Summer of Sci Fi

Hosting webinar-events to connect at a distance

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

### LibGuide
- [https://libguides.unm.edu/SummerOfSciFi](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