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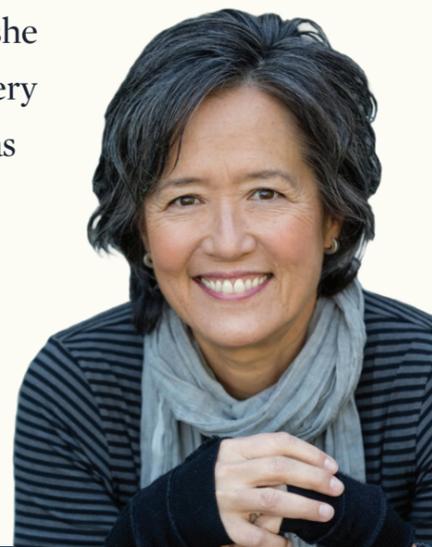
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Salem Reads sixth season features:

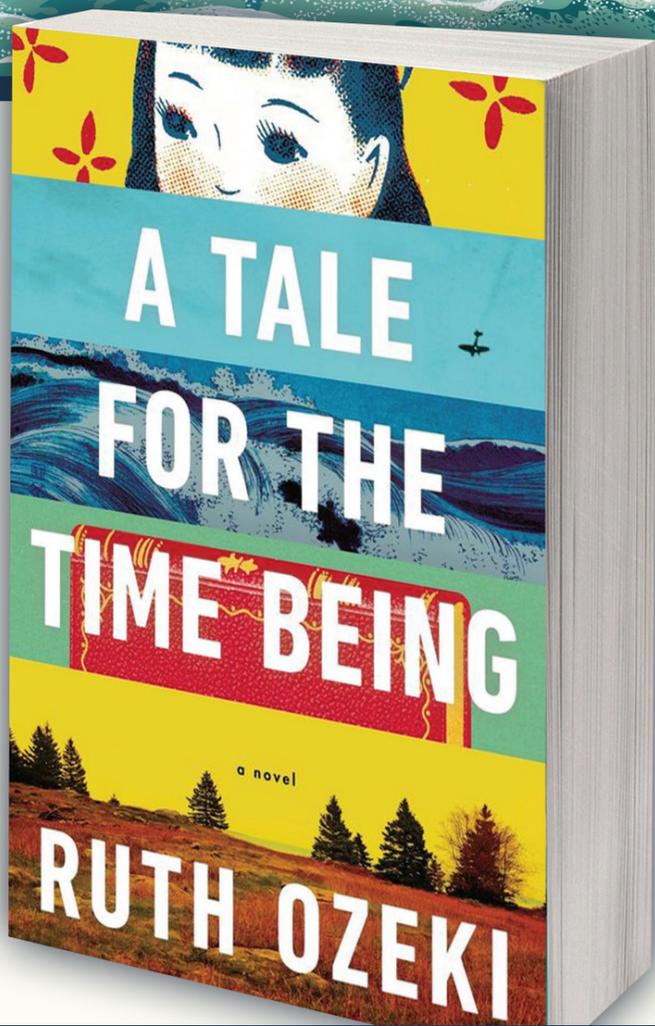
A Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki

Read the Book. Discuss the Topics. Enjoy the Programs.

Ruth, a writer, finds a Hello Kitty lunchbox washed up on a beach. Tucked inside is the diary of a Japanese girl named Nao. Once Ruth begins to read the diary, she quickly finds herself drawn into the mystery of Nao's fate. Meanwhile in Tokyo, Nao has decided there's only one escape from her aching loneliness and her classmates' bullying. But before she ends it all, Nao plans to document the life of a Buddhist nun in the pages of her secret diary.



Ruth Ozeki, Author



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UPCOMING EVENTS

» **Wednesday, December 8 | 10am-2pm**
Salem Public Library, Main Branch,
585 Liberty St SE Y

A Tale for the Time Being Book Giveaway

Pick up a free copy to keep of the Salem Reads chosen title, *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki, packaged with some special treats and crafts to enjoy as you prepare to explore this story set between Japan and Canada. Limit: One per visitor. The book can also be purchased at Friends Book Store, Salem Book Bin, and Reader's Guide. We hope you will join us for the sixth season of Salem Reads in February 2022.

