

Farewell to Manzanar

Fresno County Public Library presents
California Reads
to promote discussions of
the meaning of democracy.

Farewell to Manzanar is a compelling memoir about the Japanese American experience during World War II, through the eyes of a young girl, and a haunting reminder of how civil liberties are at risk in moments of crisis. The book was selected for its relevance to local history. Fresno County is the only area in California that had two assembly centers holding local Japanese Americans before they were sent to concentration camps.

Dorothea Lange's "Impounded" Photography Exhibition

Traveling exhibits featuring censored incarceration photos impounded by the Federal Government and finally released in 2003 for public view.

Woodward Park Library Aug 10-Aug 19

Fig Garden Library Aug 20-Aug 27

Politi Library Aug 28-Sept 5

Clovis Library Sept 6-Sept 13

Sunnyside Library Sept 14-Sept 21

Gillis Library Sept 22-Sept 29

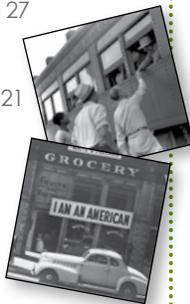
Sanger Library Aug 10-Aug 19

Reedley Library Aug 20-Aug 29

Fowler Library Aug 30-Sept 9

Selma Library Sept 10-Sept 19

Kerman Library Sept 20-29



Ansel Adams' "Born Free and Equal: Photographs of the Manzanar Relocation Camp 1943-1944"

Opening reception Aug 17 at 5:30 PM,
panel discussion at 6:30 PM

Panelists will discuss the infringement of American civil liberties as experienced by Japanese American detainees.

Fresno Art Museum Aug 17 through Jan 1
2233 N First Street

Toro Nagashi Floating Lantern Ceremony

The ceremony is an annual remembrance in memory of loved ones, located at the lake area adjacent to the Shinzen Japanese Garden. Memorial lanterns may be purchased onsite.

Woodward Park Aug 11 at 7 PM

Japanese Cultural Sampler

Learn about traditional Japanese culture, art and dance. Activities include:
11 AM The Art of Bonsai
12 PM The Art of Japanese Opera
1 PM The Art of Obon Dance
2 PM Keynote Program: The Art of Gaman
Curator Delphine Hirasuna will discuss the importance of arts and crafts in the lives of detainees and how it helped them endure the ordeals of incarceration.

Woodward Park Library
Aug 18 from 11 AM to 3 PM

ValleyPBS Broadcast Premiere of From a Silk Cocoon

This film is based on the true story of a young Japanese American couple's decision to renounce their American citizenship while held in separate incarceration camps.

On ValleyPBS Channel 18 Aug 19 at 7:30 PM

Farewell to Manzanar Author Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston

The author will share her family's journey before, during and after incarceration. Reception and book signing will follow the presentation.

Fresno City College Theater Aug 24 at 7 PM
1101 E University Avenue

Poetry Reading: Poetry of Justice

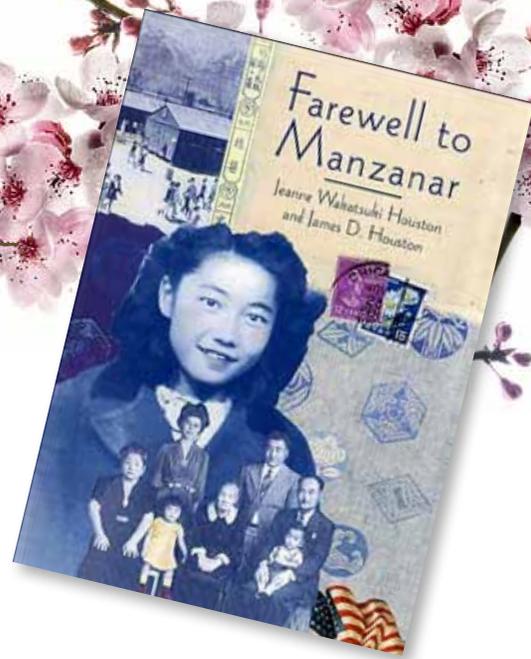
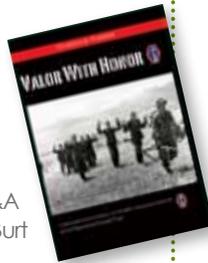
Valley Poet Lee Herrick will lead a reading of democracy-themed works with fellow Asian American poets.

Gillis Library Aug 30 at 7 PM

Film Screening of Valor with Honor

This documentary film recounts the bravery of the World War II Japanese American 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Q&A and DVD signing with director Burt Takeuchi will follow.

Clovis Veterans Memorial District Auditorium
Sept 8 at 7 PM 804 Fourth Street



Grateful Crane 1940s Musical Revue

The Camp Dance: The Music & The Memories
This concert recreates popular American music that Japanese American teens enjoyed at high school dances behind barbed wire.

