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February 23, 1988

Ms. Sue Kunitomi Embrey  
Friends of the Little Tokyo  
Public Library Services  
948 E. Second St.  
Los Angeles, CA. 90012-4382

Dear Sue:

Thank you for your good letter of February 10, and congratulations on the new home for your library in September.

I so totally support the wonderful work the Friends of the Little Tokyo Public Library Services ~~are~~ doing that I wish very much I could be a part of your opening celebration this fall.

Unfortunately, I have been suffering from CEBV (Chronic Mononucleosis) for the past two years and have been unable to travel or accept any speaking engagements. My Dr. feels it best that I not make any commitments for the time being, so it is with much regret that I must decline your kind invitation.

My best wishes to all of you. Perhaps I could send you an autographed book when you are settled in your new quarters.

All the best,

FRIENDS OF THE LITTLE TOKYO  
PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES  
948 East Second Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012-4382

February 10, 1988

Ms. Yoshiko Uchida  
c/o Mr. Donald S. Ellis  
Creative Arts Book Company  
833 Bancroft Way  
Berkeley, CA 94710

Dear Miss Uchida:

The Friends of the Little Tokyo Public Library Services was organized several years ago to make a 50-year effort and vision come true - the establishment of a branch of the Los Angeles City Library in the Little Tokyo area.

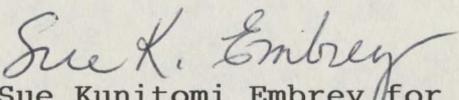
As a support group, we have raised and donated funds for the Bookmobile which makes regular stops every Saturday at the Little Tokyo Square Shopping Mall. Soon, the new Centenary United Methodist Church and multi-purpose building will be completed. The library will have a home in this multi-purpose building for five years, due to the generosity of the Church congregation. The Friends group is committed to raise funds for furniture and equipment for the library facilities.

After the Church and library facilities are dedicated sometime in September of this year, we would like to host a program featuring you as our guest author/speaker. For the past four years, we have had author-recognition luncheons which have been very popular with our members. We extend an invitation to you to be part of our opening celebration. We will pay your transportation costs. Our President, Marian Kadomatsu, will host you in her home. We are thinking in terms of late October, early November for this event.

Please advise us if you are willing and able to be our guest author-speaker. We can probably make arrangements for display and sale of your many books on Japanese Americans.

I hope to hear from you soon with an affirmative response.

Sincerely yours,

  
Sue Kunitomi Embrey for  
FRIENDS OF THE LITTLE TOKYO  
PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES

cc: Ms. Marian Kadomatsu

Oct/Nov '88  
Regrets

March 7, 1988

Dear Marcia:

Of course I remember you and my lovely visit to Vacaville!  
It was nice to hear from you again, and I wish it were possible  
for me to speak at your museum this fall.

Unfortunately, I have been suffering from chronic Mononucleosis  
symptoms for the past 2 years and have had to decline all invita-  
tions to speak or travel. My writing is "on hold" as well,  
although 2 books I'd written earlier were published last year.  
One is an adult novel which I hope you'll read someday.

Please explain my situation to Judy Cook and extend my regrets  
to her as well. I'm truly sorry to send this negative word,  
but I'm just not able to make any commitments for now.

I hope all's well with you.

All the best,

113 Seneca Way  
Vacaville, CA 95688  
29 February 1988

Dear Yoshiko Uchida,

Perhaps you may remember me as I asked you to speak at a Delta Kappa Gamma function here in Vacaville (at the Nut Tree) in December of 1981. You were wonderful!!

I am writing now because I am volunteering at the Vacaville Museum. We are planning our next exhibit which will be about the Japanese of Solano County. The exhibit will run from June 24 - November 27, 1988 (tentative dates).

I told the museum director that you are a wonderful

author and she asked me to contact you to see if you have time available in late October/early November to speak to an adult group at the museum.

Coincidentally, I also spoke to Judy Cook, Vacaville Unified School District's Media Director who coordinates a program called Author Days which is held in the district each year. She has also expressed an interest in having you as a speaker and said she would be contacting you in the near future. The museum and the School district would like to work together in sponsoring your time here. (Since there are 10 elementary schools, I think the district asks the author to

plan on 4-5 days - Judy would have to tell you about that).

Please let me know if you will have time available during late October/early November and how we can make arrangements to have your books available for sale at the museum during the time that our exhibit is open.

I am very excited about the prospect of being able to hear you speak again and hope that you are able to do so.

Most sincerely,  
Marcia Jeffers  
113 Seneca Way  
Vacaville, CA 95688  
(707) 447-0584

April 7/88 ?

