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**CRANDALL PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNOUNCES A NEW VENUE FOR  
AN EVENING WITH GEORGE TAKEI**

Glens Falls - - Crandall Public Library announced earlier this year that George Takei will be coming to Glens Falls on Wednesday, October 26, 2022. Within an hour of posting the news on their Facebook page, the event filled the 300-seat Charles R. Wood Theater. Due to the high demand from the community, the Library has relocated the program to the Glens Falls High School Auditorium.

"We were stunned by the overwhelming, instant interest in Mr. Takei's presentation. While hopeful to still honor our commitment to our neighbor, The Charles R. Wood Theater, by presenting a Children's event that evening, we know that Executive Director, Emily Murphy, understands why we changed our venue," stated Kathleen Naftaly, Library Director.

Takei will take the stage at the Glens Falls High School auditorium at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 26, 2022; doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Individuals that were previously registered or on the waitlist have been transferred to the new venue, and do not need to take any further action. All other interested attendees will have to register on

the Library's website, [www.crandalllibrary.org](http://www.crandalllibrary.org), for capacity reasons, and seating will be first come, first served at the event. The event is free due to generous funding from private foundations and donors, including funding from the American Library Association's American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grants for Libraries.

George Takei is a social justice activist, social media superstar, Grammy-nominated recording artist, New York Times bestselling author, and pioneering actor. He has appeared in more than 40 feature films and hundreds of television roles, most famously as Hikaru Sulu in Star Trek. Takei has served as the spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign's Coming Out Project and was Cultural Affairs Chairman of the Japanese American Citizens League. He is also chairman emeritus and a trustee of the Japanese American National Museum.

During the presentation, Takei will share the story of his family's forced internment as Japanese Americans during WWII – a seemingly forgotten part of American history. He will also take the audience through his rise to celebrity as a Sci-fi icon, his remarkable journey as a social media mega-power, and his passionate fight for LGBTQ rights and marriage equality in America.

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### **About Crandall Public Library:**

Crandall Public Library, established in 1892, offers a vast selection of approximately 350,000 reading, viewing, and listening materials (including digital formats); a Children's Library with several activity spaces; a designated Teen Center for our young adult

audience; computer and internet access for all; expansive programming to provide educational, cultural, and literary experiences (and a state-of-the-art venue in which to present them); free meeting and program space for local non-profits; and a comfortable, accessible space in which to read, study, and socialize. Regularly offered at Crandall are a progressive film series, live music, children and family programs, lectures on a variety of subjects, book discussion groups, computer classes, and more. Unique to Crandall Public Library is the Folklife Center, offering programs, exhibits, and research related to cultural traditions of the region. In 2019, over 325,000 people visited the Library. Visit [www.crandalllibrary.org](http://www.crandalllibrary.org).