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**Little Tokyo Branch Library Honors *Life After Manzanar* Authors
32nd Author Recognition Luncheon Celebrates Award-Winning Writers
Naomi Hirahara and Heather C. Lindquist**

Los Angeles, September 17, 2018 – Naomi Hirahara and Heather C. Lindquist, authors of the recently published *Life After Manzanar*, will be honored at the 32nd Author Recognition Luncheon on Saturday, November 3, at 12:30 p.m. at the Little Tokyo Branch Library, 203 S. Los Angeles St.

“We wanted to honor two distinguished writers, Ms. Hirahara and Ms. Lindquist, whose work educates, engages and inspires us to preserve the precious legacy of those who have gone before us,” said James Sherod, the Branch’s Senior Librarian.

Life After Manzanar explores the lives of Japanese Americans after they were released from America’s mass incarceration camps like Manzanar after World War II.

Hirahara, the Edgar Award-winning author of the *Mas Arai* mystery series, is a former editor of the largest Japanese-American daily newspaper, *The Rafu Shimpo*. Lindquist, editor of the award-winning *Children of Manzanar*, is the Exhibit Producer at Harvest Moon Studio, a media production and museum exhibit company.

The luncheon is jointly sponsored by the Library and the Friends of Little Tokyo Branch Library. Admission to the program is free. Bento lunches will be available for sale at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$12 for Friends Members, and \$15 for non-members. Free valet parking is available with library validation on Los Angeles Street.

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