



News Release

Date: June 7, 2018



**The Pine and the Cherry:
Japanese Americans in Washington**

Saturday, June 23
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
for adults and teens

**Vernetta Smith Chehalis Timberland
Library**

In the lead-up to World War II, Japantown in Seattle featured grocery stores, cafes, and native-language services, as well as labor and music clubs. Trading companies imported Japanese goods, and restaurants served the familiar sukiyaki, tofu, and miso soup. In Eastern Washington, Japanese farmers prospered.

Then came Executive Order 9066. Those born in Japan, as well as their American-citizen offspring, were sent, without due process, to concentration camps in windswept deserts. Throughout the West Coast, 120,000 Japanese Americans were forced from their homes. Most Seattle Japanese spent the war years at Camp Minidoka in Idaho, and when they returned, most had lost everything and could not find jobs.

How did they face this injustice and rebuild their lives? How does a lively immigrant community face racist or religious hatred? The 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066 was in 2017, and Mayumi Tsutakawa, whose father was renowned sculptor George Tsutakawa, will reveal her family's 100-year history against the backdrop of this dramatic American story.

This program is sponsored by **Humanities Washington** and the **Friends of the Chehalis Timberland Library**.



**THE PINE AND
THE CHERRY:
JAPANESE AMERICANS
IN WASHINGTON**

SATURDAY, JUNE 23
2:00 - 3:00 P.M. • FOR ADULTS & TEENS

Join writer and curator Mayumi Tsutakawa as she discusses how our Washington's Japanese Americans faced the injustice of internment, and how families who lost everything rebuilt their lives.

This event is sponsored by Humanities Washington and the Friends of the Chehalis Timberland Library.

humanities WASHINGTON **h/w**

Chehalis Timberland Library
Vernetta Smith Chehalis Timberland Library
400 N. Market Blvd.; 360-748-3301 TRL.org

All Timberland library programs are free and open to the public. The **Vernetta Smith Chehalis Timberland Library** is located at 7400 N Market Blvd.
For more information, call the library at 360-748-3301 or visit TRL.org

Timberland Regional Library provides for the entertainment, information, and lifelong learning needs of Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston county residents at 27 community public libraries and seven library service partner locations. The library system is funded mainly by local property taxes, timber tax, fundraising efforts of TRL Friends of the Library, and generous donations by individual supporters.

Anyone needing special accommodations to participate in a library's programs may contact the library one week in advance. For more information visit TRL.org

**Timberland Media
Contact:**

Michelle Larson, Public Relations
mlarson@trl.org
360-704-4508

Please email if you cannot extract images and/or video, and need to receive them as email attachments (specify file format and size if required).



Celebrating
50
TOGETHER

CATALOG

LOCATIONS

EVENTS

RESEARCH

