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Olympia library to host SciFiFest 2010

The [Olympia Timberland Library](http://www.TRL.org) is bringing Hugo and Nebula award winning authors [Ted Chiang](#) and [Nancy Kress](#) to Olympia and offering science fiction fans its second annual SciFiFest at an afterhours event on Saturday, October 23 from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Chiang and Kress will read their work, answer questions, and challenge participants to a SciFi trivia throwdown. Chiang has received exceptionally high acclaim from readers and critics. One after another, his short stories and novellas have won major science fiction awards—the Nebula, the Campbell New Writer, the Hugo, the Theodore Sturgeon, and many more. “Stories of Your Life and Others” is a compilation of Chiang’s short stories. His first novella, “The Merchant and the Alchemist’s Gate,” won both a Hugo and a Nebula award. Chiang’s most recent work, the novella “The Lifecycle of Software Objects,” was published this summer. Chiang lives in Bellevue.



Kress is the author of 26 books: sixteen science fiction novels, three fantasy novels, four short story collections, and three books on writing. Genetic engineering is a major theme in her writing, as in her acclaimed novel, “Beggars in Spain.” Not just prolific, Kress’s fiction has won four Nebula Awards, for “Out of All Them Bright Stars,” “The Flowers of Aulit Prison,” “Beggars in Spain,” and “Fountain of Age.” “Beggars in Spain” also won a Hugo, as did her novella “The Erdmann Nexus.” Her writing has also won a Sturgeon and a John W. Campbell Memorial Award. Her latest novel is “Steal across the Sky.” Kress lives in Rochester, NY.

Music is also a great part of the evening’s offerings. Spiritual Successor featuring local barber and zinester Zach Mandeville (Tumwater Awesome) will take aficionados back to the golden days of pulp sci-fi with tunes about suicidal superheroes, terminally ill space babies, and moon janitors. Local heroes Mutoid Men will close the evening with their special brand of “particle-accelerated, Moog-synthesized, scientific rock ’n’ roll.” Prizes for costumes will be awarded.

The SciFiFest is sponsored by the Friends of the Olympia Timberland Library. The library is at 313 8th Avenue SE. For more information, call (360) 352-0595 or go to www.TRL.org.

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