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Fresno County Public Library



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From the Desert to the Library: Meet Gobi the Dog

FRESNO COUNTY, CA – The Fresno County Public Library invites the community to meet Gobi, the little dog whose incredible journey from the Gobi Desert to a forever home inspired Dion Leonard's international bestselling book *Finding Gobi*.

As part of **Fresno County Reads**, Leonard and Gobi will visit select Fresno County Public Library locations for a series of free events. Leonard will share the heartwarming true story behind his bestselling memoir and how a chance encounter with a small stray dog during an ultramarathon in China turned into a lifelong friendship.

Event Schedule:

- **Adult Author Talk:** Woodward Park Regional Library – October 16, 7:00 p.m.
- **Children's Storytime:** Betty Rodriguez Regional Library – October 18, 2:00 p.m.
- **Children's Storytime:** Kingsburg Branch Library – October 22, 11:00 a.m.

Each event will feature a presentation by the author, time for audience questions, and an opportunity to meet Gobi. All events are free, but due to limited space, registration is recommended at www.fresnolibrary.org.

Free Access to the Book

Through the Library's digital service Libby, *Finding Gobi* is available in "infinity mode," meaning every Fresno County Public Library cardholder can download a free digital copy with no wait time. Residents who enjoy reading a physical book can check their local Library location for an available copy or use the Library's website to reserve a book and have it sent to their preferred location. Companion editions for children and teens are also available, making this a story the whole family can enjoy together.

This author visit is made possible through the generous support of the Friends of the Fresno County Public Library, whose contributions help bring engaging experiences to communities throughout Fresno County.

About the Author:

Dion Leonard is an Australian-born ultramarathon runner and motivational speaker whose story with Gobi has touched readers across the globe. His book *Finding Gobi* has been translated into 24 languages and adapted for children and young readers. Learn more at www.findinggobi.com/media

****MEDIA NOTE****

Author Dion Leonard will be available for in-person interviews during the weeks of his scheduled Fresno County visits. Media outlets interested in interviews should contact Susan Renfro at Susan.Renfro@fresnolibrary.org or 559.970.1135 to arrange scheduling.