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Bestselling Author and Ultramarathon Runner Dion Leonard to Headline Next Malibu Library Speaker Series February 4

(Malibu, CA) — The City of Malibu and LA County Library are excited to welcome bestselling author and ultramarathon runner Dion Leonard as the next featured guest in the Malibu Library Speaker Series. Leonard will discuss his bestselling book, “Finding Gobi,” on Wednesday, February 4, at 7:00 PM at the Malibu Library.

“The Malibu Library Speaker Series is an excellent way to celebrate art, literature, science, music and other cultural endeavors, that brings experts and authors to our community that will educate and inspire. Dion’s story is so unique yet universally captivating and it is truly a treat for everyone,” said Mayor Marianne Riggins.

Dion Leonard will speak about his bestselling book, “Finding Gobi.” This inspiring, true story chronicles Dion’s journey during a grueling 155-mile ultra-marathon across the Gobi Desert in China, where he met a small stray dog named Gobi. What started as a chance encounter quickly turned into a life-changing bond, as Gobi became Dion's steadfast companion, matching his stride every step of the way to the finish line. When the race ended, Gobi went missing, sparking a nationwide search to reunite the two, resulting in an incredible story of determination, love, and loyalty.

At this special event, Dion will share the unforgettable tale of his and Gobi’s journey, the search to bring Gobi home, and the deep bond they share. “Finding Gobi” is a truly moving story that will inspire anyone who has ever loved an animal or pursued a dream. Don’t miss this opportunity to meet Dion and Gobi, hear their story firsthand, and be inspired by their remarkable adventure.

“Finding Gobi” will be available for purchase at the event and a book signing will follow the conversation.

Event Details
Wednesday, February 4, 7:00 PM
Malibu Library, 23519 West Civic Center Way, Malibu, CA 90265
Free with RSVP. RSVP at: **https://visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/15337494**
Additional information: **MalibuCity.org/Speakers**

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