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Re: Library talk on 1942 Japanese American Exclusion and Bainbridge Island

As part of the One Book, One Coast community reading program, three branches of the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) will host a presentation about Bainbridge Island's unique experience during World War II. Ellen Sato Faust, Executive Director of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial Association, will discuss the 1942 removal of 227 Bainbridge Island residents who were forced to leave behind the lives they had built. Under President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066 and Civilian Exclusion Order No. 1, the Bainbridge Island Japanese Americans became the first in the nation to face exclusion from the West Coast.

### **Bainbridge Island and the Japanese American Exclusion Presentation Schedule**

- Sequim Library, 630 N. Sequim Ave.: 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 19 (in person)
- Forks Library, 171 S. Forks Ave.: 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 19 (livestreamed at the library)
- Port Angeles Main Library, 2210 S. Peabody St.: 6 p.m., Thursday, May 21 (in person)

The presentation is part of a series of events related to this year's One Book, One Coast reading selection, "They Called Us Enemy" by George Takei, which will be read and discussed at more than 190 libraries across Washington, Oregon and California. The graphic memoir recounts Takei's childhood in U.S. incarceration camps during World War II. It is available for checkout in print and eBook through NOLS.

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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