

**PRESS RELEASE**  
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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Re: One Book, One Coast unites 190+ libraries, the West Coast's largest Book Club  
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The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) has joined more than 190 libraries across Washington, Oregon, and California to present **One Book, One Coast**, the largest community reading program on the West Coast.

This year's selection, **"They Called Us Enemy" by George Takei**, will be read and discussed across participating libraries. The graphic memoir recounts Takei's childhood in U.S. incarceration camps during World War II, following Executive Order 9066, which forced more than 120,000 people of Japanese descent from their homes. Confronting questions of patriotism, family, loyalty, and community, Takei's work is a stunning examination of what it means to be American, both long ago and today.

The program is designed to bring people together in conversation and reflection through shared reading and events.

Visit [NOLS.org/OneBook](https://NOLS.org/OneBook) for more information about the book, a booklist of related reading suggestions and details about free events.

### **Borrow the Book**

“They Called Us Enemy” can be borrowed through NOLS in both print and digital formats. Unlimited copies of the eBook are available with no holds or waiting required. You can place a hold on a print copy or check out the eBook through the library catalog with a free library card.

### **Attend Free Programs**

Community members are invited to participate in the following free programs at NOLS locations.

**Gaman Art and Documentary** – Watch a screening of “Defiant to the Last” and make a bird pin inspired by art created in incarceration camps.

- Forks Library, 171 S. Forks Ave., 3:30–4:30 p.m., Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21 and 28

**Bainbridge Island and the Japanese American Exclusion** – Attend a talk by Ellen Sato Faust, Executive Director of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial Association, about the 1942 removal of Bainbridge Island residents who were the first in the nation to face exclusion.

- Sequim Library, 630 N. Sequim Ave., 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 19 (in person)
- Forks Library, 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 19 (livestreamed in the library)
- Port Angeles Main Library, 2210 S. Peabody St., 6 p.m., Thursday, May 21 (in person)

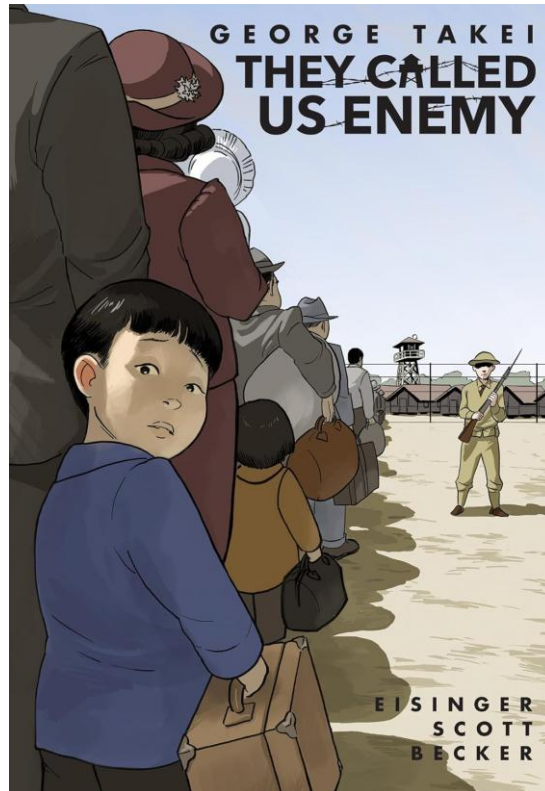
**Book Discussions** – Participate in a community conversation about “They Called Us Enemy.”

- Sequim Library, 11 a.m., Saturday, May 30
- Port Angeles Main Library, 2 p.m., Saturday, May 30

**Author Talk with George Takei** – Join others to watch a livestreamed event featuring the author to close out this year’s reading program.

- Sequim and Forks libraries, Sunday, May 31, doors open at 1:30 p.m., program at 2 p.m.
- Virtual option also available.

Programs are generously funded in part by local Friends of the Library groups. To learn more, visit [NOLS.org/OneBook](https://nols.org/OneBook), call 360-417-8500 or email [discover@nols.org](mailto:discover@nols.org).



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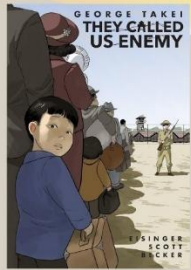


*Actor/author/activist George Takei.*

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THEY CALLED US ENEMY  
GEORGE TAKEI



*The One Book, One Coast community reading program runs through May 31.*

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