



# City of Malibu News

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## **The Malibu Library Speaker Series Presents "Truth is Stranger Than Science Fiction," with NASA Scientist Dr. Jessie Christiansen**

(Malibu, CA) – The Malibu Library Speaker Series presents Dr. Jessie Christiansen, a project scientist with the NASA Exoplanet Archive at the California Institute of Technology, who will take viewers on a free virtual tour of fantastic exoplanet discoveries, including some famous fictional planets, on Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00 PM.

"The Library Speaker Series continues to offer unique events, speakers and subjects that enrich Malibu's cultural life," said Mayor Paul Grisanti. "Dr. Christiansen will offer us a window into our universe that will educate and inspire viewers of all ages."

The Malibu Library Speaker Series is a program of the City of Malibu and the Malibu Library, a branch of the LA County Library.

The community can enjoy Dr. Christiansen's free, engaging, educational presentation, "Truth is Stranger Than Science Fiction," live on the City of Malibu's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/user/CityofMalibu/videos](https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofMalibu/videos). No registration is needed.

Dr. Christiansen's presentation explores the idea that humankind has speculated about the existence of planets orbiting other suns for hundreds, if not thousands of years before their existence was finally confirmed. During that time, humans have invented many mysterious, fictional planets with exotic landscapes, orbiting alien stars, that have become science fiction icons. When science and technology finally caught up and allowed us to learn about the real planets outside of our solar system, reality was often more extraordinary than we had imagined.

### **About the Series**

Since 2013, the Malibu Library Speaker Series, a program of the Malibu Library, part of LA County Library, and the City of Malibu, has featured experts, authors, and other notable figures discussing a wide range of subjects, including the entertainment industry, literature, science, motivation, the arts, education, sports, travel, food and the environment. The events are free and open to the public.

Past notable speakers in the Library Speaker Series include climate change champion and author Bill McKibben; award-winning documentary filmmakers Rory Kennedy and Mark Bailey; bestselling author Susan Orlean; bestselling author Joyce Carol Oates; bestselling author Eric Schlosser and civil rights attorney Gloria Allred.

For more information, visit [www.MalibuCity.org/LibrarySpeakers](http://www.MalibuCity.org/LibrarySpeakers).

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