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Local author whose international bestseller has been tapped by 20th Century Fox will appear at Mission Viejo Readers' Festival

Tahereh Mafi, 24, the daughter of Iranian immigrants, started reading and writing "for fun" after graduating from Soka University in Aliso Viejo. Her book "Shatter Me," an action-packed dystopian thriller, is the first novel in a trilogy. Foreign rights for the book have sold in 22 territories. The film rights were bought by 20th Century Fox before "Shatter Me" was even published.

On Sunday, October 14, the young adult author will join several celebrity and bestselling authors including Molly Ringwald, Jim Abbott, Marcia Clark, David Shannon, Steven Raichlen, T. Jefferson Parker and others at the Mission Viejo Readers' Festival.

In the electrifying "Shatter Me," Mafi presents a world as riveting as "The Hunger Games" and a superhero story as thrilling as "The X-Men." Full of pulse-pounding romance, intoxicating villainy, and high-stakes choices, "Shatter Me" is a fresh and original dystopian novel with a paranormal twist that will leave readers anxiously awaiting its sequel. Festival-goers will enjoy hearing about Mafi's book and fascinating, quick rise to fame. She will appear on a panel inside the Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center with other popular young authors Rachel Cohn, Anna Carey, Alexandra Monir and Josephine Angelini.

The fun-filled Mission Viejo Readers' festival will feature a host of activities, music and fabulous fare from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Oso Viejo Park and Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center, 24932 Veterans Way. The free festival will celebrate the Middle Ages in an outdoor setting.

Volunteers are sought to help in an array of positions and can contact vsullivan@cityofmissionviejo.org for more information.

Stay tuned for up-to-date information about the festival at cityofmissionviejo.org/ReadersFestival.

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