» **January 3 through February 27 | Anytime** Y

Salem Reads: Dear Stranger Exchange

Reflect on your experience and beliefs and make new connections through this project that invites you to write a letter to "Dear Stranger." Using a model developed by Oregon Humanities, letters will be collected at the library to be exchanged and sent out to participants—so you send a letter and get a letter! You may write about anything you wish. It is your choice whether to sign your letter or remain anonymous. Submissions can be brought to any Salem Public Library Ask Me Desk or mailed to: Dear Stranger Project, Salem Public Library; 585 Liberty ST SE, Salem, OR 97301

» **January 10 to February 10 | Entries Accepted** Y

Voices of the Past Writing Contest for Teens and Adults

Blend family lore with imagination as you write a fictitious entry into the diary of one of your grandparents (or similar ancestor). It can be from any time period and tell any story from their lives. Share with readers the flavor and life of the people who helped shape you! First, second, and third place will be awarded for teen writers and adult writers. Top entries will be read at a special awards and recognition event February 26, 11am to noon.

» **Wednesday, January 26 | 8am**

KMUZ 100.7 Radio Show, Willamette Wakeup

Host Melanie Zermer will interview guests about Salem Reads.



» **Friday, January 28 | 9am**

KMUZ 100.7 Radio Show, Talking About Art

Host Joel Zak presents an interview of local artists participating in the Salem Reads Art Exhibit on display at the Salem Public Library February 1-26.

Y = Youth (ages 10-18) High Appeal Event

» **Tuesday, February 1-26 | during Library open hours** Y
Art Hall, 1st Floor, Main Salem Public Library

A Tale for the Time Being inspired Art Exhibit

View the work of local professional artists. Exhibit on display until February 26, then travels to regional libraries.

» **Thursday, February 3 | 6:30-7:30pm**
Live on Zoom; Sign up to receive Zoom access information on the day of the event at salemlibrary.org



Yuki Sugahara

Exploring Buddhism

Reverend Yuki Sugahara, resident minister of the Oregon Buddhist Temple, will discuss the framework and history of the Buddhist faith and the practice of Jodo Shinshu (or Shin) at this temple.

» **Friday, February 4 | 12-1pm**
Live on Zoom, register after January 4, 2022 at www.salemcityclub.com
Salem City Club members free, non-members \$5

Salem City Club presents: Understanding ShakeAlert®—An Earthquake Early Warning System for the West Coast of the United States



If people in western Oregon receive a warning that a major earthquake is imminent—say 10 to 30 seconds away—what difference can it make? Join us to hear two Oregon experts on ShakeAlert® explain why and how ShakeAlert® technology was developed, how it will warn us of an imminent earthquake, and how that warning can save lives, property, and critical infrastructure. Althea Rizzo is the Geological Hazards Program Coordinator in the Oregon Office of Emergency Management. Lucy Walsh is the Oregon Regional ShakeAlert® Coordinator with the Oregon Hazards Lab in the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of Oregon.

» **Saturday, February 5 | 2-3:30pm** Y
Tentative hybrid event; Limited seating (if possible) in Loucks Auditorium, Main Library 585 Liberty St SE (masks required); Also available to view live on Zoom; Sign up to receive Zoom access information on the day of the event at salemlibrary.org

Portland Taiko

Portland Taiko blends the tradition of Japanese taiko drumming with a sense of Asian American identity, creativity, and empowerment. The group will explore these themes in a heart-pounding performance that celebrates the best of taiko drumming.



All events are free, except where noted. Sign up for events begins January 6, 2022.
All plans for in-person events are tentative and subject to change to virtual events as City of Salem Library staff continue to follow local, state, and federal guidance regarding COVID-19.

