



A Night at the State Library presents:

Dandelion Through the Crack - The Sato Family Quest for the American Dream

May 14, 2014, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

The California State Library's **Night at the State Library** is pleased to present Kiyoo Sato, author of ***Dandelion Through the Crack***, Wednesday, May 14. The event will take place at the historic Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building on Capitol Mall across from the State Capitol.

Published in 2013 by Willow Valley Press in Nevada City, this new edition of Sato's book (previously entitled ***Kiyo's Story***) tells of her family's immigration from Japan and their struggles to make a good life for themselves in America despite their relocation to an internment camp during World War II. Born and raised in Sacramento, Kiyoo Sato is the oldest of nine children. Kiyoo's poignant story tells of her father who wrote haiku, her mother who had wanted to become a nurse and the loving relationship and hard work the whole family shared. She also tells the story of the devastating trauma of being forced off the family farm with little more than the clothes on their backs, to be relocated to the Poston Internment Camp in Arizona in 1942. Copies of the book will be on sale at the event.

Dandelion Through the Crack/Kiyo's Story won the 2008 William Saroyan Prize for International Writing in non-fiction. Sato also received a grant from the California Civil Liberties Education Program (CCLPEP) in 1999 to create an educational video and workbook for school children about the Japanese-American evacuation. CCLPEP was a State-funded grant project administered by the California State Library from FY 98/99 through FY 10/11.

WHAT: A Night at the State Library

WHERE: Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building
914 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814

WHEN: Wednesday, May 14. Doors open at 5:30p.m. Program begins at 6:00 p.m. **The event is free with RSVP.** Light refreshments served.

RSVP at Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-night-at-the-state-library-presents-dandelion-through-the-crack-the-sato-family-quest-for-the-tickets-11349409389>. Please print free ticket and present at the door.

For questions: 916-651-6452 or csl-admin@library.ca.gov

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