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***Food for Thought* Honors Author Who Rewrote History of Japanese Internment**

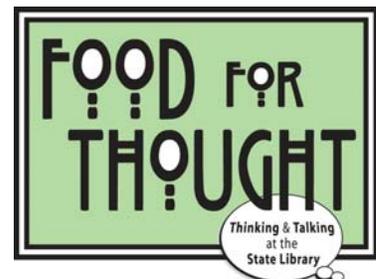
Sacramento – The September event in the California State Library’s cultural series, *Food for Thought: Thinking and Talking at the California State Library*, will be held on **Wednesday, September 16th**. Now planned for the third Wednesday of each month, this free evening event includes refreshments, a thought-provoking film, and a lively post-film discussion.

This month’s screening features *Out of Infamy*, a documentary about Michi Nishiura Weglyn, whose seminal book *Years of Infamy* provided irrefutable evidence that internment camps for Japanese Americans in World War II were both unjustified and unconstitutional. Her meticulous research fueled a redress movement that brought about a federal apology and reparations to 80,000 former internees.

Born in Stockton, Weglyn was a teenager when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. Feeling profound remorse for “the stain of dishonor we collectively felt for the treachery of Pearl Harbor,” she sadly accompanied her family to the Gila Relocation Center in Arizona. After the war, Weglyn pursued a successful career as a theatrical costume designer, painter, and poet. Encouraged by her husband, a Holocaust survivor, she researched and wrote a forthright account of a painful chapter in American history that was already fading in our collective memory.

Dale Shimasaki, a respected member of the Advisory Committee for the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP), will introduce the film and facilitate discussion afterward. Filmmakers Sharon Yamato and Nancy Kapitanoff will be on hand to answer questions. *Out of Infamy* was funded in part by a grant from CCLPEP, a program administered by the California State Library.

The California State Library launched *Food for Thought* because it believes that libraries and the free expression of ideas are essential to a healthy democracy. *Food for Thought* is a unique monthly venue where film buffs and thinking people talk freely about ideas and issues. By ensuring that Californians stay intellectually invigorated, the California State Library is taking an active role as a positive shaper of the future of this great state. Its monthly *Food for Thought* evenings remind busy Sacramento audiences that we need to slow down enough to consider and discuss issues that shaped our past and affect our collective future, so we can build a preferred tomorrow.



Join us on **Wednesday, September 16th** from 5:00 to 7:30 pm in the California History Room, Room 200, Library & Courts Building II, 900 N Street, Sacramento. Doors open at 5:00 pm; the documentary shows at 6 pm with time for discussion afterward. Metered street parking is free after 6:00 pm; 8th and O light rail access. Seating in this new venue is limited, so attendees must RSVP to Rebecca Fontaine at (916) 653-9942 or fontaine@library.ca.gov.

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