**Camp session:** Data and science in fiction

**Date:** Monday

**Leader:** Camille Seaberry

**Note taker:** Cole Campbell

* CS: My reference point for a lot of city topics is fiction. People are surprised how I know about topics, but a lot of times it’s because I read a novel set with these problems. I think cities that don’t exist yet are great examples for showing what doesn’t have to be and problems that don’t quite exist yet.
* CS: Thinking about books set in the past that frame current problems, I’ve read two books that dealt with the lives of slaves on plantations. Just as important as future-oriented books are books that explore how we got to where we are.

Reading list recommendations from attendees:

* Fiction:
  + *The Terraformers*, by Annalie Newitz
  + *Invisible Cities*, by Italo Calvino
  + *Foundation*, *Caves of Steel*, and *Naked Sun* by Isaac Asimov
  + *The Dispossessed*, by Ursula LeGuin
  + *Palestine +100*, by Basma Ghalayini
  + *A Psalm for the Wild-Built* and *A Prayer for the Crown-Shy*, by Becky Chambers
  + *Free People’s Village*, by Sim Kern
  + *Island,* by Aldous Huxley
  + *Parable of the Sower*, *Parable of the Talents*, and *Bloodchild and Other Stories*, by Octavia Butler
* Nonfiction:
  + *A Paradise Built in Hell*, by Rebecca Solnit
  + *Heat Wave*, by Eric Klinenberg