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## **NEWS RELEASE FOR AUTUMN 2011**

# **CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO HARRY POTTER, TWILIGHT AND DAN BROWN**

• Popular speaker and author **Dave Roberts** will be giving the Annual Public Lecture of the **Librarians' Christian Fellowship** which is to be held on **Saturday 1 October 2011** at the **Reading International Solidarity Centre (RISC), 35-39 London Street, Reading, RG1 4PS** from 2.30. - 4.45.p.m.

• The speaker will be providing a considered Christian response to themes in current popular fiction. His address will be entitled **Spirits in the Material World: the resurgence of a spirituality of personal supernatural power in best selling literature.** He will be arguing that J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter, Stephenie Meyer's Bella and Edward (in the *Twilight* series), and the heroes of Dan Brown's fiction (such as *The Da Vinci Code*) are all high

profile 'evangelists' of the 'power that is within you'. He will be asking: Why has this theme emerged, what is its appeal and what has the Christian world view to offer in response?

- Our guest speaker **Dave Roberts** is an author with over 120,000 sales to his name. As an editor he commissioned ***A Closer Look at Harry Potter*** which sold over 20,000 and was translated into several languages. He is also the author of ***The Twilight Gospel*** - which looks beyond the occult themes of the best selling saga and examines what it says about self image, materialism and much more. Dave was a former editor of ***Christianity*** magazine and the founding publisher of ***Youthwork***.

- This lecture should be of interest not only to librarians but to others interested in understanding and responding to contemporary culture within a Christian framework. Attendance is *not* restricted to librarians and the organisers are looking forward to welcoming a wider audience. Admission is free and there is no need to book in advance.

- Further details of the lecture, and the wider work of the Librarians' Christian Fellowship, can be obtained from The Secretary, Graham Hedges, 34 Thurlestone Avenue, Ilford, Essex, IG3 9DU. Telephone 020 8599 1310, E mail [secretary@librarianscf.org.uk](mailto:secretary@librarianscf.org.uk) Web site [www.librarianscf.org.uk](http://www.librarianscf.org.uk)