March 18–20, 2016: Science Fiction

Friday, March 18 – Sci-Fi Short Subjects: A Mini-Film Festival - We live in a golden age of independent science fiction filmmaking. Come see a few short examples of the creativity and imagination of today’s filmmakers, including the Arlington premiere of two short full-dome films by artist Diana Reichenbach! 
Doors open: 7:00pm Program Begins at 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 19 – Second Annual Science Fiction Trivia Quiz Night - Come test your science fiction knowledge in a fun evening of trivia and silly prizes! The quiz will again be administered by our very own mad scientist “Doktor Sinister”. Want to show off your own costuming skills? Science Fiction themed costumes are welcome - but not required!
Doors open: 6:30pm Show Begins: 7:00pm

Sunday, March 20: Panel Discussion: “Predicting the Future: How Well Does Speculative Fiction Anticipate Future Technology?” Science fiction professionals talk about what science fiction has gotten right - and wrong - when it has tried to predict the future. How successful has it been? How accurate will the predictions of today's science fiction turn out to be? Doors Open: 1pm Show Begins: 1:30pm

Sunday, March 20: Hands on Activity: Hexaflexagons
Stay after the panel discussion - or show up early before the 3p.m. show - and you'll get to practice making your own hexaflexagon - a curious multidimensional toy that you can make with paper!

Sunday, March 20 Full Dome Show: From Earth to the Universe The Arlington premiere of the European Southern Observatory’s new full dome film, From Earth to the Universe. In 30 minutes this film touches on the history of astronomy and the capabilities of today’s sophisticated telescopes, and then takes the viewer on a trip through our solar system - and beyond. Doors Open: 2:30pm Show Begins: 3pm

Tickets and more information: friendsoftheplanetarium.org
Admission for this weekend’s programming is $3 for children (up to age 12) and seniors (60+)
$5 for Friends, Members and Adults
David M. Brown Planetarium, 1426 N Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22207 (free parking, 12 min. walk from Ballston or Virginia Square Metro stops)