

Science Fiction in Toronto

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General Notes

An Event of potential interest:

- There is a regular Doctor Who Tavern/Pub gathering in Toronto on the first Thursday of each month at Paupers Pub, 539 Bloor Street West (near Bathurst) – main floor near the back around 7pm

Popular Literary Hangouts in Toronto:

- **The Hart House Library** – On Hart House Circle at the University of Toronto
- **The Roof Lounge in the Park Plaza Hotel** – At the corner of Bloor St. and Avenue Road
- **The Arts and Letters Club** – Yonge and Elm St. Although a private, members-only club, many writers dine across the street at Barerian's steakhouse.

Book Stores & Libraries

The Merrill Collection – 239 College (at Huron, East of Spadina)

The Merrill Collection of Science Fiction, Speculation and Fantasy is the world's largest public-library collection of SF. (www.tpl.toronto.on.ca/merril/home.htm) (416-393-7748/9)

ABC Bookstore Ltd. - 662 Yonge Street (N. of Wellesley)

A used bookstore with a great fantasy/science fiction selection. Be sure to check the bin by the door for great deals. (416-967-7654)

Abelard Books – 519 Queen St. West (W. of Spadina)

A used bookstore specializing in scholarly and antique books, but also has some SFF books. (www.abebooks.com/home/abelard/) (416-504-2665)

Bakka The Science Fiction Bookstore – 598 Yonge Street (N. of Wellesley)

Bakka is the world's oldest science-fiction specialty book store
(Bakka [noun, myth]: In Fremen legend, the weeper who mourns for all mankind).
(www.bakka.com) (416-963-9993)

Book City - 663 Yonge St. (N. of Wellesley) (as well as other locations around the city)

One of Canada's largest independents (416-964-1167)

Chapters-Indigo Flagship Store - 110 Bloor Street West (E. of Avenue Rd)

This is the flagship store for Canada's largest bookstore chain
(www.chapters.indigo.ca) (416-920-9299)

Elliot's Bookshop – 584 Yonge St. (at Wellesley St.)

With three floors of books and magazines, Elliot's has a great selection of SFF books
(416-925-0268)

Orion Books - 544 Yonge Street (S. of Wellesley)

A used bookstore with a good SFF collection (416-923-5537)

Ten Editions Bookstore – 698 Spadina Ave (S. of Bloor)

A used bookstore with some SFF (416-964-3803)

World's Biggest Bookstore – 20 Edward Street. (Just off Yonge, North of Dundas)
While debatable as to whether or not it *is* actually the world's biggest bookstore anymore, it is quite huge with 27km / 17 miles of bookshelves.
Built in the 1970s, it was the first superstore, paving the way for Barnes and Noble, Borders and all the other book superstores. (416-977-7009)

Comic Book Stores

1000000 Comix – 530 Yonge Street (S. of Wellesley)
(www.onemillioncomix.com) (416-934-1516)

Beguiling – 601 Markham St. (off Bloor St., Just W. of Bathurst)
(www.beguiling.com) (416-533-9168)

Dragon Lady Comics and Paper Nostalgia – 609 College St. (W. of Bathurst)
(www.dragonladyshop.com) (416-536-7460)

Hairy Tarantula Comics and Cards – 354 Yonge St. (N. of Dundas)
(www.hairyt.com) (416-596-8002)

Silver Snail Comics – 367 Queen St. West (E. of Spadina)
(www.silversnail.com) (416-593-0889)

Sci-Fi Books Based in Toronto

Author	Title	Notes
Armstrong, Kelley	Bitten (2001)	
Ashton, Cat	Piece Corps (2003)	<i>On Spec</i> , Summer 2003
Atwood, Margaret	Life Before Man	
Atwood, Margaret	Freeforall (1999)	
Baker, Nancy	Cold Sleep (1992)	In <i>Northern Frights</i>
Baker, Nancy	Exodus 22: 18 (1995)	In <i>Northern Frights 3</i>
Baker, Nancy	The Night Inside (1993)	
Baker, Nancy	Blood & Chrysanthemums (1994)	
Bassingthwaite, Don	Breathe Deeply (1995)	In <i>White Wolf</i>
Bassingthwaite, Don	Pomegranates Full and Fine (1995)	
Bassingthwaite, Don	As One Dead (1996)	In <i>White Wolf</i>
Bedwell-Grime, S.	Transfer (1997)	In <i>Northern Frights 4</i>
Begamudré, Ven	In the Beginning, There was a Memory (1998)	in <i>Divine Realms...</i>
Boyczuk, Robert	Doing Time (1999)	In <i>Northern Suns</i>
Boyczuk, Robert	Horry Story (1997)	In <i>Northern Frights 4</i>
Chen, E.L.	More Than Salt (2002)	In <i>On Spec</i> , Winter 2002
Clink, Carolyn	Toronto Necropolis (1992)	In <i>Northern Frights</i>
Cooper, Susan	The Boggart (1993)	
Davies, Robertson	Conversations with the Little Table (1988)	In <i>13 Canadian Ghost Stories</i>
Davies, Robertson	The Ghost Who Vanished By Degrees (1998)	In <i>Crossing The Line...</i>
Davies, Robertson	Offer of Immortality (1998)	In <i>Northern Suns</i>
Doctorow, Cory	Craphound (1999)	In <i>Northern Suns</i>
Doctorow, Cory	Truncat (2002)	In <i>The Bakka Anthology</i>
Dorsey, Candace J.	(Learning about) Machine Sex (1994)	In <i>Northern Stars</i>
Files, Gemma	Mouthful of Pins (1994)	In <i>Northern Frights 2</i>
Fraser, Sylvia	The Candy Factory (1975)	
Govier, Katherine	The Immaculate Conception Photography Gallery	In <i>Ark of Ice...</i>
Green, Robert	The Great Leap Backward (1968)	
Green, Terence M.	Ashland, Kentucky (1992)	In <i>Northern Frights</i>
Green, Terence M.	Blue Limbo (1992)	In <i>Ark of Ice...</i>
Green, Terence M.	Barking Dogs (1988)	
Green, Terence M.	Shadow of Ashland (1996)	
Green, Terence M.	A Witness to Life (1999)	
Green, Terence, M.	St. Patrick's Bed (2001)	
Greenwood, Ed (2002)	All One Under The Stars	In <i>The Bakka Anthology</i>
Greenwood, Ed	Writhe, Damn You (2000)	In <i>Northern Horror</i>
Hopkinson, Nalo (1998)	Brown Girl in the Ring	
Hopkinson, Nalo	Skin Folk (2001)	<i>Fantasy Collection</i>

