

**Roanoke Public Libraries
Virginia Room
Science Fiction Fantasy Fanzine Collection**

Collection Description:

Repository: Roanoke Public Libraries, Virginia Room

Title: Science Fiction Fantasy Fanzine Collection

Physical Characteristics: 1 document storage case

Donated by: Unknown

Arrangement: Documents are arranged alphabetically by document type with fanzine titles arranged alphabetically thereunder.

Reproduction Restrictions: No known restrictions on publication. Virginia Room copy fees apply.

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Historical Note:

Science fiction fantasy fanzines are amateur, semi-professional magazines published by fans of science fiction and/or fantasy. Several fanzines were published in the Roanoke Valley. The Nelson Bond Society was Roanoke's first organized sci-fi and fantasy club. Named after its mentor and science fiction writer, the club began publishing the *Jinnia Clan Journal*, so titled after Bond's "Meg the Priestess" tales, a loosely integrated series which included one short story, two novellas and an associated full-length novel. Nelson S. Bond was an American author who wrote extensively for books, magazines, radio, television and the stage. The 1998 recipient of the Nebula Author Emeritus award for lifetime achievement, Bond was a pioneer in early science fiction and fantasy. His published fiction is mainly short stories, most of which appeared in pulp magazines in the 1930s and 1940s. Many were published in *Blue Book* magazine. He is noted for his "Lancelot Biggs" series of stories and for his "Meg the Priestess" tales, which introduced one of the first powerful female characters in science fiction.

The Nelson Bond Society and the *Jinnia Clan Journal* influenced a number of other local fanzines included in this collection.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of 1 document storage case of materials related to Roanoke Valley sci-fi fantasy fanzines. Included are issues of the *Jinnia Clan Journal*, *Jinnia Clan Journal Junior*, *Wyrld*, *Overflow*, and *Marturian*. Programs from early Mysticon and RoVaCon conferences are also included. The bulk of material runs from 1974 through 1983. There is no full-run of any one of the above mentioned fanzines in this collection.

Container List

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Folder 1: Article – "The Man Who Named the Lobblies Has a 'Bond' with Marshall" by Ruth Nerenberg, *Marshall Alumus*; 21 (April 1980): 4-8

Folder 2: Certificates – Nelson Bond Society membership, blank (2)

Folder 3: Ephemera –RoVaCon 1 flyer, RoVaCon 3 flyer and program, RoVaCon 8 souvenir bag

Folder 4: Fanzines – *Jinnia Clan Journal*: Volume 1, Issues 5-8, May 1974 through August 1974

- Folder 5: Fanzines – *Jinnia Clan Journal*: Volume 1, Issues 10-12, October 1974 through December 1974
- Folder 6: Fanzines – *Jinnia Clan Journal*: Volume 2, Issues 1-11, January 1975 through December 1975
- Folder 7: Fanzines – *Jinnia Clan Journal*: Volume 3, Issues, 3, 6, a special edition issue and two unnumbered issues, March 1976, June 1976, September/October 1976, November 1976 and December 1976
- Folder 8: Fanzines – *Jinnia Clan Journal*, March 1977, June 1977 and Fall 1977
- Folder 9: Fanzines – *Jinnia Clan Journal*, Spring 1978, Summer 1978, Fall 1978 and March 1980
- Folder 10: Fanzines – *Jinnia Clan Journal Junior*: Volume 1, Issues 1-6, 1976
- Folder 11: Fanzines – *Jinnia Clan Journal Junior*: January 1980, May 1980, October 1983 and two undated issues
- Folder 12: Fanzines – *Marturian*: Volume 1, Issue 2, July 1978
- Folder 13: Fanzines – *Overflow*: Issues 2, 2.468 and 5, 1979-1980
- Folder 14: Fanzines – *Wyrd*: Number 1 (June 1980), Number 2 (July 1980), Number 3 (1981), Special Issue (undated), Autumn 2000
- Folder 15: Programs – *Mysticon* 1 and 2; *Mysticon* 3 flyer