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**National Homeless Exhibit Displayed at Library**

For the next two months, the Fresno County Public Library's Central Library will host a national exhibit that graphically illustrates poverty and housing issues in America today. It was inspired by Matthew Desmond's book, *EVICTED: Poverty and Profit in the American City*.

Desmond is a professor of sociology at Princeton University. He has authored four books, including *EVICTED*, which won a Pulitzer Prize, National Book Critics Circle Award, and Carnegie Medal, and PEN / John Kenneth Galbraith Award for nonfiction.

In *EVICTED*, Desmond follows eight families in Milwaukee as they struggle to keep a roof over their heads. The book seeks to improve our understanding of 21<sup>st</sup>-century poverty and economic exploitation, while providing fresh ideas for solving one of America's most persistent problems. Its scenes of hope and loss remind us of the importance of home, without which nothing else is possible.

The exhibit opens on November 7 at 5 p.m. and will be followed by a meet-the-author event at the nearby Warnors Theater. It will remain at Central until the end of December, when it goes to the third stop of a ten-city tour.

The Central Library is located at 2420 Mariposa Street and Warnors at 1400 Fulton Street, both in Fresno.

For more information about the *EVICTED* exhibit and other Library programs, services, and specific branch hours, please go to [www.fresnolibrary.org](http://www.fresnolibrary.org) or call Rocky Vang at (559) 600-6274.

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