

Searching for Democracy

California Reads is a grant from the California Council for the Humanities. Its aim is to bring Californians together to explore important topics through books that invite conversation. The San Leandro Library is a fortunate recipient of a California Reads grant and has selected to read the book *Farewell to Manzanar*. Please join us for events all summer long.



Read the book

Farewell to Manzanar is a heartbreaking, classic memoir about the internment experience seen through the eyes of a young Japanese American girl. Join a book group to discuss the book's powerful messages at the June 30 Meet the Author event. A limited number of free copies will be distributed.

Meet the author

Prize-winning author Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston will kick-off the California Reads program by discussing her life at Manzanar and the lessons learned. Refreshments will be served.

Main Library • Saturday, June 30 • 2:00pm

See the classic

The acclaimed TV special *Farewell to Manzanar* was the first film to be written, performed, photographed and scored by Japanese Americans about the World War II camp experience and broadcast on prime time television.

Main Library

Thursday, July 12 • 7:00pm

Manor Library

Thursday, August 16 • 7:00pm

Discover the history

Visit the Japanese American Museum in San Jose and take a walking tour of Japantown. Lunch and transportation included. Fee is \$30 per person. Tickets available on June 4 after 12:00pm for in person purchase at the Main Library.

Main Library • Saturday, August 18 • 9:00am to 4:00pm

Celebrate the culture

Come to the California Reads finale to celebrate the Japanese American culture. There will be entertainment and lunch. This FREE event is reserved for members of the Farewell to Manzanar book discussion groups.

Main Library • Saturday, September 8 • 2:00pm



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