# PARK DAY SCHOOL

368 42nd Street, Oakland, California 94609

(415) 653-0317

Dear Ms Uehida,

I teach at a wonderful, small private school in Oakland. My class of 15 fourth graders is studying Japan this year. We've read Journey to Japan and Journey Home plus some of the students have read your novels on their own. They love your books.

Do you ever make guest appearances at school classrooms. If so we would love to have you visit. It would be quite an honor for all of us.

Please let me know if this is possible - 653-0317 or 658-0680  
(work) (home)

Yours truly,

Julie Treanberg

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# Summerdale School

1100 Summerdale Drive  
San Jose, California 95132  
Phone (408) 923-1960

KATIE KAUFMAN  
Principal



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Resets.*

June 17, 1988

Yoshiko Uchida  
645 63rd Street  
Oakland, CA 94609

Dear Yoshiko Uchida:

At Summerdale we're very excited about scheduling authors to visit our school so that our students may become even more motivated in the joy of reading good literature books.

If you will be available the coming school year to speak with our students, we'd be most delighted.

If this arrangement will be possible, please let me know when you will be available; as well as what will be the cost of your services.

I will be on vacation the month of July, but will be returning on August 2. I'd appreciate hearing from you at that time, as I'd like to finalize plans that month.

With much excitement, I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

*Katie Kaufman*  
Katie Kaufman

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TEL: 634/3548

929 2nd St  
Brentwood,  
CA 94513

August 18, 1988

Yoshiko Uchida  
1685 Solano Avenue  
Berkeley, CA 94707

Dear Miss Uchida,

I am writing once again about the possibility of making arrangements for you to come and speak to the 4th and 5th graders at our Garin School. We are very flexible with the specific date, but would like very much to have you visit in either March or the middle of April, if you can fit us into your schedule.

We have an extensive reading and writing program in our schools, with the older children writing and binding their own books to enter in the Contra Costa County Young Authors Program. In March the students also will be voting on their favorite Young Reader Medal book and having a visiting author, at this time, always makes it a more memorable experience.

I understand that you were experiencing health difficulties, I sincerely hope you are once again feeling well. I look forward to hearing from you, at your convenience, thank-you for your consideration.

p.c 9/4/88  
I regret that  
cont'd (more completed) health  
prob prevent me from accepting  
any sch engagements or foreseeable future.  
I'm sorry not able visit school. CB.

Sincerely,  
*Joanne McCain*  
Joanne McCain, Librarian



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520 THIRD STREET, SUITE 104 • 6 FOURTH STREET BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND CLAY STREETS  
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94607-3520 (415) 268-0572 or 1-800-FIGHT MS

*Reprints*

October 17, 1988

Ms. Yoshiko Uchida  
1685 Solano Ave. #102  
Berkeley, CA 94707

Dear Ms. Uchida,

The Northern California Multiple Sclerosis Society invites you to play a vital role in the state's largest charity reading program: The MS Read-a-Thon. Our 15th Annual Read-a-Thon is scheduled for next spring and we'd like to offer a visit from a known children's author, such as yourself, as an award to one of the most improved schools participating in the program.

Read-a-Thon began 14 years ago and concentrates on providing value to the participants, as well as the beneficiaries, of the fundraiser. Read-a-Thon does this by teaching the pleasure of independent reading and the rewards of helping others, while raising funds to underwrite services and research for people with MS, the number one disabler of young adults.

The type of workshop you would lead depends only on your time and inclination. It can be as brief as an hour or you could plan a full day of exercises. You can plan it yourself or work with the particular school and the MS Society to generate a program. A suggested format would be a reading from one of your books or running a writing workshop for the students.

Should you agree to participate, we would make every effort to schedule the workshop at an elementary school in your area. The MS Society will reimburse you for mileage and any travel expenses. As an honorarium, we will purchase a copy of your latest book as a gift to the school at which you appear.

Enclosed please find more information on the Multiple Sclerosis Read-a-Thon and a reply form so that we can schedule your workshop at a mutually agreeable time in the late spring or early fall. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or would like to schedule a workshop. My phone number is (415) 268-0572 or 1-800-FIGHT MS.

