

# MEDIA RELEASE

Fresno County Public Library



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## FRESNO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY NAMES FINDING GOBI AS COMMUNITY READ FOR 2025

**FRESNO COUNTY, CA** – Fresno County residents are invited to join Fresno County Reads, the Library's annual community reading program for all ages. This year's selection is *Finding Gobi* by Dion Leonard, the heartwarming true story of an ultramarathon runner and the stray dog who changed his life.

**As part of the program, residents will have the opportunity to meet both Dion and his dog Gobi during special author events at select Library branches this October.**

With companion editions for teens and children, Dion Leonard invites readers of all ages to connect with Gobi's unforgettable journey.

Running now through the end of November, Fresno County Reads encourages residents to read one book as a community and come together for related programs and discussions. More information, including registration for events, can be found at [www.fresnolibrary.org](http://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 branch for an available copy or use the Library's website to reserve a book and have it sent to their preferred location.

### Meet the Author

Dion Leonard will visit Fresno County for three author events, including Storytimes for children and a main event for adults:

**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.

All events are free, but due to limited space, registration is recommended at [www.fresnolibrary.org](http://www.fresnolibrary.org).

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.

### **More Programs Across the County**

In addition to the author visits, Library locations will host a variety of programs inspired by Finding Gobi. Activities include family-friendly crafts such as creating magnets featuring photos of pets and other themed events celebrating the bond between people and animals. The Library's online event calendar contains a full schedule of related programs.

### **About Fresno County Reads**

Fresno County Reads is a countywide initiative designed to bring people together through a shared reading experience. By choosing one book for the entire community, the program sparks conversation, connection, and inspiration.

"Fresno County Reads is one of the many ways the Library connects people through the power of story," said Sally Gomez, County Librarian and Director of the Fresno County Public Library. "Finding Gobi is a remarkable tale of friendship and resilience, and we're excited to see our community explore it together."

### **\*\*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](mailto:Susan.Renfro@fresnolibrary.org) or 559.600.6273 to arrange scheduling.

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