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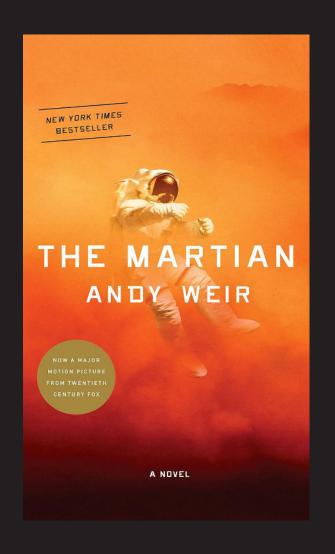


THE WABASH VALLEY COMMUNITY READ 2024 PRESENTS THE MARTIAN

The Wabash Valley Community Read is an initiative of the Vigo County Public Library. Designed to engage the Wabash Valley in a shared reading experience, the Community Read encourages conversations, fosters a sense of unity and connectivity in the community, and serves as a platform to celebrate literature while engaging with the Library and community partners through book clubs and activities inspired by the book selection.

This year's selection, Andy Weir's *The Martian*, pays tribute to humankind's ingenuity, determination, and resourcefulness through the eyes of protagonist Mark Watney. Left behind on the hostile planet Mars after his crew executes an emergency evacuation, Watney must use his own skills and limited supplies to persevere until a rescue mission returns for him.

The Vigo County Public Library is proud to partner with local community organizations to ensure the Wabash Valley Community Read reaches as many members of our community as possible. This year, we are grateful to be financially supported by The Friends of the Vigo County Public Library and Indiana State University. We would like to thank the following partners: Arts Illiana, Brazil Public Library, Clinton Public Library, CODA, ISU Cunningham Memorial Library, Ivy Tech Community College Library, Marshall Public Library, River City Art Association, Rose-Hulman Logan Library, Sinfonietta Pops Orchestra, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods Rooney Library, Sullivan County Public Library, and the Wabash Valley Art Guild.



READY TO LAUNCH: THE WABASH VALLEY COMMUNITY READ 2024

Friday, March 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Main Library = Lobby

All Ages: Are you *Ready to Launch?* Build a Lego® Mars base with help from the Terre Haute Children's Museum, take your photo with their giant Sun, and pick up your copy of the Wabash Valley Community Read's 2024 selection *The Martian!*

When you pick up your copy of *The Martian* on launch day at the Main Library or attend any Wabash Valley Community Read program before Monday, April 8, you may receive a pair of eclipse-viewing glasses. Limited to five pairs of glasses per family while supplies last.

Visit vigolibrary.org/wvcr for more information about the Wabash Valley Community Read.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED: THE WABASH VALLEY COMMUNITY READ OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, April 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Main Library • Lifelong Learning Center

Ages 13 & Up: Are you ready to relax after a successful mission? Enjoy one of three viewings of the 2015 film *The Martian*, take selfies in the photo booth, and snack on space-friendly treats at The Wabash Valley Community Read Open House. *The Martian* begins at 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. and is rated PG-13.

SINFONIETTA POPS ORCHESTRA PRESENTS THE MARTIAN

Sunday, February 25 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Harvey Auditorium $\,$

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, IN 47876

Enjoy an afternoon of orchestral and popular music inspired by this year's Wabash Valley Community Read selection, Andy Weir's *The Martian*. Admission is \$10 per adult, \$5 per student, and free for children ages 10 and under.

THE SHAPE OF STARS: ART EXHIBITION

Exhibit opens Friday, March 1 and closes Tuesday, April 30

Main Library • West Wing Hallway

Andy Weir's *The Martian* explores humanity's natural talent to adapt, overcome, and thrive despite obstacles—even in the darkest of times. This year, at *The Shape of Stars*, artists from the Wabash Valley Art Guild and River City Art Association will share their interpretations of what this theme means to them. View the exhibit at the Main Library, then vote on which piece you would like to receive the People's Choice award.

SCIENTIST IN THE SHADOWS: THE STORY OF GERALD SHEA EXHIBIT

Exhibit opens Friday, March 1 and closes Tuesday, April 30

Main Library - Special Collections Department

When local citizen scientist Gerald Shea wasn't working as a medical lab tech at Pfizer or helping to patent the polio vaccine, he dedicated his life to performing experiments and writing down the details. Visit *Scientist in the Shadows*, a special exhibit dedicated to Shea and his work, to learn more about this local illuminary who studied everything from astronomy to celestial photography to seismography.

