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"Sci Fi July" Readings and Book Signing Scheduled at Oread Books

June 27, 2008 (LAWRENCE, KS) – Oread Books will host a day-long series of readings, as well as a book signing from 12:45 – 1:45 p.m., featuring more than ten noted authors of science fiction and fantasy. The event will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2008 at Oread Books on level 2 in the Kansas Union on the KU Campus in Lawrence, and is free and open to the public.

The schedule for the day's events:

10:00 a.m. – David Moles reading

10:45 a.m. – Frederik Pohl reading

11:30 a.m. – Kij Johnson reading

12:45 – 1:45 p.m. – book signing featuring Robin Wayne Bailey, Karen Joy Fowler, James Gunn, Karen Hellekson, Kij Johnson, Christopher McKitterick, Frederik Pohl, Eric Reynolds, Joan Slonczewski, James Van Pelt, and the winner of the 2008 John W. Campbell Award

1:45 p.m. – Lane Robins reading

2:30 p.m. – Karen Joy Fowler reading

3:15 p.m. – James Van Pelt reading

4:00 p.m. – Kathleen Ann Goonan reading

The events are held in conjunction with the annual Campbell Conference and its John W. Campbell and Theodore Sturgeon Awards. The Campbell Conference is the concluding event of the Writer's Workshop, the Novel Writers Writer's Workshop in Science Fiction, and the beginning of the Intensive English Institute on the Teaching of Science Fiction, taught through the Center for the Study of Science Fiction at the University of Kansas. This year the Science Fiction Research Association (SFRA) is holding their 2008 Conference Meeting as a joint event with the Campbell Conference. For additional information: www.ku.edu/~sfcenter/campbell-conference.htm.

The John W. Campbell Memorial Award for the best science fiction novel of the year has been presented at KU since 1979; the Theodore Sturgeon Memorial Award for the best short science fiction of the year has been presented at KU since 1987. The honors will be announced at an Awards Banquet on Friday, July 11.

Oread Books is a full-service, independent bookseller located on the University of Kansas Campus in Lawrence. As a non-profit organization in the division of Student Success, all proceeds are given back to KU through student programs and activities. The selection and events at Oread Books are reflective of the campus community, always current and representing diverse points of view.

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