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Welcome!!!

Thank you for spending
your time with us!

Jessica Washer/Leigh Dreyer

- Author and Contributor of multiple JAFF books
- Running JAFFCON since 2024
- Attended every JAFF Writer/Reader Get Together either in person or online
- Huge fan of JAFF and JAFFers





Summer Hanford

- Author of multiple JAFF books (and lots of others too! Seriously—check her out!)
- Queen of all background for JAFFCON (website, schedules, virtual goodie bags, emails, dealing with Jessica and Victoria, being generally amazing) since 2019!
- Attended every JAFFCON since 2019 and is the bedrock of the production
- Goddess Divine

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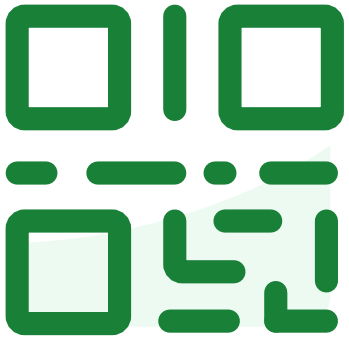
Presentation Times



All events will be in Central Time/Chicago



Thank you to everyone from around the world!



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Where are you joining from today?



What makes JAFF special to you?



What are you?



Do you listen to podcasts?



Do you read blogs?



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Do you like...



Do you prefer...



Which JAFF format do you read most often?



What makes YOU special?

JAFFCON 2026 Preview

- For the writers—copyrights, formatting, author guidance
- For the readers—Persuasion, Steam, British discussion
- Topical—AI in literature and co-pilot capabilities
- WIP readings and Chats!
- For everyone—the art of reviewing and narratology
- Connection and FUN



How to Get the Most out of JAFFCON 2026

- Attend presentations
- Open the chat and GO!
- Check the schedule at jaffwriterreadergettogether.org
- For technical assistance email leighdreyerauthor@gmail.com or summerhanford@gmail.com or message us via Facebook
- There will be no recordings, but presentations will be posted on the website in the virtual goodie bag

Fun Reminders

There will be a time for Q&A at the end of each session and all presenters can be in the chat for up to 10 minutes at the end of their sessions—please feel free to interact

Please remember to mute your mic when you are not presenting

Please remember to turn on your camera (unless you are in the bathroom)—it's more fun to present to humans and not black boxes



What is one thing you hope to get out of JAFFCON 2026?

Rules of Engagement

- We are so excited to see everyone and want as much interaction as possible. Being online means that we have an amazing opportunity to connect
- Remember Blockbuster?
  - Be Kind.

In the Chat

- You can tag people directly
- If you want a question asked labeling it QUESTION is helpful for moderators.
- Remember that the chat is not private. You CAN also create a private chat, but remember that it’s easy to switch back and forth unintentionally.
- Replying to a thread helps keep things on topic
- You can @ people to send them a notification so they see a chat

