

# Archives & Special Collections

## The Science Fiction Special Collections

*The Georgia Tech Science Fiction Collection is one of the largest science fiction collections in the United States, containing more than 13,000 science fiction and fantasy novels and anthologies, and more than 1,000 magazines and fanzines. The Science Fiction Collection also contains papers from science fiction authors and scholars, convention materials, and records documenting the fandoms of science fiction, fantasy, and speculative fiction.*

## Library Philanthropy in Action

### Professor donates Sci-Fi Collection

The collection got its start in 1998 when professor Irving "Bud" Foote retired and donated 7,000 science fiction items to the Georgia Tech Library. Today, the Science Fiction Collection at Georgia Tech contains more than 17,000 unique items and is considered one of the top 20 research collections of its kind in the world.

*"Science Fiction at Tech helped me discover the things that made my professional career possible: Wow, Science Fiction ties everything together — science, technology, and culture. Hey, maybe I'm better at writing about science than doing science. No way, there's a huge community of friendly and supportive Science Fiction scholars? And whoa, this is something that you can make a living doing? Sign me up!" he said.*

*Kressel, the computer science major, is now a Nebula Award nominated science fiction author — in addition to working as a full-stack developer. He said Foote's class and the science fiction studies program helped rekindle his love of reading science fiction and helped set him on his writing career.*

### David and Carole Kass Library Fund

In memory of her late husband and best friend of professor Irving "Bud" Foote, David Kass, Carole Kass established a Library Fund that supports an annual student intern. This funding allows students to work with science fiction magazine collections in the Archives to aid in the preservation and discovery of these unique materials.

### Case for Support

Philanthropic support to the Georgia Tech Science Fiction Special Collections will allow the Library to:

- ◆ Purchase more unique collections such as books, magazines, fanzines, authors' papers and archival collections related to fan culture and conventions.
- ◆ Hire additional student assistants and interns to assist in the processing of new collections, increases access to students, faculty, and researchers.
- ◆ Support the purchase of archival supplies to preserve the Collection.
- ◆ Increase access to the Collection so materials and resources can be used in exhibits, faculty research, course instruction, and student projects.

