or physical checklist? It isn't as simple as cleaning up copy or selecting stories anymore. What other tasks might project editors encounter in today's industry?	Danielle Ackley-Mcphail, Neal Levin, Jeff Young, Robert Waters
Mon	2:00 PM	50 minutes	Derby	Dollars & Sense: The Business of Being Creative	Panel	Broadening Horizons	How can writers and artists reach potential readers outside of their immediate science fiction markets?	Scott Roche (M), Rob Balder, Sarah Avery, Peter Prellwitz

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Mon	2:00 PM	1 hour	Garden Room	Music	Other	Marty Gear Memorial Filk Circle	Come share your favorite songs about vampires, costuming, con-running, or any other songs that remind you of Marty or you think he would have enjoyed.	Gary Ehrlich (M)
Mon	2:00 PM	50 minutes	McCormick Suite	Fan	Panel	Kaffeeklatsch - Charles E. Gannon		Adrienne Reynolds (M), Charles E. Gannon
Mon	2:00 PM	1 hour	Pimlico	Readings	Panel	Reading: Christiana Ellis, Patrick Holyfield,		Patrick Holyfield, Christiana Ellis
Mon	2:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon A	Science	Presentation	Software Patents	What software patents are, and how they are stifling the computer industry.	Marv Zelkowitz
Mon	2:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Readers	Panel	The Plot is Dead! Long Live Characters!	A discussion for writers as well as readers that examines why character-driven books triumph (most of the time) over plot-driven books.	Joshua Palmatier, L. Jagi Lamplighter, Walt Boyes, Joy Ward, Chris Jackson
Mon	2:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon C	Teen	Panel	Teen Chat. A Balticon Teen Program Wrap-Up	Work on projects from crafts workshops, and chat about what worked and didn't work for you in the Balticon Teen program. We'll provide a flip pad so you can jot down your suggestions for next year's program! Open discussion, ages 13-19.	Ethan Wilson (M), Victoria Besner (M)
Mon	2:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon D	Readers	Panel	Dealing with Drug Addiction in Science Fiction	Some authors give substance abuse very casual treatment, some address it as a symptom of societal dysfunction. The panel discusses some examples of these and other approaches.	Leona Wisoker (M), John C Wright, James Daniel Ross, John Cmar
Mon	3:00 PM	1 hour	Salon A	Science	Presentation	Exciting Upcoming NASA Events: Comet Siding Spring sideswiping Mars and the ESA ROSETTA mission arriving at Comet 67P	Exciting upcoming NASA events: Comet Siding Spring sideswiping Mars and the ESA ROSETTA mission arriving at Comet 67P	Carey Lisse Ph.D. (M)
Mon	3:00 PM	50 minutes	Salon B	Writers	Panel	The Cash Is in the Details	Technical Writers tell us how to make a living	Hildy Silverman, Walt Boyes
Mon	4:00 PM	1 hour	Salon A	Fan	Panel	Improving Balticon	Come help us figure out what went right, what went wrong, and how to do it all better next year.	CON CHAIR Kelly Shannon Pierce (M), Thomas Horman, Michael Rafferty