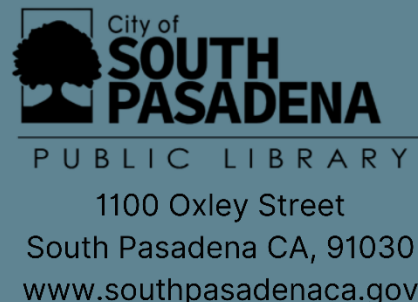




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Library's Sowing South Pasadena Sustainability Initiative Presents Dr. John Fleming on Fossil Fuels and the Climate Crisis

South Pasadena (Calif.) – After a successful Seed Library launch party, the South Pasadena Public Library's *Sowing South Pasadena* initiative is in full-swing, with sustainability-themed programs lined up from now through May 2024. Next up, on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room (1115 El Centro Street), Dr. John Fleming, Senior Scientist with the Center for Biological Diversity, will present a talk on fossil fuels and the climate crisis.

Overwhelming scientific consensus has shown that without deep and rapid reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, global warming will exceed 1.5 degrees Celsius, a level beyond which will bring catastrophic damage around the world. John Fleming, Ph.D., a Senior Scientist with the Center for Biological Diversity in its Climate Law Institute, will discuss his scientific work to support legal and grassroots campaigns to protect people, wildlife, and ecosystems from climate change while working to speed the transition from greenhouse gas-emitting fossil fuels to clean, renewable energy sources.

Dr. Fleming graduated with a bachelor's in geosciences and a certificate in environmental studies from Princeton University and received a PhD in geological sciences from the University of Southern California. During his time at USC, he conducted research exploring the links between aspects of climate change and biological oxygen demand in marine waters off the Los Angeles coast.

The Library's Sowing South Pasadena initiative, which includes a series of programs and activities from January through May that celebrate sustainability and promote community engagement, is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

Mark your calendars now for the following exciting upcoming Sowing South Pasadena events, and don't forget to visit the newly launched Seed Library on the Library's first floor to get your free seed packets.

Ed Begley Jr., actor and longtime environmental activist, will share hilarious and poignant stories of an improbable life from his 2023 memoir *To the Temple of Tranquility...And Step On it!* (Monday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m.)

Matthew Teutimez, Elder of the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation, and Biologist and Director of Resources for the Tribe, will present Greening South Pasadena: Unveiling the Healing Powers of Native Flora and Fauna for Earth and Body. Matthew specializes in ethnobotanical and cultural uses of native flora and fauna--including food and medicine--and will discuss sustainability for the present and future generations residing in the Los Angeles Basin. (Tuesday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m.)

Repair Café: In partnership with the South Pasadena Community Garden the Library will host a Repair Café, where participants will have the opportunity to bring in their broken items and, with the help of a specialist, restore them to their former glory. (Saturday, April 20, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.)

The South Pasadena Public Library is located at 1100 Oxley Street in South Pasadena. Visit the Library website at www.southpasadenaca.gov/library for information about services and programs. The Library is open Monday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 a.m. –6:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Upon request made no later than four (4) business days before the event, the City will provide a reasonable accommodation for a qualified person with a disability to have equal access to the event. Please call (626) 403-7312 or fill out the City's request form available at www.southpasadenaca.gov and email the form to Human Resources at HR@southpasadenaca.gov.

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