THE APOLLO EXPERIENCE

From Monday, April 1 to Tuesday, April 30 Marshall Public Library 612 Archer Avenue • Marshall, IL 62441

In 1961, the Apollo program began with the goal of landing the first humans on the Moon. Seven years later, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin of the Apollo 11 mission completed this goal; their excursion was followed by five other successful missions. Discover more about the original Moon mission with *The Apollo Experience*, a traveling exhibition featuring a one-of-a-kind astronaut model and Apollo program memorabilia at the Marshall Public Library.

THE SHAPE OF STARS: ARTIST RECEPTION

Monday, April 29 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Main Library • Lifelong Learning Center

Meet artists from the Wabash Valley Art Guild and River City Art Association, discuss the artwork of *The Shape of Stars*, and enjoy refreshments at the Artist Reception. Winners for the People's Choice award and the Best of Show will be awarded during the reception.

TABLESCAPES 2024

The Vigo County Public Library is thrilled to join Arts Illiana to present Tablescapes 2024. We will be participating by creating a table based on the Wabash Valley Community Read selection, *The Martian* by Andy Weir.

For more information about Tablescapes and the participating community partners, or to purchase tickets to any of the events below, please visit artsilliana.com/tablescapes-2024.

DAILY VIEWINGS

Friday, March 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, March 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sycamore Banquet Center Hulman Memorial Student Union 550 Chestnut Street • Terre Haute, IN 47819

CELEBRATION OF DESIGN COCKTAIL PARTY

Friday, March 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sycamore Banquet Center Hulman Memorial Student Union 550 Chestnut Street • Terre Haute, IN 47819

DINNER ON THE SCAPES

Saturday, March 16 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sycamore Banquet Center Hulman Memorial Student Union 550 Chestnut Street • Terre Haute, IN 47819

ECLIPSE 2024: ARE YOU READY?

Monday, March 4 at 3:30 p.m. Sullivan County Public Library 100 South Crowder Street • Sullivan, IN 47882

All Ages: It's been 819 years since a total solar eclipse occurred in Sullivan County. Make sure you and your family are ready with a handy primer that will review the nature of an eclipse, the history of eclipses, safe observation of an eclipse, and expectations for Monday, April 8, the day of the last eclipse in the United States for twenty years! Weather permitting, a solar telescope will be available for you and your family to view the sun beginning at 2:00 p.m.

TEEN ECLIPSE COLLAGE

Tuesday, March 26 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Main Library • Lifelong Learning Center Registration begins Tuesday, February 27 at vigolibrary.org/events

Ages 12-18: Construct your own celestial montage with the Swope Art Museum at *Teen Eclipse Collage*. Collect and cut out images of the stages of a solar eclipse and arrange them to create a visually interesting progression, then add your own flair to your artwork with other painted or drawn elements. The stars are the limit!

BOOK CLUBS AND MOVIES

THE MARTIAN BOOK DISCUSSIONS

SWEET READS BOOK CLUB

Thursday, March 14 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Amosami Cheesecake Company 1283 Lafayette Avenue Terre Haute, IN 47804

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Monday, March 25 at 6:00 p.m. Clinton Public Library 313 South 4th Street Clinton, IN 47842

Tuesday, April 2 at 12:00 p.m. Sullivan County History Museum 10 South Court Street Sullivan, IN 47882

Tuesday, April 9 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Main Library Lifelong Learning Center

THE SOLAR ECLIPSE: A CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE

Wednesday, April 3 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Main Library •Lifelong Learning Center

When you think about a solar eclipse, what do you picture in your mind? Is it a giant bear taking a bite out of the Sun or a cosmic frog swallowing the Sun whole? Throughout human history, different cultures have had their beliefs shaped by this celestial occurrence and the solar eclipse has been an inspiration for stories, art, fear, awe, and curiosity.

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING AT PIONEER VILLAGE

Monday, April 8 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fowler Park Pioneer Village 3000 East Oregon Church Road • Terre Haute IN 47802

All Ages: Travel back to the early 1800s and see what life was like in rural Indiana at the Fowler Park Pioneer Village. Enjoy science activities, explore authentic cabins, shop market and food vendors, and visit the Library at the Schoolhouse for a look into how pioneers might have reacted to an eclipse. Don't forget to bring your solar glasses.