Huff, Tanya	Another Fine Nest (2002)	In <i>The Bakka Anthology</i>
Huff, Tanya	This Town Ain't Big Enough (1998)	In <i>Crossing The Line...</i>
Huff, Tanya	Underground (1992)	In <i>Northern Frights</i>
Huff, Tanya	The Second Summoning (2001)	
Huff, Tanya	Gate of Darkness, Circle of Light (1989)	
Huff, Tanya	Blood Price (1991)	
Huff, Tanya	Blood Trail (1992)	
Huff, Tanya	Blood Lines (1993)	
Kay, Guy Gavriel	The Fionavar Tapestry (1984)	
Kilpatrick, Nancy	Inspiriter (1999)	In <i>Northern Frights 5</i>
Kilpatrick, Nancy	Vermiculture (2000)	In <i>Northern Horror</i>
Kirkpatrick, David	The Effect of Terminal	In <i>Tesseract</i>
Cancer on Potential Astronauts (1985)		
Lawrence, W.H.C.	The Storm of '92: A Grandfather's Tale (1889)	[Speculative Fiction]
Marshall, Tom	Scenes from Successive Futures (1992)	In <i>Ark of Ice</i>
May, Julian	The Rampart Worlds Trilogy: Perseus Spur (1998), Orion Arm (2000) and Sagittarius Whorl (2001)	
McBride, Sally	There is a Violence (1996)	In <i>Tesseract</i>
Meier, Shirley	Ice (1994)	In <i>Northern Frights 2</i>
Melling, O.R.	Falling Out of Tume (1989)	
Munroe, Jim	Flyboy Action Figure Comes With Gasmask (1999)	
Nelson, Frederick	Toronto in 1928 AD (1908)	[Speculative Fiction]
Nickle, David	The Dummy Award (1999)	In <i>Northern Suns</i>
Nickle, David	Mrs. Thurston's Instrument of Justice (2000)	In <i>Northern Suns</i>
Patton, Fiona	Lucky Charm (2002)	In <i>The Bakka Anthology</i>
Pedley, Hugh	Looking Forward: The Strange Experience of the Rev. Fergus McCheyne (1913)	
Pflug, Ursula	Bugtown (1999)	In <i>Northern Suns</i>
Pflug, Ursula	Green Music (2001)	
Powell, James	Dark Possessions (1998)	In <i>Crossing The Line...</i>
Reeves-Stevens, G.	The Eddies (1994)	In <i>Northern Frights 2</i>
Reeves-Stevens, G.	Tear Down (1992)	In <i>Northern Frights</i>
Robinson, Spider	Satan's Children (1980)	In <i>Antimony</i>
Robinson, Spider	Stardance (1978)	In <i>The Star Dancers</i>
Robinson, Spider	Deathkiller (1996)	
Robinson, Spider	Lifehouse (1997)	
Sawyer, Robert	Calculating God (2000)	
Sawyer, Robert	Factoring Humanity (1998)	
Sawyer, Robert	Flashforward (1999)	
Sawyer, Robert	Frameshift (1997)	
Sawyer, Robert	The Neanderthal Parallax Series: Hominids (2002), Humans (2003) and Hybrids (2003)	
Sawyer, Robert	Iterations (2002)	
Schroeder, Karl	Dawn (1998)	In <i>Tesseract</i>
Skeet, Michael	Tin House (1997)	In <i>Northern Frights 4</i>
Spencer, Hugh A.D.	The Triage Conference (1993)	In <i>On Spec</i> (Summer 1993)