» **Tuesday, February 8 | 6:30-7:30pm** Y
Live on Zoom; Sign up to receive Zoom access information on the day of the event at salemlibrary.org

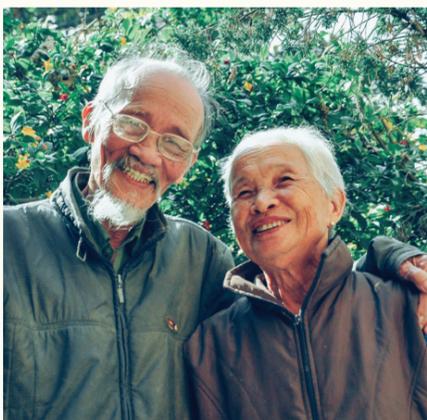
Japanese Americans in Oregon

Chisao Hata of the Japanese American Museum of Oregon will explore key elements of the history of Japanese immigrants in Oregon, with a focus on the experience and impact of the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II by the United States government.

» **Wednesday, February 9 | 10:30-11:30am**
Anderson Rooms, Main Library, 585 Liberty St SE

Connecting with Your Past, Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Workshop

A Tale for the Time Being involves four generations of one family. Let's get started on the basics of your genealogical research, including using Ancestry.com, Library Edition. We will also show you how to find records of your ancestors in a country other than the United States.



» **Deadline: Thursday, February 10 | 7-8:30pm** Y
Deadline to enter February 10, awards and readings February 26

Voices of the Past Writing Contest for Teens and Adults

This is the final day to turn in your fictitious entry from the diary of one of your grandparents (or similar ancestor). First, second, and third place will be awarded for teen writers and adult writers. Top entries will be read at a special awards and recognition event Saturday, February 26, 11am to noon.

» **Saturday, February 12 | 10:15am-1:15pm**
Live on Zoom; The workshop is free. Space is limited. Sign up to receive Zoom access information on the day of the event at salemlibrary.org

From Ordinary to Magical: A Magical Realism Writing Workshop for Adults

Join Elizabeth Beechwood in this lively, interactive workshop that's suitable for all levels of writers. With the help of writing prompts, you'll explore the world of magical realism and how to use the seemingly ordinary to create something magical. There will be time to write, explore, and share (if you're comfortable with that!). Bring your writing implement of choice and a playful spirit.

» **Saturday, February 12 | 2-5pm** Y
Live on Zoom; The workshop is free. Space is limited. Sign up to receive Zoom access information on the day of the event at salemlibrary.org

A Magical Realism Writing Workshop for Teens

Wish the world was full of wonder? Want to explore the magical and the strange? Join Kate Ristau for a journey into

magical realism and fabulism! We'll create our own characters as we dive deep into the magic and possibility of a story well-told. Bring your notebooks and pens. With a splash of magic, the possibilities are endless. Grades 6 -12.

» **Tuesday, February 15 | 6:30-7:30pm**
Live on Zoom; Sign up to receive Zoom access information on the day of the event at salemlibrary.org

Virtual Book Club

Pass a pleasant evening in the comfort of your own home while sharing your thoughts about the story and themes of *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki.

» **Thursday, February 17 | 6-7:30 pm** Y
Story Rooms, 2nd Floor Main Library, 585 Liberty St SE

Japanese Culture Night for Teens

Middle and high school-aged youth are invited to share what they know and learn more about life and culture in Japan, including manga and anime, J-pop, art, fandoms, snacks, and traditions.

» **Friday, February 18 | 10-11am**
Live on Zoom; Sign up to receive Zoom access information on the day of the event at salemlibrary.org

Virtual Book Club

Meet your neighbors online to explore themes and deepen your understanding of *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki.

» **Tuesday, February 22 | 6:30-7:30pm**
Live on Zoom; Sign up to receive Zoom access information on the day of the event at salemlibrary.org

Salem, Oregon and Kawagoe, Japan: Sister Cities

Salem has a sister city, but how well do we know her? Learn about Kawagoe, Japan from people who know its history, people, and attractions. Information will also be included about the Sister City program and how it enriches both communities.

