



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 4.1

DATE: June 25, 2026

TO: Chairperson and Members of the Library Board of Trustees

FROM: Anwan Baker, Library Director

SUBJECT: Presentation on the newly launched Library Speakers Consortium Virtual Author Talks service.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the Library Board of Trustees receive the report.

SUMMARY

Livermore Public Library now showcases a virtual author talk series each month featuring bestselling, award-winning, and highly acclaimed authors from around the world. The featured writers and thought leaders cover a wide range of fiction, nonfiction, and K–12 genres. The free, virtual series takes place three times each month and includes the opportunity for attendees to ask questions of the author. A complete list of events is available on the Livermore Public Library's virtual author talk series website at <https://libraryc.org/livermoreca>. Through collaboration with the Commission with the Arts, funding for this service was provided through the City of Livermore's Arts budget.

DISCUSSION

These free virtual author talks do not require a library card and users can watch from a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Registration is required, but easy to complete. Once a user has selected which talk they're registering for they receive a viewing link by email. Speakers range from children's authors, bestselling novelists, and nonfiction authors. So far, Livermore Public Library usage has had 46 Virtual Author Talk registrations, with 2,144 views of live & recorded events. The Library is continuing to grow awareness via website promotion, social media outreach, Online Author Talk bookmarks, and in-library displays.

ATTACHMENTS

[1. Library Speakers Consortium Virtual Author Talks Presentation](#)

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