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## **Little Tokyo Branch Library to Host Nisei Writing Workshop**

**Los Angeles, July 6, 2018** – The Little Tokyo Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library will host *Never Forgotten: A Nisei Writing Workshop*, to help new writers shape their life experiences into compelling narratives. The workshop will take place on four Saturdays from July 14 – September 22 at the Little Tokyo Branch, 203 S. Los Angeles St.

“Everyone has a story to tell, about themselves or their loved ones, but might have a hard time penning their memories on paper,” said James Sherod, the Branch’s Senior Librarian. “This workshop helps give them the confidence to craft their memoirs.”

Naomi Shibata, author of *Bend with the Wind: The Life, Family and Writings of Grace Eto Shibata*, will lead the workshop. The event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Little Tokyo Branch Library and Poets & Writers, Inc.

The workshop is free, but registration is required at the reference desk or by calling the library at (213) 612-0525. Participants should attend all sessions:

**Workshop 1:** Saturday, July 14, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Workshop 2:** Saturday, Aug. 18, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Workshop 3:** Saturday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Nisei Workshop Reading and Reception:** Saturday, Sept. 22, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Free Valet Parking:** Available with library validation on Los Angeles Street.

The workshop is cumulative and concludes with a reading to celebrate the new works and the program’s mission of ensuring the legacy of the Nisei, American-born children of Japanese immigrants, carries through storytelling to future generations.

A recipient of the nation’s highest honor for library service—the National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest and most diverse urban population of any library in the nation. Its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, collection of more than 6 million books, state-of-the-art technology accessible at [www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org), and more than 18,000 public programs a year provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for lifelong learning.

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