THE MARTIAN FILM SCREENING AT INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Friday, March 22
Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
Movie begins at 6:00 p.m.
Bayh College of Education • University Theater
400 North 8th Street • Terre Haute, IN 47807

Matt Damon stars as Matt Watney, an astronaut stranded on the red planet, in the 2015 film adaptation of Andy Weir's *The Martian*. Presented by Indiana State University Honors College, this public viewing of *The Martian* is free to all community members. Refreshments, provided by Sodexo, will be available when the doors open at 5:00 p.m. This film is rated PG-13.

WALL-E WATCH PARTY

Tuesday, March 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 pm. Main Library • Meeting Rooms A, B & C

All Ages: After seven hundred years of diligently tidying the Earth by himself, WALL-E's lonely routine of collecting interesting objects and compacting garbage is interrupted when he rescues a sleek probe named EVE. Instantly smitten, WALL-E gives EVE his latest discovery, only to be whisked off on an intergalactic adventure that might save humankind.

ESCAPE FROM MARS

Tuesday, March 5 to Thursday, March 7 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 8 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturday, March 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sullivan County History Museum

10 South Court Street - Sullivan, IN 47882

All Ages: You're trapped on the inhospitable red planet! Can you and your teammates work together fast enough to solve puzzles and escape Mars before the countdown reaches zero?

EXPERIENCE VIRTUAL REALITY

Saturday, March 9 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Main Library • Haute Create

Ages 12 & Up: Navigate tight spaces and zero gravity as you tour the International Space Station and travel to distant planets with the HTC Vive[™] or the Meta Quest 2 VR headset.

SELFISH: SPACE EDITION

Wednesday, March 13 from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19 from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

& 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Saturday, March 30 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10 from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

& 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17 from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

& 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Main Library - Teen Space

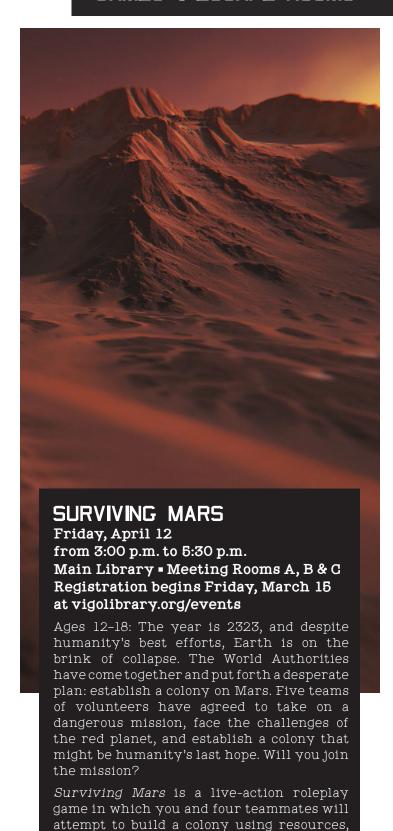
Visit vigolibrary.org/events to register

Ages 10 & Up: How ruthless are you? Find out in Selfish: Space Edition, the card game where you are floating in space and must race back to the space shuttle to survive. Sabotage other players, overcome obstacles, and use oxygen tanks to boost yourself towards your final goal, but be careful! Only one of you can survive.

TABLETOPIA: GAMING WITH TERRE HAUTE TABLETOP

Tuesday, March 26 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Main Library • Lifelong Learning Center Tuesday, April 23 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Main Library • Meeting Room A

Ages 16 & Up: Whether you want to colonize space and save humanity, explore an unknown planet, or manage a fleet of spaceships, *Tabletopia* has the perfect game for you! Every month at *Tabletopia*, Terre Haute Tabletop will introduce new players to contemporary board games and provide skilled players with a regular gaming session, new challenges, and a connection to Terre Haute's board game community.



skills, and teamwork to overcome random

challenge cards.

JR. BOOK CLUB: ALMOST ASTRONAUTS

Wednesdays, March 6 to March 20 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Main Library • Youth Services Program Room Registration begins Wednesday, February 14 at vigolibrary.org/events

Ages 7-11: When NASA was created in 1958, it expected potential astronauts to be expert pilots who were courageous, intelligent, resistant to stress, in top physical shape—and men. However, well-known astronauts like John Glenn, Neil Armstrong, and Buzz Aldrin were not the only pioneers of the early space age. In Tanya Lee Stone's *Almost Astronauts*, meet the Mercury 13—Mary "Wally" Funk, Jerrie Cobb, Janey Hart, and the ten other women who dreamed of spaceflight and fought against prejudice, jealousy, and some of the most powerful men in Washington D.C. to ensure that future young women would be able to take their place in the sky.

