

Spring 2026



One Book/One Coast Beale Memorial Library Program Schedule

- ◆ They Called Us Enemy Creative Writing Workshop
Friday, May 22nd at 4:30pm ~Tejon Room

Join the community reading the 2026 One Book, One Coast selection, then write from prompts related to a child's perspective of home, forced removal, and ultimately, incarceration.

- ◆ Emma Buckmaster: Bakersfield's Hero, A Family's Legend
Thursday, May 28th at 11am ~ Local History Room

All families have stories told to teach lessons and to inspire the next generation. Sometimes these stories are called family legends. Sometimes they involve courage and acting upon one's beliefs or values. Learn about Bakersfield hero Emma Buckmaster and her impact on a Japanese family and community. Join KGET's Robert Price along with siblings, and children of an incarcerated mother Ken Iritani and Susanna Minard, for this insightful discussion.

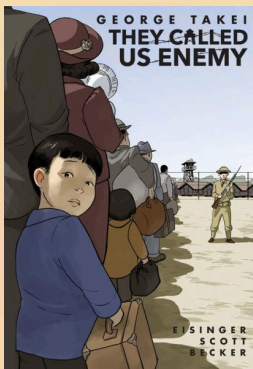
- ◆ Sister Cities Bakersfield-Wakayama
65 Years of Friendship, Sat. May 30th at 11am
Local History Room



Bakersfield Sister City relationship with Wakayama, Japan was established in 1961. This friendship has fostered cultural, educational, business, and civic exchanges that have enriched the lives of countless adults and school children in Bakersfield and in Wakayama. Over the years other sister cities have also been established. Join us for an OFF-SITE TOUR of our Sister City Gardens at Mill Creek at 1:30pm!

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701 Truxtun Avenue
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The Spring 2026 OB/OC Title Selection



A
Graphic
Novel by
George
Takei

