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## **MEETINGS UPCOMING:**

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings are on Wednesdays at noon. LZ meetings are in LZ 3A-206; MT meetings are in the cafeteria.

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- 09/16 LZ: THE UPLIFT WAR by David Brin (Future Histories)
- 09/23 MT: The Vampire in SF (Matheson, Rice, Saberhagen, Van Vogt, and Wilson)
- 10/14 MT: Humor in SF (Anvil, Biggle, Harrison, and Laumer)
- 11/04 MT: Bookswap (\*not\* in the cafeteria; room TBA)
- 12/02 MT: Military SF 2 (Anderson, Dickson, and Laumer) (tentative)

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1. The Lincroft discussion this week centers around David Brin's UPLIFT WAR and future histories. Some comments by ecl:

This is the third in Brin's "Uplift" series, the first two being SUNDIVER and STARTIDE RISING. In this universe, Earth has encountered other intelligences. While all other races have been "uplifted" by patron races, we made it to the stars on our own, and uplifted chimpanzees and dolphins as well. All this makes the rest of the universe very uneasy.

THE UPLIFT WAR is set on a planet whose ecological balance was destroyed. Now humans trying to develop it. But there may be more there than anyone expects, and the Gubru, a hostile avian race, are out to get it--and more.

Brin gives a glossary and a fair amount of background material is written into the story, so readers new to the "Uplift" universe will find this a good start.

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2. Reminder: on September 26, the Middletown Lunch Bunch will be discussing "Vampires in Science Fiction." The recommended works are Richard Matheson's I AM LEGEND, Anne Rice's INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE and THE VAMPIRE LESTAT, Fred Saberhagen's DRACULA TAPES, the story "Asylum" by A. E. Van Vogt (in ADVENTURES IN SPACE AND TIME by Healy and McComas), and Colin Wilson's SPACE VAMPIRES. The Matheson is available in the Club libraries in Lincroft and Middletown, INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE is in the Middletown branch, and for the rest you should try your local library or bookstore.

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The cover of this book is certainly eye-catching and the book seems to be marketed as another <u>H</u> i t c h h i k e r' s <u>G</u> u i <u>d</u> e t o t h e <u>G</u> a <u>l</u> a x y, full of funny aliens and weird happenings. It isn't.

Oh, there are funny aliens, and some weird things do happen, but all in all it seems forced. The characters read like a cast like for a play:

Seeth, a punk rocker

Kerwin, a nerd Miranda, a Valley girl Rail, an alien Izmir, another alien Oomemians and Prufillians

The story reads as if the characters all walk around with these labels stuck on their foreheads. By the time anything interesting begins to happen (and about halfway through the book, things do start happening), most readers will have given up. Not recommended.