

Indiana Sci-Fi & Horror Writers Festival: Frequently Asked Questions

When is the festival?

The Indiana Sci-Fi & Horror Writers Festival will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where is it?

The Indiana Sci-Fi & Horror Writers Festival will be held at the Indiana State Library, located at 140 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204. Registration and check-in will be located inside the Senate Ave door of the Indiana State Library.

Where should I park?

There are several downtown parking garages and lots near the State Library. Check out this interactive map to see available parking options: <http://www.downtownindy.org/get-around-downtown/maps/>

Who is the festival designed for?

Teens aged 13-19 only! We want to honor Mary Shelley's legacy as a teen author (she was only 18 when she wrote *Frankenstein*—wow!).

Are adults allowed?

Adults are welcome only as chaperones for teen attendees. This may include parents, teachers, librarians or other teen program leaders.

Can teens attend without a chaperone?

Yes, teens can be dropped off without parents or chaperones, but they will need to provide emergency contact information when signing in.

How much does it cost?

The festival is free to attend! Register in advance online or sign-in at the door anytime during the festival. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated. There's also a \$5 ticket that includes a pizza lunch.

We want to stay all day! What are our lunch options?

During pre-registration, attendees can pay \$5 to order a pizza lunch. Otherwise, attendees can bring their own lunch or enjoy downtown Indianapolis's dining options. Special dietary needs cannot be accommodated at this event.

What should I bring?

Attendees are welcome to bring notebooks, writing utensils and plenty of creativity! If you prefer writing on your laptop or tablet, you are welcome to do so, but attendees are responsible for safeguarding their own possessions. We also recommend bringing a refillable water bottle.



You can also bring books by the featured authors to be signed. We will have a pop-up bookstore of many sci-fi and horror titles by our authors and other Hoosier writers, so please bring cash or your parents' credit card if you plan to purchase books.

Do I have to stay the whole time?

You do not need to stay for the whole day, though there are activities and talks scheduled continuously (and sometimes simultaneously) throughout the day.

Is the site accessible? What accommodations can be made?

Yes, the Indiana State Museum is handicapped accessible. The Indiana State Library will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. If you require an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification to participate in this program, service or activity of the Indiana State Library, please contact Suzanne Walker (suwalker@library.in.gov) in advance. Notice of a needed accommodation should be provided as soon as possible to allow time for the State Library to arrange for the accommodation; however, notice of a needed accommodation must be provided to the above contact no later than 48 hours in advance.

I'm bringing a large group. Anything special I should know?

You can register up to 10 people at once; each attendee needs a name and an age (in other words, specific people who are committed to attend, not hypothetical people).

Do you offer travel stipends?

We do! We are offering a limited number of travel stipends to tax-exempt organizations who bring groups of six or more teens traveling from more than an hour away. Stipend requests are due Friday, September 21 by 5 p.m. We will notify you by Monday, October 1 about the status of your request. Unfortunately, we are not able to award travel stipends directly to individuals. Apply at <https://indianahumanities.wufoo.com/forms/writers-festival-travel-stipend-request-form/>.

I'm a chaperone. What's there for me to do?

Chaperones can attend any of the workshops, readings, screenings or other activities throughout the day. The Indiana State Library, with its amazing collections and exhibits, is a great way to spend a few hours. There will also be a special chaperone lounge with complimentary snacks and drinks.

I want to get involved. Can I volunteer?

Absolutely! We're especially interested in volunteers who have prior experience working with teens, such as librarians or teachers. E-mail mtelligman@indianahumanities.org for information on how to volunteer at the festival.

I still have questions! Who can I talk to?

E-mail Frankenstein Program Manager Megan Telligman at mtelligman@indianahumanities.org or give her a call a 317.616.9409.