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CRANDALL PUBLIC LIBRARY TO HOST AN EVENING WITH GEORGE TAKEI

Glens Falls - - Crandall Public Library is excited to announce that they will be hosting George Takei at the Charles R. Wood Theater on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. The evening will consist of a 45-minute presentation from Mr. Takei and a 30-minute question and answer session. Following the program, Mr. Takei will host a private VIP reception with the opportunity for photographs and intimate conversations.

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.

“We are beyond thrilled that Mr. Takei has agreed to come to Glens Falls and deliver his powerful and inspiring story to our community,” stated Kathleen Naftaly, Library Director. “Our goal is to fill the Wood Theater with people of all ages to hear his message of diversity, equality, and inclusion.”

Interested attendees will have to register on the Library’s website, 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.

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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.