Unitarian Universalist Church Sept 15 at 7 PM
2672 E Alluvial Avenue

Tracing Your Roots

Learn how to use Ancestry Plus.

Fowler Library Aug 16 at 6 PM

Sunnyside Library Aug 30 at 9 AM

Japanese Americans in Jazz

"Japanese Americans in Jazz" surveys the impact of jazz and swing music on Japanese immigrants, and features music of the thirties and forties as well as the careers of Japanese American jazz artists. Presented by Larry Honda. **Woodward Park Library** September 18 at 7 PM

The Art of Manga

Members of the Japanese Student Association at CSU Fresno will discuss the art of Manga and its impact on Japanese and American culture.

Clovis Library Sept 11 at 6:30-7:30 PM

Gillis Library Sept 13 at 5:30-6:30 PM

Sunnyside Library Sept 19 at 6:30-7:30 PM

Fig Garden Library Sept 20 at 6:30-7:30 PM

Woodward Park Library Sept 27 at 4-5 PM



Cover from *Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston (Boston: HMH, 2002).

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BUS TRIP TO MANZANAR

Overnight trip to Lone Pine to visit the Manzanar National Historic Site. Bus will leave from the Central Library at 7:30 AM on Saturday, Sept 22 and return Sunday, Sept 23 around 3 PM.

Cost is \$125.00 per person and includes transportation, park admission and overnight accommodations (double occupancy). *Reservations must be made by Aug 15 and fees paid by Aug 30.*

Activities include a tour at Manzanar, a stop at Red Rocks Canyon State Park, and a tour at the Lone Pine Film Museum.
September 22-September 23



FILM SCREENING:

Farewell to Manzanar

Sunnyside Library July 28 at 2 PM
Cedar Clinton Library Aug 25 at 2:30 PM
Fowler Library Aug 27 at 3:30 PM
Selma Library Sept 1 at 10 AM
Clovis Library Sept 8 from 10 AM-4 PM [3 screenings]
Fig Garden Library Sept 27 at 6 PM

ONLINE ACTIVITIES

Visit www.fresnolibrary.org to enjoy the following:

Sushi Crawl Rate your favorite sushi place online at the library's website to win dinner for two at the winning restaurant.

Nisei Voices Oral Histories

Interviews by second generation detainees. Co-sponsored by Center for Multicultural Cooperation.

LOCAL HISTORY OF INCARCERATION



Pinedale Assembly Center Memorial

Alluvial Ave. and Palm Ave., Fresno



Fresno Assembly Center Memorial

Fresno Fairgrounds

Photos courtesy of John Hix.

Children's Programs

Preschool Storytimes

Meet Japan

Bear Mountain Library 332-2528
August 15 at 10 AM

Clovis Library 600-9531
Sept 5 at 10 AM

West Fresno Library 455-6066
Sept 6 at 2 PM

Selma Library 896-3393
Sept 10 at 10:30 AM

Riverdale Library 867-3381
Sept 12 at 11 AM

Auberry Library 855-8523
Sept 19 at 10:30 AM

Fig Garden Library 600-4071
Sept 19 at 10:30 AM

Gillis Library 225-0140
Sept 20 at 10 AM

Politi Library 431-6450
Sept 25 at 10 AM

Sanger Library 875-2435
Sept 25 at 10:30 AM

Mendota Library 600-9291
Sept 25 at 10 AM and 2 PM

Sunnyside Library 600-6594
Sept 11 at 10 AM

Kerman Library 846-8804
Sept 5 at 10 AM

Woodward Park Library 600-3135
Sept 26 at 9:30 and 10:30 AM



Afterschool Crafts

Ages 7-12

Origami

Sunnyside Library 600-6594
Aug 14 at 2 PM

Selma Library 896-3393
Aug 21 at 2 PM

Reedley Library 638-2818
Aug 21 at 3 PM

Fig Garden Library 600-4071
Aug 23 at 4 PM

Fowler Library 600-9281
Aug 29 at 4 PM

Bear Mountain Library 332-2528
Sept 1 at 11 AM

Orange Cove Library 600-9292
Sept 5 at 4 PM

Clovis Library 600-9531
Sept 6 at 3:30 PM

West Fresno Library 455-6066
Sept 6 at 4 PM

Central Library
Doris Gates Children's Library 600-6210
Sept 11 at 3:30 PM

Riverdale Library 867-3381
Sept 12 at 4 PM

Woodward Park Library 600-3135
Sept 24 at 5:30 PM

Sanger Library 875-2435
Sept 26 at 2 PM



Teen Program

Ages 12-17

Making Candy Sushi



Fowler Library 600-9281
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Sunnyside Library 600-6594
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Aug 15 at 4 PM

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Woodward Park Library 600-3135
Aug 16 at 4 PM

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Sept 20 at 3:30 PM

Sanger Library 875-2435
Sept 27 at 3:30 PM



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