Sincerely,

*Lesley Yarborough*

Lesley Yarborough  
Fundraising Coordinator

SCHEDULE  
YOUNG AUTHORS' CONFERENCE

APRIL 28, 1988  
GRADES 3-5

8:50- 9:00	Arrival
9:00- 9:10	Welcome
9:10- 9:45	Guest author, Jasper Tompkins
9:45- 9:55	Review day's schedule; break
9:55-10:45	Mini-session 1
10:45-11:35	Sharing of writing in small groups; lunch
11:40-12:30	Mini-session 2
12:35- 1:25	Mini-session 3
1:30- 1:55	Presentation of certificates
1:55- 2:00	Closing and dismissal

Fairplay Elementary School  
3855 N.E. Hwy. 20  
Corvallis, Or 97330  
October 19, 1988

Yoshiko Uchida  
1685 Solano Ave.  
Berkeley, Ca 94707

I regret very much that  
long-term health problems  
prevent me from making any  
commitments of this kind for  
the next year. So sorry to send  
this negative word -

Yoshiko Uchida  
10/24/88

Dear Ms Uchida;

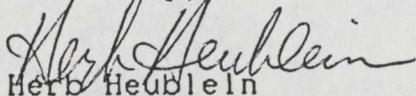
The Corvallis School District, Corvallis, Oregon is planning its 11th annual Young Authors' Conference to take place April 20, 1989. The conference is the culminating activity of programs designed to inspire and encourage children to write, illustrate, and publish their own writings. Approximately 200 students, grades three through five, will attend the conference which will be held in LaSells-Stewart Center on the O.S.U. campus.

I am inquiring as to your availability to be the Guest Author for the 1989 Conference. Your daylong involvement would include: a keynote address of approximately 35-40 minutes to all participants, describing your experiences as an author and writer; three 50 minute small group sessions emphasizing techniques of writing and/or illustrating. I have enclosed a copy of the 1988 conference schedule for your information. The 1989 conference schedule will be similar.

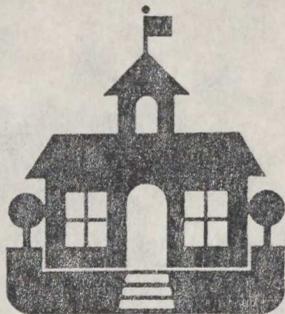
Because of an austere budget for the 1988-89 school year, we would need to know your fee and expenses we would be expected to pay before the District could make a final commitment.

Please contact me as soon as possible regarding your availability and fees.

Sincerely,



Herb Heublein  
co-chair, Young Authors' Conference  
(503) 757-5775 or 757-5968



# Galt Joint Union School District

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October 27, 1988

Dear Yoshika Uchida,

The 1988-1989 school year is under way and I am in the process of setting up an Author's Day at our school. I am interested in having an author who would be willing to go into the individual classrooms and share the insights of being an author, plus sharing of books.

April, May or (the beginning of) June are the three months that we would like to have authors here at our school. The break down for the individual classrooms would be either grades K-3 or 4-6.

If one of the months listed above would work into your busy schedule, I would appreciate a note or you calling me. I will also need to know a couple of things: 1. your fee 2. which days during those months would be good for you 3. with what grade levels you feel most comfortable 4. a brief summary of your presentation and 5. perhaps a list of your books that have been published.

I await your reply. Thank you for your time!

*Linda McLevich*

Linda McLevich  
Reading Specialist  
21 C Street  
Galt, California 95632  
(209) 745-1564

District Office  
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Galt, CA 95632  
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FRIENDS OF THE  
JAPANESE COLLECTION  
Western Addition Branch Library  
1550 Scott Street, San Francisco, California 94115



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Nov. 23, 1988

Yoshiko Uchida  
1685 Solano Ave.  
Berkeley, CA 94707

Dear Ms. Uchida:

As a librarian, I've enjoyed reading your books and following your distinguished career, and have especially been looking forward to the new paperback edition of Picture Bride. Because of your intimate connection with books and with the Japanese American experience, I--as Chairperson of the Friends of the Japanese Collection--would like to ask you if you might consider allowing us to use your name as a key sponsor for our next membership drive in February or March, 1989. Presently, the Friends--established 1½ years ago--has a membership of some 65 individuals and 3 businesses/organizations. We are pledged to helping support the Japanese Collection through fundraising, publicity, and the sponsorship of special programs. During our first year, we co-sponsored, along with the Japanese Consulate, a lecture and reception featuring film critic, Audie Bock; staffed a booth at the Annual Nihonmachi St. Fair; purchased an audiocassette rack, a daily Japanese language newspaper, and over \$1300 worth of periodicals and books for the Japanese and Japanese Interest Collections.

In our upcoming membership drive, we are hoping to elicit the support of even more individuals and, especially, of corporations that benefit from having a large general collection which promotes better understanding between Japan and the U.S., and between Americans of Japanese ancestry and other groups. Having the endorsement of a prominent author who has devoted her life to similar educational goals would, I believe, help to encourage others to become members and to utilize the valuable, "free" resources the library provides.