ART ADVENTURES:

Tuesday, March 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Main Library • Youth Services Program Room Registration begins Tuesday, February 27 at vigolibrary.org/events

Ages 2-5: Introduce your preschooler to the sun, moon, and stars. Begin by capturing the light of Earth's closest star—the Sun—with an easy-to-make suncatcher and learn more about the largest, brightest object in the sky at *Art Adventures*!

MAKER HOUR: SPACE TRAVEL

Wednesday, March 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. West Branch Library • Meeting Room B

Ages 5 & Up: Your young astronaut can start planning their first trip to space at West Branch Library's *Maker Hour.* Kids can test their engineering skills by building and launching their own spaceship, making straw rockets to see Newton's Laws of Motion in action, and getting hands-on with physics when they play a real-life game of *Angry Birds*.

SKYDOME PLANETARIUM

Saturday, March 16

Sessions available at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Main Library - Lobby

Visit vigolibrary.org/events to register

Ages 5 & Up: Are you ready to blast off? Take a trip through the galaxy with the *SkyDome Planetarium!* Start your journey with a flight through our solar system and learn about the Sun and planets closest to Earth before you head off to the stars, where you'll discover the Greek heroes who inhabit the night sky. End your voyage by watching how the constellations change during the year and enjoying views of night from different areas of the world.

The SkyDome Planetarium is handicapped-accessible. Please register each attendee separately; group and family registration are not available.

HOMESCHOOL HANG OUT

Monday, March 18 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Main Library • Meeting Rooms A, B & C Registration begins Monday, March 4 at vigolibrary.org/events

Ages 6-11: Meet with other homeschool families and complete educational STEAM projects and activities at *Homeschool Hang Out*! Every month offers a new project for you and your family to enjoy as you explore science together. In March, use the power of polarity to make your own marbled planet with foam shaving cream, food coloring, and paper!

ASTRONAUT TEA PARTY

Wednesday, March 20 at 5:30 p.m. Sullivan County Public Library 100 South Crowder Street • Sullivan, IN 47882

Ages O-11: Your child can learn to eat like a real space explorer at the *Astronaut Tea Party*!

POTATO POWER

Thursday, March 21 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thursday, April 4 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Main Library • Haute Create

Ages 9 & Up: Can you and your family handle some electrifying competition? Choose from low-volt motors, clocks, LED lights, propellers, and more to build the most interesting contraption you can—powered by a humble potato! Your final creation will be judged based on teamwork, creativity, and energy efficiency.

KIDS PAINT PARTY: PROJECTOR PAINTING

Monday, March 25 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. West Branch Library • Meeting Room B

Ages 6-11: Your child's imagination is as vast as the universe, and at the *Kids' Paint Party*, they can set it free when they turn a projected outline of their own shadow into a solar system, constellations, or an entire galaxy.

TEENY TERRARIUMS

Tuesday, March 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Main Library • Meeting Rooms A, B & C Registration begins Tuesday, March 12 at vigolibrary.org/events

Ages 5-11: Before your child blasts off for an interplanetary trip, teach them how to grow their own plants in a carefully maintained environment. Your child will decorate a paper cup, add soil, plant seeds, and add a plastic cup top while learning about the greenhouse effect and keeping their plants healthy at home.

DRAWING WITH CORINNE: ARTISTIC ADVENTURES IN SPACE

Wednesday, March 27 from 3:00 P.m. to 4:00 P.m. Main Library • Meeting Rooms A, B & C Registration begins Wednesday, February 21 at vigolibrary.org/events

Ages O-18: Construct your own spaceships, alien species, and more with basic shapes and illustrator Corinne Roberts! Register to receive a sketchbook, pencil, and eraser while supplies last. Registrants will also receive a Zoom link to draw along with Corinne at home.

ASTRONAUTS IN TRAINING

Friday, March 29 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Main Library • Meeting Rooms A, B & C Registration begins Monday, March 11 at vigolibrary.org/events

Ages 6-11: Your child can get a head start on training for their first mission at *Astronauts in Training!* Practice tunnel crawls, perform beach ball lifts, complete an agility course, and more with Brandon and Adrian Smitely of THIRST Gym. Attendees should dress in comfortable clothing and footwear.

TOUCHDOWN: SATELLITE ENGINEER WORKSHOP

Tuesday, April 2 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Main Library • Youth Services Program Room
Registration begins Tuesday, March 19
at vigolibrary.org/events

Ages 6-11: A spaceship launch may be exciting to watch, but the real excitement begins when a satellite touches down on a new surface! Learn more about how scientists use satellites to explore distant planets as you and your child build your own satellite from common items and test how it deploys.

