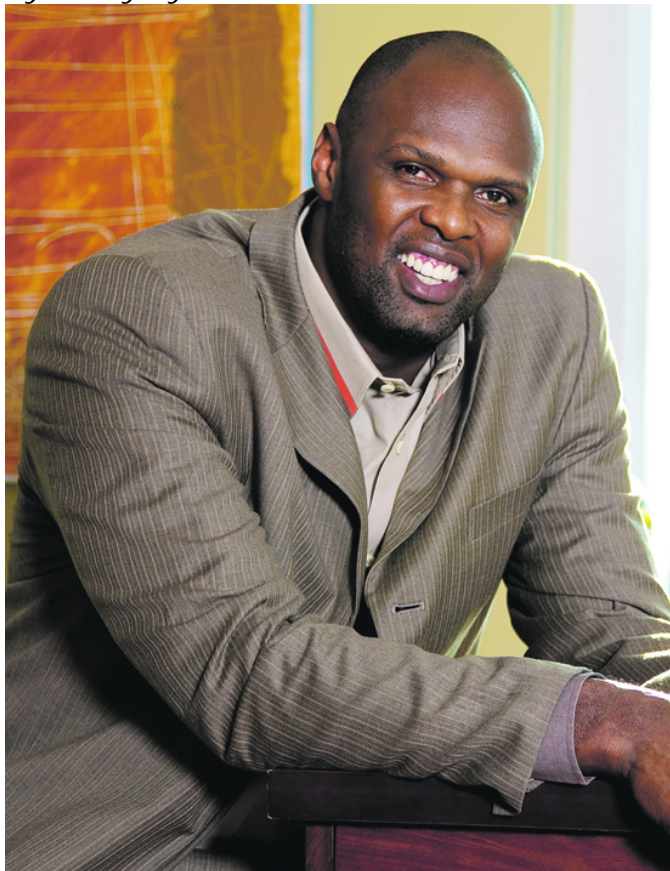


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Adonal Foyle is Coming to the Lafayette Library

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Former Golden State Warrior and author Adonal Foyle. Photo provided

Former basketball player and author Adonal Foyle is coming to the Lafayette Library to the first-ever authors and athletes special event from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 21. Locals may know him as a Warrior, but he is so much more - poet, philanthropist and motivational speaker. He'll be discussing his amazing journey as an NBA player, his life experiences and insight, as well as his new children's book, "Too Tall Foyle Finds His Game."

Foyle was selected as the eighth pick in the 1997 NBA draft by the Golden State Warriors and ultimately stayed with the team for 10 years. With the Warriors, he made a name for himself as a fan favorite. Following his decade on the "W's" he played briefly for the Orlando Magic and then the Memphis Grizzlies until he was sidelined by a knee injury and retired.

Born in St. Vincent and the Grenadines in the Caribbean, Foyle was adopted at age 15 by Joan and Jay Mandle, professors at Colgate University, and graduated from Colgate magna cum laude with a history degree.

In 2009 Foyle was inducted into the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame due to his founding of the Kerosene Lamp Foundation that serves children, and Democracy Matters - a non-partisan student organization created to counteract political apathy on college campuses and examine campaign finance reform. He recently attended a Moraga Country Club fundraising golf event for his foundation, which supports a variety of activities using basketball as a catalyst to encourage education and health awareness among impoverished youth.

Kids are encouraged to attend the June 21 event. Admission is free for kids; \$5 for adults. For more information, visit www.lafayettelib.org.

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