

# Summer of Sci Fi

Hosting webinar-events  
to connect at a distance



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# Summer of Sci Fi: <http://bit.ly/Surbaugh-SoSF2020>

**Tools Used:** Zoom, LibCal, LibGuide, Kanopy, Buffer, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Microsoft Forms, Google Forms



## LibGuide

- <https://libguides.unm.edu/SummerOfSciFi>
- Hub for event info
- Highlighted digital and archival science fiction collections
- Assessment: Survey after each event



## Movie Watch-along

- Viewed collection of short films through streaming media
- Zoom with moderated chat or live-tweeting



## Book Discussion

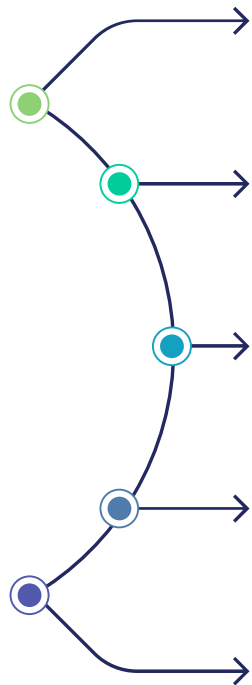
- Selected an award-winning collection of short stories
- Planned discussion for small groups of 8-10 people
- Highlighted a female, LGBTQIA+ author



## Team Trivia Game

- Encouraged attendees to register as teams
- Four themed rounds (Literature, Television, Music, Film)
- Teams discussed questions in breakout rooms
- Teams submitted answers through Google Forms
- Scored using an online spreadsheet with pre-set formulas

# Planning Tips



Walk through program plan step-by-step.

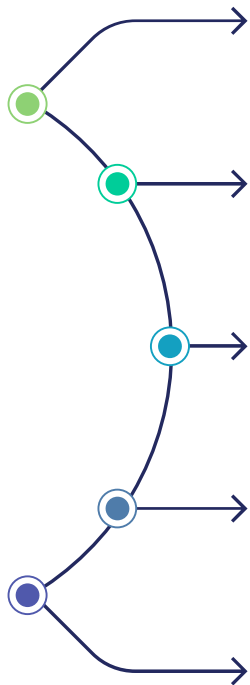
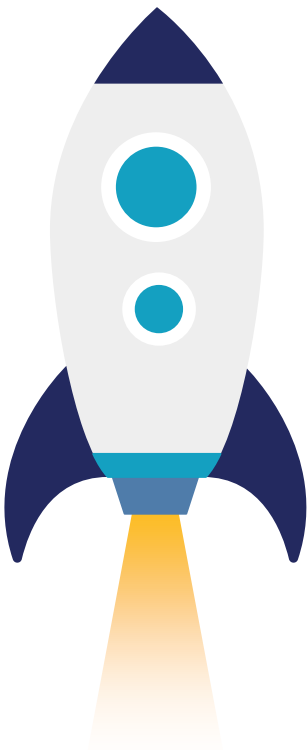
Recruit a sufficient number of staff to help.

Ensure seamless remote access.

Balance security with low barriers to entry.

Consider incentives carefully.

# Hosting Tips



Consider potential bandwidth issues.

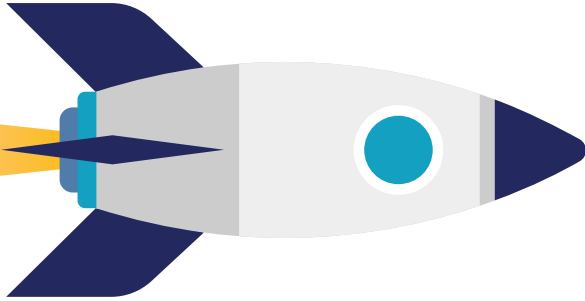
Seed the conversations.

Everything will take longer than you think.

Remain adaptable.

Test everything more than once.

# The Future!

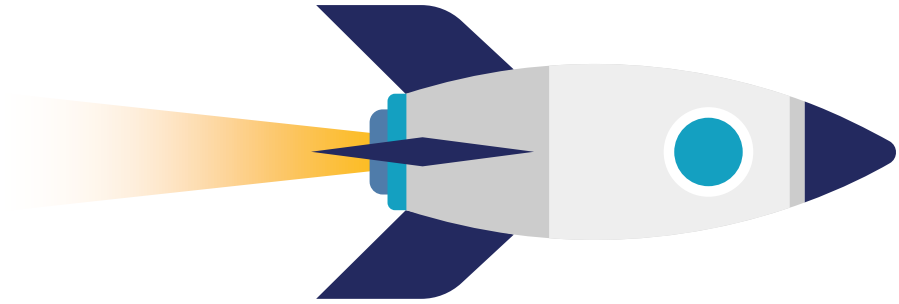


## What we'll keep

- Same basic format
- Scheduling (mid-week evenings)
- Collection of short stories for book discussion

## What we'll change

- We've re-branded it as SciFi BLAST-OFF
- We're calling it a watch party instead of a watch-along
- It's during the semester instead of during the break
- We're showing a full-length movie instead of a collection of short films
- We'll be helping solo trivia players connect with teams upon request
- We're emphasizing asking for more help from subject liaisons to promote the events campus-wide



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