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Local author Aric McBay to launch new book at KFPL event

What could happen in one generation to a society already on the brink of collapse? Local author, farmer, and organizer Aric McBay's debut work of fiction, *Kraken Calling*, explores that question, shifting between 2028 and 2051. In 2028, activists are fighting an increasingly desperate battle against the climate emergency and capitalism, while a radical movement named Kraken grows in the shadows. By 2051, an oppressive regime has taken over and the population suffers while revolutionaries struggle for survival and support.

On Saturday, July 9, McBay is showcasing *Kraken Calling* at the Kingston Frontenac Public Library's Central Branch from 2-3:30 p.m. with a reading, multimedia presentation, and Q&A session. Register at https://calendar.kfpl.ca/event/6730531

"Having Aric return to the Library to promote his debut work of fiction is something special! We've hosted Aric before and he packed the room," said Jake Miller, Librarian, Adult Programming. "Shared community interest in environmental activism has only grown since then, and having a local author at the Library is an opportunity for the community to reconnect over this topic after a challenging time."

McBay writes and speaks about social movements, and has organized campaigns around climate justice, prisoner justice, Indigenous solidarity, pipelines, unionization, and other causes. His other writing includes <u>Full Spectrum Resistance Volumes 1 and 2</u>, <u>Peak Oil Survival</u>, <u>What We Leave Behind</u>, and <u>Deep Green Resistance</u>.

To learn more about the climate emergency that features in McBay's works, watch <u>Mobilizing Kingston</u> <u>for the Climate Emergency with Seth Klein</u> on KFPL's YouTube channel. Klein discusses how Canada can respond to the climate emergency and how employment concerns and climate change can be aligned.