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City of Malibu to Host Youth Skateboarding Session and Malibu Library Speaker Series Featuring Skateboarding Legend Rodney Mullen

(Malibu, CA) — April 28, 2026 - The City of Malibu invites the community to two special events on Wednesday, May 6, featuring world-renowned skateboarder, inventor, and innovator Rodney Mullen as part of the Malibu Library Speaker Series.

The day begins with a Youth Skateboarding Session: Guidance and Tips on Skateboarding at 4:00 PM at the Malibu Skate Park at Malibu Bluffs Park, 24250 Pacific Coast Highway (at Malibu Canyon Rd). Participants will receive insights from one of the most influential figures in modern skateboarding. Safety gear, including helmets, elbow pads, knee pads, and wrist guards, is required. RSVPs are not necessary for the youth session.

“Rodney Mullen’s story is one of extraordinary creativity, perseverance, and innovation,” said Mayor Bruce Silverstein. “His influence extends far beyond skateboarding, and Malibu is excited to welcome him to inspire our community, especially our youth, to think creatively and push boundaries in their own lives. It comes at such an exciting moment, with the completion of our new permanent Skate Park.”

At 7:00 PM, Mullen will headline the Malibu Library Speaker Series at Malibu City Hall. An advance RSVP for the free event is required at **www.MalibuCity.org/LibrarySpeakers**.

Often referred to as the “Godfather of Modern Street Skating,” Mullen is credited with inventing many of the foundational tricks used in today’s skateboarding. A world champion and longtime industry pioneer, he has been featured in films, documentaries, television, video games, and publications since his teenage years.

Beyond skateboarding, Mullen’s work spans science, technology, and entrepreneurship. He is a Fellow at MIT’s Media Lab, a Distinguished Research Scholar appointed by the Smithsonian Institution, and a scientific advisor to the C4 Foundation supporting active-duty Navy SEALs. He has also contributed to research on neuroscience, creativity, resilience, and human performance for the National Academy of Sciences.

Mullen co-founded a successful skateboard company, launched multiple brands with professional athletes, and holds patents related to modern skateboard design. His later work includes speaking engagements at organizations such as IBM and Apple, participation in TED Talks and technology conferences, and co-founding an augmented reality company with industry partnerships including Niantic and Apple.

The Malibu Library Speaker Series continues to bring leading voices in science, culture, and innovation to the community.

For more information and to RSVP for the evening event, visit **www.MalibuCity.org/LibrarySpeakers**.

About the Malibu Library Speaker Series
Since 2013, the Malibu Library Speaker Series, a collaboration between the Malibu Library, LA County Library, and the City of Malibu, has featured notable authors, experts, and public figures discussing topics such as science, literature, entertainment, and the environment. The series offers the community a unique opportunity to engage with thought-provoking ideas. For more information on the Malibu Library Speaker Series, visit: **www.MalibuCity.org/LibrarySpeakers**.

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