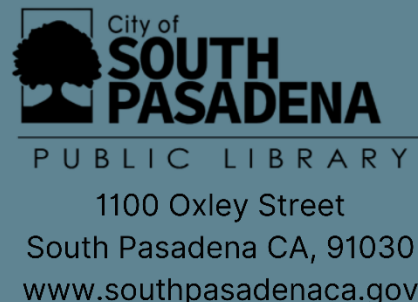




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Greening South Pasadena: Unveiling the Healing Powers of Native Flora and Fauna with Matthew Teutimez

South Pasadena (Calif.) – The South Pasadena Library invites the community to join us for the culminating event of our Sowing South Pasadena Lecture Series. On Tuesday, April 16th, at 7:00 p.m., the Library will host a captivating presentation in the Library Community Room (1115 El Centro Street) featuring esteemed guest speaker, Matthew Teutimez.

Matthew Teutimez, Elder of the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation, Biologist, and Director of Resources for the Tribe, will lead an enlightening discussion entitled "Greening South Pasadena: Unveiling the Healing Powers of Native Flora and Fauna for Earth and Body." Drawing from his expertise in ethnobotanical studies and cultural practices, Matthew will explore the rich heritage and sustainable practices of the Kizh-Gabrieleño Tribe, focusing on the significance of native flora and fauna in promoting environmental and human health within the Los Angeles Basin.

A distinguished scholar, Matthew earned both his Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Biology from California State University, Long Beach. Currently serving as a visiting scholar at the University of Southern California, he is actively

engaged in collaborative efforts to document the landscape history of the region. Matthew's contributions extend beyond academia as he participates in various committees and workgroups, including the California Environmental Protection Agency's Tribal Advisory Committee and the City of Los Angeles' Tree Ambassador Program.

In addition to his scholarly pursuits, Matthew is the visionary founder and executive director of Xārvo – Laboratory for Indigenous Knowledge Systems, a pioneering nonprofit organization dedicated to integrating indigenous wisdom into contemporary environmental stewardship and land management initiatives.

Sowing South Pasadena programming is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

The South Pasadena Public Library is located at 1100 Oxley Street in South Pasadena. Visit the Library website at www.southpasadenaca.gov/library for information about services and programs. The Library is open Monday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 a.m. –6:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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