Spencer, Hugh A.D.	Why I Hunt Flying Saucers	In <i>On Spec: The First Five Years</i>
Starrett, Vincent	The Tattooed Man	In <i>Friendly Aliens...</i>
Such, Peter	The Dalai Lama's Pyjamas (1996)	In <i>Tesseract</i>
Trudel, Jean-Louis Ottawa (1992)	The Falafel is Better in	In <i>Ark of Ice...</i>
Trudel, Jean-Louis	The Paradigm Machine	In <i>Tesseract</i>
Turtledove, Harry	The Great War: Breakthroughs	(2000)
Van Belkom, Edo	The Cold (1994)	In <i>Northern Frights 2</i>
Van Belkom, Edo	Rat Food (1997)	In <i>On Spec</i> (Spring 1997)
Van Belkom, Edo Fingers (1998)	The Piano Player Has No	In <i>Palace Corbie #7</i>
Van Belkom, Edo (1998)	Hockey's Night in Canada	In <i>Arrowdreams</i>
Van Belkom, Edo (July 2000)	Heart (2000)	In <i>Canadian Fiction Magazine</i>
Von Kampen, B. the Stars (2003)	For Each a Space Among	In <i>Descant 122</i>
Weiner, Andrew	The Map (1998)	In <i>Crossing The Line...</i>
Weiner, Andrew	Distant Signals and Other Stories	(1990)
Weiss, Allan	The Solomon Cheats (1998)	In <i>Tesseract</i>
Wilson, Robert C.	The Divide (1990)	
Wilson, Robert C.	The Perseids and Other Stories	(2000)
Wynne-Jones, Tim	Fastyngange (1998)	
Wynne-Jones, Tim	The Knot (1982)	

Sci-Fi Movies Filmed in Toronto

<u>Year</u>	<u>Movie</u>
2006	X-Men 3
2005	Swarmed
2004	Cube Zero
2004	The Day After Tomorrow
2004	The Limb Salesman
2004	Phil The Alien
2004	Resident Evil: Apocalypse
2003	Absolon
2003	Bulletproof Monk
2003 (TV)	Control Factor
2003 (TV)	Do or Die
2003	Hypercube: Cube 2
2003	Space Zombies: Terror From the Sky
2003 (TV)	Webs
2003	X-Men 2: X2
2002	The Adventures of Pluto Nash
2002 (TV)	Cybermutt
2002	Cypher
2002	Eve
2002 (TV)	Odyssey 5
2002	Resident Evil
2002	Rocketmen vs Robots
2002	Terminal Invasion
2002	The Tuxedo
2002	Vacuum
2001 (TV)	Conspiracy Guy: Behind The Coat
2001	Jason X
2000	The 6 th Day
2000	BattleQueen 2020 (Millenium Queen)
2000	Flesh Freaks
2000	Frequency
2000	X-Men
1999	Amplifier
1999	eXistenZ
1999 (TV)	The Time Shifters (Thrill Seekers)
1999	Top of the Food Chain
1999 (TV)	Total Recall 2070: Machine Dreams
1998	As Long As He Lives
1997	Cube
1997 (TV)	Johnny 2.0
1997	Jurassic Park: The Lost World
1997	Mimic
1996	Darkman III: Die Darkman Die
1996	Phenomenon
1995 (TV)	Carver's Gate
1995	Electra

1995 (Kurt Vonnegut's) Harrison Bergeron
1995 Johnny Mnemonic
1995 Jungleground
1995 Synapse (Memory Run)
1995 Terminal Justice
1995 (TV) Visitors of the Night
1994 Darkman II: The Return of Durant
1994 Replikator
1994 (TV) Tekwar: The Movie
1994 (TV) Tekwar: Tekjustice
1994 (TV) Tekwar: TekLab
1994 (TV) Tekwar: TekLords
1993 Strange Horizons
1991 Abraxas: Guardian of the Universe
1991 Naked Lunch
1989 (TV) Bionic Showdown: The Six Million Dollar Man and the
Bionic Woman
1989 Food of the Gods II
1989 Millenium
1988 Short Circuit 2
1986 The Fly
1986 Short Circuit
1985 (TV) Overdrawn at the Memory Bank
1984 Music of the Spheres
1984 Runaway
1983 Videodrome
1982 (TV) 984: Prisoner of the Future
1982 Murder By Phone
1981 The Last Chase
1981 Scanners
1980 Superman II
1979 The Shape of Things to Come
1978 Plague M-3: The Gemini Strain
1977 Deadly Harvest
1977 Starship Invasions
1976 Point of No Return
1970 Crimes of the Future
1969 Stereo
1969 Change of Mind

Sci-Fi TV Series Filmed in Toronto

Animorphs
Beyond Reality
Black Hole High
Code Name: Eternity
Cyberchase
Dark Oracle
(Gene Roddenberry's) Earth: Final Conflict
Highlander: Raven
Jake 2.0
Mission Genesis
Mutant X
My Secret Identity
Odyssey 5
The Pretender
PSI Factor: Chronicles of the Paranormal
Read All About It
Read All About It: Part 2
ReGenesis
Relic Hunter
Robocop: Prime Directives
TekWar
Total Recall 2070
Tracker
The Zack Files