SOLAR SCIENCE: DETECTING UV LIGHT

Tuesday, April 4 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Main Library • Youth Services Program Room Registration begins Thursday, March 7 at vigolibrary.org/events

Ages 6-11: Your child may be familiar with the colorful lights of a rainbow, but there are other types of light that they cannot see! Explore the effects of ultraviolet radiation, a type of light that is invisible to the human eye, with the help of color-changing beads, fabric, cardboard, and sunscreen.

PHOTOREACTIVE ART

Monday, April 22 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. West Branch Library • Meeting Room B

Ages 6 & Up: At *Photoreactive Art*, your child can use the Sun's rays to create a unique piece of art by layering natural materials onto photoreactive material and watching how the uncovered portions change color when they are exposed to light.

THE TRAVELING SPACE SUIT SHOW

Saturday, April 13 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Main Library • Meeting Rooms A, B & C

All Ages: Experience the cosmos firsthand with the William M. Staerkel Planetarium's *Traveling Space Suit Show!* Take a closer look at a replica Extravehicular Mobility Unit, the iconic spacesuit used by NASA astronauts on the International Space Station, and learn how this spacesuit isn't just a piece of clothing, but a life-support system that protects astronauts from the dangers of space.



HYDROPONICS: GARDENING OF THE FUTURE

Tuesday, March 12 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 16 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Main Library • Haute Create

Ages 12 & Up: Do you have a green thumb, but your small space doesn't provide enough room to grow the garden of your dreams? Step into the future of small-scale and at-home farming with hydroponic gardening! Easy enough to fit on a countertop, a hydroponic garden offers you a low-maintenance alternative for raising leafy greens, herbs, and more while using less water and no pesticides. View a demonstration of common household hydroponic systems as well as have a chance to look at a 3D-printed aeroponics tower garden. The tower garden will be available for public viewing in Haute Create throughout March and April.

LIGHT-UP CONSTELLATION HOOP ART

Monday, March 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. West Branch Library ■ Meeting Room B Registration begins Monday, February 19 at vigolibrary.org/events

Ages 11 & Up: Take your place among the stars with your own constellation art. Use LED lights, black fabric, and a simple circuit powered by a button battery to create your light-up star sign, your favorite constellation, or a pattern of your own! After your project is completed, frame it with a bamboo hoop and hang it on your wall at home.

CAPTURING THE COSMOS

Tuesday, March 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Main Library • Meeting Rooms A, B & C

Ages 16 & Up: Even if you're a skilled photographer, taking images of a night sky can be difficult. Local photographer Brendan Kearns will discuss the challenges of celestial photography and provide advice on adjusting your camera settings to compensate for common issues like low light, high ISO, or blurry images before you set up your equipment to photograph the upcoming solar eclipse or any other celestial phenomena.

SEW SIMPLE: MENDING & SUSTAINABILITY

Tuesday, March 26 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 9 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Main Library • Haute Create

Ages 12 & Up: Do you have a pair of ripped jeans or a favorite shirt with a hole? Make your clothing last longer by learning how to complete simple repairs yourself at *Sew Simple!* Bring clean items to *Sew Simple* to learn how to apply a patch, fix a ripped seam, create an easy roll hem, or sew on a button! Handsewing and machine-sewing options and instructions will be available at this hands-on workshop for all levels of sewers.

COSMIC CREATIVITY FOR TEENS

Thursday, March 28 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Main Library • Meeting Rooms A, B & C

Ages 12-18: Make constellations out of pipe cleaners, create moon phases (and eat them) with Oreos®, and build your own light-up Mars explorer or jet to take home while supplies last.

RED PLANET CHALLENGE: A MARS SURVIVAL GUIDE

Tuesday, April 16 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Main Library • Meeting Rooms A & C

Ages 16 & Up: How difficult will it be to establish a colony on Mars? Dr. Elizabeth Melton, assistant professor of physics and optical engineering and director of the Oakley Observatory at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, will provide insight into the potential challenges humankind will face if we plan to inhabit the red planet and examine some of the solutions that are being tested by scientists and innovators around the globe.

STELLAR STORIES: THE ART OF SCI-FI STORYTELLING

Monday, April 22 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Main Library • Meeting Room A

Ages 13 & Up: Enter the world of science-fiction writing with Susan Draper, local author of the *Cataclysm in the Gosmos* series, and learn the ins-and-outs of world-building, self-publishing, and more in *Stellar Stories*.