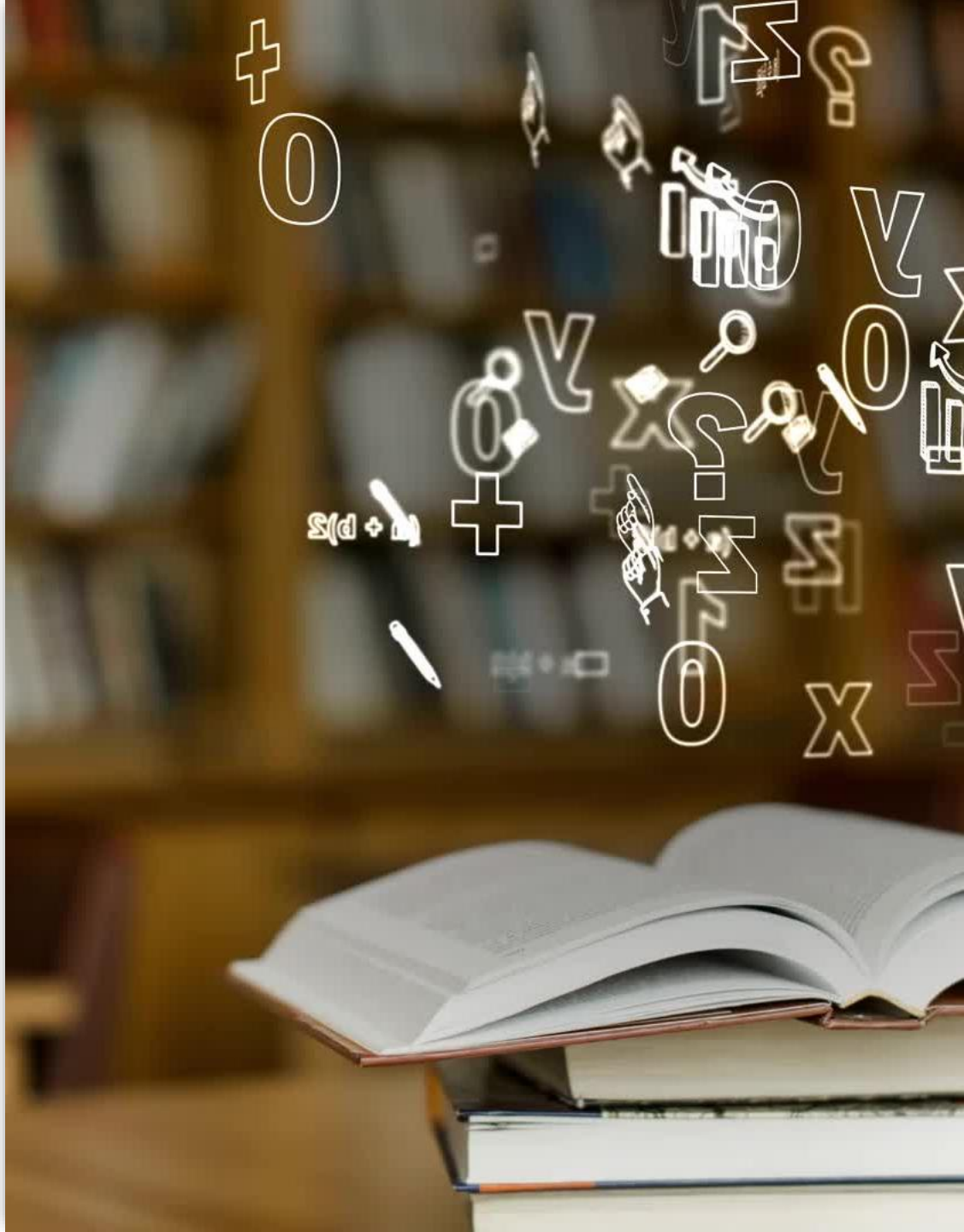




How comfortable do you feel discussing AI in writing and publishing?

AI

- JAFFCON is choosing to remain as neutral on AI use as possible while following Author's Guild Recommendations for disclosure of AI.
- Some authors and readers use it. Some don't. Both are their decision.
- Use should be appropriately disclosed per Author's Guild recommendation
- At this point, not discussing AI would do the genre a disservice and be bad practice within the greater industry.



AI, con’t

- WE WILL NOT TOLERATE UNFOUNDED or UNKIND ACCUSATIONS OF AI USE OR BULLYING ABOUT KNOWN AI USE. YOU WILL BE BOOTED WITH NO WARNING.
  - “It’s clear Jessica uses AI because she repeats phrases”
  - “Those emdashes Jessica loves? It’s because its AI”
  - “I heard Jessica outlines with ChatGPT because she is a talentless hack”
  - “Jessica used an AI graphic because she hates the planet.”
  - “Did you see that AI selfie of Jessica? Doesn’t she care about her children?”
- THESE ARE INSIDE THOUGHTS.

AI

- Because of the cyberbullying multiple authors have experienced and reached out to me about, I was forced to go outside of our genre to discuss it from even a neutral point of view because even authors who do NOT use it will not talk about it lest their books be review bombed, their social media be inundated with negative comments, and they receive unfounded, libelous claims about their writing process.
- I've also had multiple tell me they will fully leave the genre if the unkindness continues
- Please take this as a warning

Schedule in Central Time

Friday

Now through 9

7-9 Online WIPs

Saturday

8 AM-10 PM

Amazing Presentations, Games, Chats

Sunday

7:30 AM-5 PM

Presentations, WIPs, Closing Discussion

A Heartfelt Thank You

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WIP Leader and Readers

Summer Hanford

YOU

Let JAFFCON 2026 BEGIN