

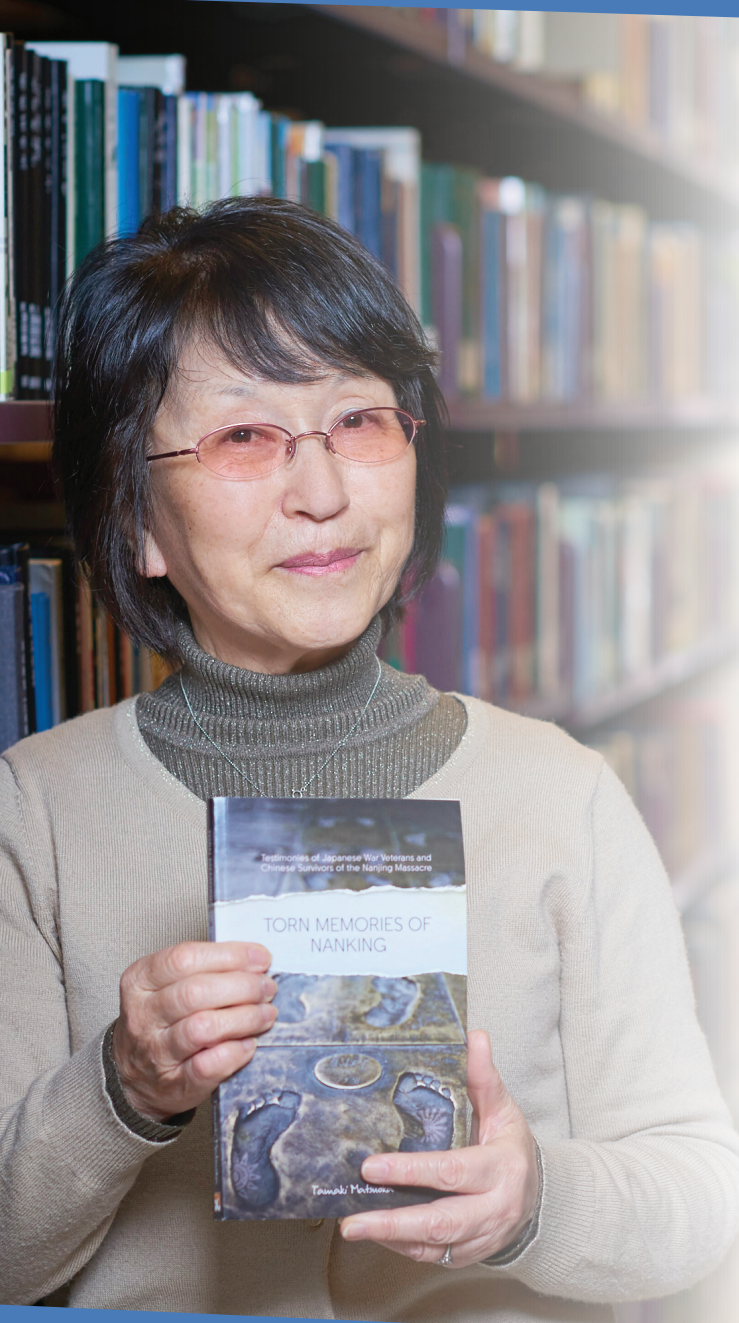
# Commemoration of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Nanking Massacre



Taiping Gate in 1937

Thursday  
**Dec 14, 2017**  
6:45-9:00 pm  
Performance Hall  
Richmond Public Library  
100-7700 Minoru Gate,  
Richmond

## Documentary Screening (75 min) *1300 Lives Lost by Taiping (Peace) Gate* Book Reading *Torn Memories of Nanking*



### Join us to appreciate the works of **Tamaki Matsuoka** - “The Conscience of Japan”

During the 1937 Nanking Massacre, 300,000 civilians and unarmed soldiers were killed by Japanese soldiers over the course of two months in Nanjing (Nanking), China. 20,000 women and girls were raped.

From her relatively humble beginnings as an elementary school teacher in Osaka, Japan, Tamaki Matsuoka (松岡環) has become one of the fiercest advocates for remembrance and recognition of the 1937 Nanking Massacre, thanks to her efforts over the past 30 years to record hundreds of testimonies of both survivors and perpetrators.

Now, her own testimony is preserved in University of South California Shoah Foundation's Nanking Massacre collection. Matsuoka's testimony is the first non-survivor testimony in the collection. She is committed to giving a voice to the silenced victims of the Nanking Massacre and creating a final chance to the perpetrators to come to terms with their own past.

#### Presenters:

- **Wendy Jang** Coordinator, Multicultural and Chinese Community Services of Richmond Public Library
- **John Price** History Professor of University of Victoria
- **Thekla Lit** Co-chair of Canada ALPHA & President of BC ALPHA (Association for Learning & Preserving the History of WWII in Asia)

Free Admission | Limited Seating

Sign up Required - [www.yourlibrary.ca/events](http://www.yourlibrary.ca/events)

For more information: [www.alpha-canada.org](http://www.alpha-canada.org)

