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2024 Malibu Library Speaker Series Continues with Chief Astronomer and Planetarium Director Derrick Pitts

(Malibu, CA) – July 31, 2024 - The 2024 Malibu Library Speaker Series continues with Derrick Pitts, Chief Astronomer and Planetarium Director of the Fels Planetarium at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, Tuesday, August 13, 7:00 PM in the Civic Theater at Malibu City Hall.

Derrick Pitts is currently the Chief Astronomer and Director of the Fels Planetarium at The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. He's been associated with the Franklin Institute since 1978, designing and presenting many of the museum's public programs and exhibits. He's also been a NASA Solar System Ambassador since 2009. For more than two decades, Derrick has hosted award-winning astronomy radio programs for Philadelphia's two public radio stations and created signature astronomy television programming for PBS.

"We are honored to have Derrick Pitts join our Library Speaker Series. I encourage the community to join Derrick as he takes us on a journey through the galaxy, searching for planets similar to Earth that may harbor life," said Mayor Doug Stewart. "The Malibu Library Speaker Series continues to bring excellent speakers to Malibu that educate, inspire and entertain, elevating our community's cultural life."

Pitts will delve into the fascinating world of astrobiology, taking the audience on the search for Earth-like planets elsewhere in the galaxy. Soon, we may find an Earth twin. He asks the questions: what are we really looking for in the search - a new place to live, or the answer to one of our most basic needs?

Malibu City Hall is located at 23825 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu.
RSVPs are required for this free event.
For more information and to RSVP, visit: MalibuCity.org/LibrarySpeakers.

About the Series

Launched in 2013, the Malibu Library Speaker Series is a program in partnership with the Malibu Library, part of LA County Library, and the City of Malibu. It features experts, authors, and other notable figures discussing various subjects, including the entertainment industry, literature, science, motivation, the arts, education, sports, travel, food, and the environment.

Learn more about Derrick Pitts: <https://fi.edu/en/authors/derrick-pitts-hond>.

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