

THE WRITERS PLACE PRESENTS

WORLDS BEYOND

Speculative Fiction Reading

Friday, March 6 | 7 - 9 PM

31W31 Nonprofit Village, 31 W. 31st St, KCMO



Greg Gildersleeve has published a comic book, *Gold Dust*, a novella, *False Alarm*, a novel, *The Power Club*, and its sequel, *The Secret Club* (2020), which shows what a lifetime of reading comics will do to you. In addition to writing, Greg is an assistant professor of English at Grantham University, Lenexa, KS.

Karin Rita Gastreich is a recipient of the Andrews Forest Writer's Residency and a winner of the Women on Writing Flash Fiction Contest. Her women-centered fantasy trilogy, *The Silver Web*, includes the novels *Eolyn*, *Sword of Shadows*, and *Daughter of Aithne*. Her fiction incorporates ethnobiology by taking a shamanistic, nature-centered approach to magic. Karin serves as Professor of Biology at Avila University in south Kansas City.



W. H. Mitchell is the author of the space opera series *The Imperium Chronicles*, including *The Arks of Andromeda* and *The Dragons of Andromeda*. With dark, dry humor, he explores the hubris of humanity through palace intrigues, mega-corporations, and occasionally confused robots.

Kristin Helling writes primarily adult fiction thrillers. She's published a standalone Sci-fi thriller called *Capsule*, and a 4-book crime thriller series called the *Mastermind Murderers*. When she's not killing people (fictionally, of course!), she also has a passion for children's stories and writes them under the pen name Kristin Alis. Kristin owns a coffee house in Parkville MO, and co-owns the publishing imprint Wordraith Books.



Karin L. Frank's poems and stories are inspired by breaking down barriers and have been published in various literary journals, such as *The Rockhurst Review*, *KC Voices*, *The Mid-America Poetry Review*, the UK's *Prole*, *New Letters* and the *Shaker of Margaritas Anthologies*. They have also been featured in various science fiction venues, such as *Asimov's*, *Tales of the Talisman*, and *Alternate Truths Anthology*.

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