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**George Takei, Actor and Author, to Discuss his Graphic Memoir at
Little Tokyo Branch Library on Saturday, April 4 at 12:30 p.m.**

*No host lunch will precede the event at 11:30 a.m.; book signing will follow
program*

Los Angeles (March 4, 2020) – George Takei, renowned actor and author of the graphic memoir *They Called Us Enemy*, will be honored at the 34th Author Recognition Luncheon on Saturday, April 4, at 12:30 p.m. at the Little Tokyo Branch Library, 203 S. Los Angeles St. RSVP is required and must be made by March 28 to Janet Minami at (818) 222-4865 or jkminami@aol.com.

“The Little Tokyo Branch Library has a long history of uniting Japanese Americans and encouraging them to share their stories,” Takei said. “I am honored to share my own story at the library so we can learn from our troubled history and take steps to make sure it is not repeated.”



They Called Us Enemy, a New York Times Bestseller, recounts Takei's childhood years with his family at two American concentration camps where Japanese Americans were incarcerated during World War II. The experience shaped Takei's career as a human rights activist, social media superstar, Grammy-nominated recording artist and pioneering actor spanning six decades.

“We are deeply honored that George Takei, who has done so much for our community, has agreed to present his new memoir at the Little Tokyo Branch Library,” said James Sherod, the Branch's Senior Librarian. “His graphic memoir reminds us how important it is to treat all people fairly and equally.”

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The luncheon is sponsored by the Library and the Friends of Little Tokyo Branch Library. The deadline to RSVP for the free 12:30 p.m. program with Takei is March 28. Pre-purchased Bento lunches (\$15 for Friends members, \$20 for non-members) will be served at 11:30 a.m. Free valet parking is available, with library validation, at STOA apartments on Los Angeles Street

The graphic memoir will be available for purchase for \$19.99 (plus tax). Only this book, purchased at the event, will be signed at the end of the program. No other memorabilia or books will be signed.

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