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The Malibu Library Speaker Series Presents Leading Climate Change Advocate, Journalist and Author Bill McKibben for the Earth Month Special Edition

(Malibu, CA) – The City of Malibu and LA County Library, in partnership with Pepperdine University are proud to present the Earth Month special edition of the 2026 Malibu Library Speaker Series on Earth Day, April 22 at 5:00 PM, with author and journalist Bill McKibben, one of the world's leading climate change advocates.

"Bill McKibben has helped shape the way the world understands climate change, and Malibu is proud to bring a global voice on climate action to our community during Earth Month," said Malibu Mayor Bruce Silverstein. "This event reflects our ongoing commitment to environmental leadership, education, and meaningful community dialogue. The Malibu Library Speaker Series continues to bring relevant, thought-provoking, influential experts in their fields, and I applaud the partnership with the LA County Library and Pepperdine University for the annual Earth Month Library Speaker Series."

This joint event is part of the City of Malibu's Earth Month and Pepperdine's Climate Calling 2026 conference, the W. David Baird Distinguished Lecture Series, Pepperdine's Center for Sustainability.

Bill McKibben, a recipient of the Right Livelihood Prize, is widely recognized as one of the world's leading voices on climate change. His groundbreaking book "The End of Nature," the first on the topic for a general audience, has been translated into 24 languages. Time magazine called him perhaps the planet's best green journalist, and he has lectured and organized on every continent, including Antarctica.

His recent works include "The Flag, the Cross, and the Station Wagon" and the New York Times bestseller "Falter," which explores both the climate crisis and the broader challenges posed by emerging technologies like artificial intelligence.

In his talks, McKibben offers practical, hopeful approaches to climate action—encouraging collective efforts to drive change, from fossil fuel divestment to expanding renewable energy. Through powerful storytelling, he inspires audiences with examples of communities worldwide working toward a more just and sustainable future, reminding us that even in uncertainty, no one is alone.

The event occurs on Wednesday, April 22, 5:00 PM at the Elkin's Auditorium at Pepperdine University. It is free to attend, and RSVPs are not required. For more information, contact the Malibu Library at 310-456-6438. For more information on Pepperdine's Climate Calling events, including parking and the campus map, visit: **https://www.pepperdine.edu/climate-calling/**.

For information on all of the City of Malibu's Earth Month events, visit: **www.MalibuCity.org/EarthMonth**.

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 provides a unique opportunity for the community to engage with thought-provoking ideas. For more information on the Malibu Library Speaker Series, visit: **www.MalibuCity.org/LibrarySpeakers**.

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