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Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library to Celebrate Romance Awareness Month with Author Justinian Huang

Monterey Park, Calif. — July 25, 2024 — Author Justinian Huang will discuss his debut novel at a special literary event at the [Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library](#) on Saturday, August 10 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room. The event is free to the public.

Justinian Huang is a Monterey Park-born author whose first novel, “The Emperor and the Endless Palace,” has been hailed by critics as “a sweeping triumph in queer romance” (Booklist) and “a mesmerizing debut” (Publishers Weekly, starred review). A genre-bending love story, the novel presents three narratives that weave together across time: an ambitious courtier sets out to seduce the Emperor in ancient China, a lonely innkeeper in 1740 helps a mysterious visitor obtain a rare medicine, and a college student in modern LA meets a beautiful stranger.



Huang will appear in conversation with Madeleine Nakamura, an LA-based author and editor. Nakamura’s debut adult queer-fantasy novel “Cursebreakers” was published by Red Hen Press and received starred reviews from Kirkus and Independent Book Review. It was ranked number one on Kirkus’ list of “20 SFF Novels That Will Blow Your Mind” and has been praised for its “intimate representation of bipolar disease and addiction” and its “nuanced depiction of aromantic male-female friendship” (Booklist). Books by both authors will be available for purchase and signing at the event courtesy of North Figueroa Bookshop.

For more information, please call Adult Reference Services at 626-307-1368.

The Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library is the city’s public library located at 318 S. Ramona Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754. For more information about library events and services, please visit the library’s website at www.montereypark.ca.gov/library.

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