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Local Author Visit with Matt Biers-Ariel at the Davis Branch Library

(Woodland, CA) – Join the Yolo County Library for a discussion with local author Matt Biers-Ariel on May 11 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Blanchard Room of the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library, located at 315 E. 14th Street in Davis.

Matt Biers-Ariel is a popular high school teacher in Winters, a storyteller and author of six books including *The Seven Species* and *Solomon and the Trees*, as well as co-author of *Spirit in Nature*. Prior to public school, he taught biblical and rabbinic texts for over fifteen years.

Matt's penultimate book, *The Bar Mitzvah and The Beast: One Family's Cross-Country Ride of Passage by Bike* deals with global warming, humor, religiosity and the challenges with being with one's family 24/7 for an entire summer.

His latest novel, *Light the Fire*, follows Mo Samson, a 31-year old former minor league baseball player and current English teacher, as he wars against the world of high-stakes testing. Mr. Samson is a hero to his students, but a relationship with a student extends beyond the classroom door and threatens to both undo him and wreak havoc with the student's life.

In addition to books, Matt writes satirical essays that can be found in magazines such as *The Progressive* or *Educator*.

The Yolo County Library promotes enriching and diverse programming and values the diversity in Yolo County and the country. For more information contact Joan Tuss: joan.tuss@yolocounty.org. For more information on the Yolo County Library, visit: www.yolocountylibrary.org or connect with the Library on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org.

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