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202 <b>NEW TOPIC</b>	Help for Beginning Artists: Materials, Techniques and Answers	Art	What does the budding artist need to know to make their work more than just idle dabbling? What materials and techniques should be sought out—and which ones are best avoided by the beginner?
209 <b>NEW TOPIC</b>	The Changing Nature of Making a Living as an Artist	Art	How has the business of art changed with the increasingly digital and interconnected world?
201 <b>NEW TOPIC</b>	Early Tales of Fandom	Fan Life	What was it like when fandom was young?
208 <b>NEW TOPIC</b>	D&D Podcasts and Livestreams: From Adventure Zone to Critical Role	Gaming Media - Fan	With the advent of Stranger Things and Twitch bring about a renaissance of Dungeons and Dragons, there are a multitude of ways to consume your favorite fantasy roleplaying game outside of playing yourself. From actual play to Gm tips and live streamed video to audio podcasts, we'll take a look at the different styles of shows and what has become popular. Whether the story is drama laden or comedic in focus, we're here to share our favorites and discuss why we love them.
211 <b>NEW TOPIC</b>	I Need a Hero (or a Heroine)	General Literary - Readers Media - Fan Literary - Writers	
210 <b>NEW TOPIC</b>	Sci-Fi vs Fantasy Smackdown	General Literary - Readers Media - Fan	
204 <b>NEW TOPIC</b>	Rewrites: What Should or Shouldn't be Touched? Comics and Books	Literary - Readers Comics	Comics history is continually being rewritten. Movies and TV shows are recycled over and over. The reboot phenomenon has mostly left books untouched—or has it? Is there good reason to redo a classic novel or produce a “re-edited” edition of one? And is continual retcon good for comics in the first place?
212 <b>NEW TOPIC</b>	Herding Cats: Dealing with Multiple Points of View	Literary - Writers	
214 <b>NEW TOPIC</b>	Small publishing	Literary - Writers	
215 <b>NEW TOPIC</b>	Small vs Large Publishing	Literary - Writers	
206 <b>NEW TOPIC</b>	The Novella Strikes Back	Literary - Writers	In a world of e-readers and Netflix binging, the once lowly novella (30K -40K) words is making a comeback. Let's talk about the pros and cons of this format and why it is returning.
213 <b>NEW TOPIC</b>	Um, No—Common Misconceptions About Teen Lit	Literary - Writers Literary - Readers	
216 <b>NEW TOPIC</b>	Altered Carbon	Media - Fan	The Netflix series <i>Altered Carbon</i> , adapted from Richard K. Morgan's novel, has garnered much praise and not a small amount of serious discussion of its view of the future. But is it entertaining? And does it do the book justice?
217 <b>NEW TOPIC</b>	<b>Annihilation and Other Serious SF Mind-Benders</b>	Media - Fan	Alex Garland's <i>Annihilation</i> , based on the best-selling novel by Jeff VanderMeer, has gotten a lot of attention both as a sci-fi/horror film and as a high-profile tentpole picture. It joins films like <i>Arrival</i> , <i>Ex Machina</i> , <i>Her</i> , <i>Moon</i> , and <i>Sunshine</i> in presenting serious drama in a mind-bending SF package.

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207 <b>NEW TOPIC</b>	Game of Thrones	Media - Fan	With an extended gap between the two final seasons, <i>Game of Thrones</i> fans are left scrambling for hints and clues as to what's coming next. How will it all end?
203 <b>NEW TOPIC</b>	Rewrites: What Should or Shouldn't be Touched? Movies and TV.	Media - Fan	Reboots, remakes, and revivals are all the rage in movies and television. Some are spectacularly well-done. Others...not so much. Which properties are due for rejuvenation, and which ones should be left alone?
197 <b>NEW TOPIC</b>	Advanced Propulsion Technologies, 2018: Alcubierre, EM, the Mach Effect, and more	Science	This panel will look at advances in "unconventional" drive technologies that may open up the stars to humanity.
196 <b>NEW TOPIC</b>	Fire or Ice? Plague or Famine? The many ways the World could end	Science	A discussion of "real" disaster scenarios, from meteoric impact, supervolcanoes, runaway climate change, and pathogens.
198 <b>NEW TOPIC</b>	Knowing Yourself	Science	how 23andMe, Ancestry.com, and other "genealogical" testing services are facilitating precision medicine today.
195 <b>NEW TOPIC</b>	The Internet and Science	Science	It's become easier and easier for bad science memes to spread thanks to the internet. Non-scientists often feel that their two hours of "research" on Google trump the years of scientist's work in the lab. This panel will address examples of this and discuss ways that science can take back it's own by using the internet as an educational tool.
200 <b>NEW TOPIC</b>	The Science in Modern Sci-Fi television	Science Media - Fan	Looking at how physics and technology are portrayed in shows such as "The Expanse", "Stranger Things", "Altered Carbon", and more.
199 <b>NEW TOPIC</b>	Weird Science, 2018	Science	A continuation of the "Weird Science" panels Marcon has hosted in the past, detailing some of the more bizarre scientific findings of the past year.