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## An Evening of Science Fiction Featuring Author Kim Stanley Robinson

(Woodland, CA) – On Saturday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m., Yolo County Library, the Yolo County Library Foundation and Stories on Stage Davis will present an evening of science fiction with author Kim Stanley Robinson.

The event will be held at the Richard Brunelle Performance Hall at Davis Senior High School (DSHS), located at 315 West 14th Street in Davis. Tim Gaffaney will read Robinson's short story, "Arthur Sternbach Brings the Curveball to Mars," followed by a question and answer period with Robinson, moderated by Dr. Andy Jones. The evening will also include three DSHS actors reading Winters High School student Tristan Cooper's story, "We Made the Afterlife Better," which won the "Out of This World" high school science fiction writing contest.

Robinson is a prize-winning author of 22 novels and numerous short stories. A Davis local, he is widely recognized as one of the foremost living writers of science fiction. He is best known for the *Mars Trilogy* and recently published his science fiction masterpiece about climate change, *The Ministry of the Future* and an ode to the California mountain range, which has inspired much of his work – *The High Sierra*.

Gaffaney is the casting director for Stories on Stage Davis, serves on the Bike City Theatre Company board and is a member of the Actors' Equity Association. He has performed for eight seasons with the Davis Shakespeare Ensemble and worked with the Foundry Players in Washington, DC. He hosts the arts beat on *In the Studio* with Davis Community Television.

Jones teaches at UC Davis and serves as academic associate director of Academic Technology Services. As a poet laureate emeritus of Davis, he hosts Stories on Stage Davis and the *Poetry and Technology Hour* on the KDVS radio station and leads the Poetry Night Reading Series at the Natsoulas Gallery.

To register for this free event, visit: <u>tinyurl.com/scifievening2023</u>. Yolo County Library Foundation and Stories on Stage Davis are accepting donations through the registration link to further support early childhood literacy, literature and theater arts. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the event begins at 7:30 p.m. The Avid Reader will sell Robinson's books and the author will be available for signing after the event.

For more information, visit the Library's website (<u>https://yolocountylibrary.org</u>) or Facebook (<u>www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org</u>) and Instagram (@yolocountylibrary) feeds. Find Stories on Stage Davis at <u>http://storiesonstagedavis.com</u> or <u>www.facebook.com/storiesonstagedavis</u>. Stories on Stage Davis is a sponsored project of YoloArts and supported by the 2022 City of Davis Arts Grant.