» **Thursday, February 24 | 6:30-8pm**
Live on Zoom; Sign up to receive Zoom access information on the day of the event at salemlibrary.org

Japanese Trivia Night

What do you know about Japanese food, movies, music, manga, anime, and more? Find out by playing pub style trivia online! You can compete on your own or as a team. There will be prizes.

» **Saturday, February 26 | 11-12 noon**
Anderson Rooms, Main Library, 585 Liberty St SE

Voices of the Past: Writing Contest Reading and Awards

Hear the fascinating stories inspired by the ancestors of Salem's writers at this reading of a selection of fictitious diary entries based on family lore. Prizes will be presented to the first, second, and third place teen and adult winners of the Voices of the Past contest.

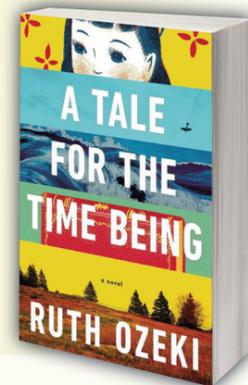
» About the Author

Ozeki's acclaimed, award-winning 2013 novel tells the stories of two lives that entwine across the Pacific Ocean. Ruth is a novelist living on a coastal island in Vancouver, BC and struggling with her mother's illness and writer's block. She becomes wrapped up in the story of 16-year-old Nao Yasutani of Tokyo after discovering the girl's diary in a Hello Kitty lunchbox washed ashore following a tsunami in Japan. Ruth becomes absorbed by the drama of Nao's life and her unknown fate.

» Salem Reads

Salem Reads is a community reads project that invites everyone in Salem to read the same book, take part in discussions, and enjoy related programs throughout the month of February 2022. The Salem Public Library Foundation sees Salem Reads as an opportunity to increase the Library's visibility, and act as a catalyst to bring the community together for discussions relevant to our time. Our selection of *A Tale for the Time Being*, allows broad community engagement as we offer programs on topics of importance to our city.

Salem Reads chosen title, *A Tale for the Time Being*, will be given away Wednesday December 8 (details on page 2) 300 books will be distributed in a grab and go style pick up at the Main Library. If you miss the giveaway, we have 55 library print copies in circulation along with e-books and audio books online through cloudLibrary and Libby platforms.

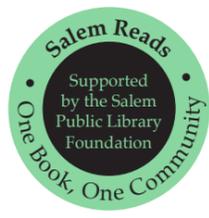


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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 Jan 3-Feb 26: Submit letters for Dear Stanger Exchange	31 Jan 10-Feb 10: Voices of the Past Writing Contest	1 Art Exhibit Opens Main Library, 1st Floor Art Hall, Feb 1-26		3 Exploring Buddhism Zoom 6:30-7:30 pm	4 Salem City Club: ShakeAlert® Zoom Noon-1pm	5 Portland Taiko 2-3:30pm
	7 LIBRARY CLOSED	8 Pacific Northwest Japanese History Zoom 6:30-7:30pm	9 Genealogy Workshop Anderson Room, Plaza Level 10:30-11:30am	10 Deadline: Voices of the Past	11	12 Adult Writing Workshop Zoom, 10:15am-1:15pm Teen Writing Workshop Zoom, 2-5pm
13	14	15 Virtual Book Club Zoom 6:30-7:30pm	16	17 Japanese Culture Night for Teens Story Rooms, Floor 2, Main Library 6-7:30pm	18 Virtual Book Club Zoom 10-11am	
	21 PRESIDENT'S DAY	22 Sister Cities Zoom 6:30-7:30pm		24 Japanese Trivia Night Zoom 6:30-8pm	25	26 Voices of the Past Awards Anderson Room, Plaza Level 11am-noon
		For easy access to live links, please go to our website, splfoundation.org , and use the dropdown Salem Reads tab.		 Like Salem (OR) Public Library on Facebook and get Salem Reads updates.		

» Sponsors and Partners

Salem Reads is possible because of the amazing generosity of our sponsors and partners. Thank you for funding, programs, and in-kind services to support our goal of bringing the community together through reading and the Library. Heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to the success of the sixth season of Salem Reads.

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