What would sponsorship entail? We would hope it would mean that you would be willing to have your signature placed on a membership appeal letter, which you have approved. This would be sent out to approximately 200-300 individuals and businesses. In addition, we would like to have the opportunity to meet with you briefly in order to have a publicity photograph taken (perhaps a picture of you signing a library copy of your most recent work), which we could use in conjunction with the kick-off for the campaign. We could either arrange to meet at your house, the library, or some other agreed-upon spot.

In your interview with Annie Nakao (S.F. Examiner, 10-30-88), you mention the special appeal your books have for new Asian immigrants today.

Since many of our users are shin-Issei, children of recent immigrants, older Nisei or Issei, or Sansei parents who want their children to know something about their Japanese roots, having you as our sponsor for the kind of unique collection we offer would be a real thrill for all involved. Please help us continue our efforts to build an outstanding collection which reflects--and preserves--the needs, interests, diversity, and heritage of the Japanese American community we serve.

I would appreciate hearing an initial response from you by December 9th, as I will be on vacation for the remainder of that month. My phone number is 346-9531, Tuesdays - Fridays.

Best regards,

*Kathleen Hirooka*

Kathleen Hirooka  
Chair, Board of Directors

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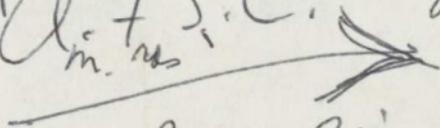
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- 2-4 pm Asian Ingredients: Buying and Cooking the Staple Foods of China, Japan and S.E. Asia, JEANNETTE FERRARY and LOUISE FISZER (Season to Taste: Herbs and Spices in American Cooking), JEFFREE SAPP BROOKS (The Art of Accompaniment: Making Condiments), and SYLVIA THOMPSON (Feasts and Friends: Recipes from a Lifetime).
- Dec. 11  
Sunday  
8 pm KERMIT LYNCH, wine merchant and raconteur, will reminisce over his years of roaming the French countryside, finding marvellous vineyards and encountering various individuals dedicated to the grape. Kermit's new book, Adventures on the Wine Route: A Wine Buyer's Tour of France, is an unabashed delight further enhanced by the photographs of Gail Skoff.
- Dec. 14  
Wed.  
8 pm WENDELL BERRY, poet, essayist, farmer, and novelist, will present his new novel, Remembering, and read from his Collected Poems. This should provide a superb closing to our 1988 readings and talks, leaving in the hushed air those words most appropriate. As The Washington Post says, "Wendell Berry speaks as well as anyone of what is genuine, what is creative, what is ennobling."

*All of these events are free, and you are warmly invited.*

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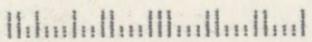
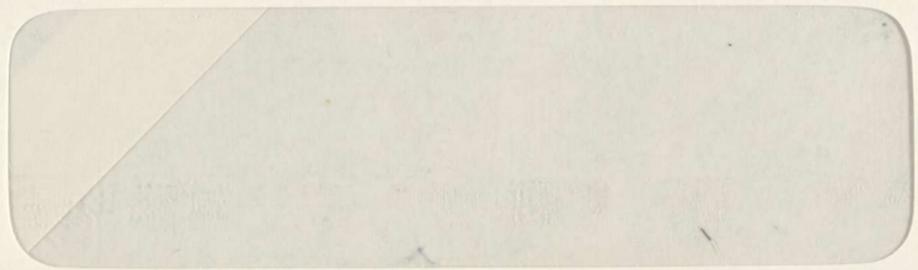
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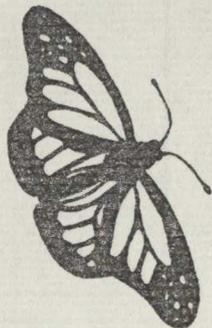
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Majestic Way Elementary School

Estella Quintanilla, Principal

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1855 MAJESTIC WAY

San Jose, California 95132  
(408) 923-1925

*Dear Uchida Yoshiko,*

I am writing to you on behalf of the students and staff at Majestic Way Elementary School. We are a K-5 public school with about 600 students located in northeast San Jose, California. We are particularly stressing writing experiences and appreciation of literature in our curriculum.

We would be excited and appreciative if you would come and visit our students to discuss your works, insights and inspirations. You could visit individual classes, grade levels, or large group assemblies. We would be eager to prepare our students for any format you would like to share with them: leading writing experiences, readings, autographing, question-and-answer discussions, etc.

Please write or call our school, if you are interested, to make arrangements for your visit. Scheduling can be very flexible.

We look forward to hearing from you!!

Sincerely,

Mark Owens

*Mark Owens*