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Children's Author Julia Mary Gibson to Visit Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library

Monterey Park, Calif. - March 30, 2015 - On Thursday, April 16, 2015, author Julia Mary Gibson will visit the [Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library](#) to speak to young readers and sign copies of her new middle grade novel, "Copper Magic."

Julia Mary Gibson explores turn-of-the-century Native American culture, ecology, and conservation in her debut novel, set on the shores of Lake Michigan in 1906, in which twelve-year-old Violet Blake unearths an ancient talisman—a copper hand. Violet is certain that the copper hand is magic and believes she can use it to make her fractured family whole again. But when Violet makes a wish her actions unleashes formidable powers—and her attempts to control them jeopardize not only herself, but her entire town.

Gibson's "Copper Magic" has received praise from readers, reviewers and fellow authors alike. Kirkus Reviews called the book, "An impressive debut... Fresh, subtle, daring: well done indeed," while New York Times bestselling author Elizabeth Wein wrote, "Julia Mary Gibson's quiet masterpiece is an effortless alloy of magic and science."

The event is free and open to the public and will take place at 3:30 p.m. in the Friends Room of the [Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library](#). Copies of "Copper Magic" will be available for purchase and signing following the presentation (cash only, please). Readers of all ages are encouraged to attend the event.

The [Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library](#) is the city's public library located at 318 South Ramona Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754. Library hours are: Sunday 1-5 p.m.; Monday & Tuesday 12-9 p.m.; Wednesday & Thursday 10 a.m.-6: p.m.; Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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