



2016 COMMON READ HIGHLIGHTS

The University's Common Read program is an annual campus-wide community-building initiative that centers on a book selected based on its coverage of one or more of five main themes: service, citizenship, cultural diversity, life transitions, and coming of age. On October 19, Minnesota State University, Mankato welcomed award-winning author, Julie Otsuka to campus. As part of the Keynote Event for the 7th annual Common Read program, Ms. Otsuka gave an insightful talk in the Centennial Student Union (CSU) Ballroom on her book, *When the Emperor was Divine*. An audience of approximately 300 people were in attendance for the evening event. Earlier in the afternoon, the author visited two of Dr. Paul Prew's Sociology classes, which allowed 300 students the opportunity to hear her speak before her evening presentation. Library Services thanks the Good Thunder Reading Series for their support in bringing author Julie Otsuka to campus.

The University's Common Read program showcases numerous ways Minnesota State Mankato collaborates on and off campus. Library Services and the Common Read Committee would like to thank everyone who included the reading of *When the Emperor was Divine* in their classrooms and departmental areas. Library Services acknowledges the Women's Center and the Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning (CETL) for hosting book discussions during the fall semester. Gratitude also goes to the Honors Department for its students' efforts in leading additional book discussions on and off campus and to Student Activities for hosting a Stomper Cinema movie showing of *Toyo's Camera*, which provided an inside view of activities within Japanese-American internment camps during World War II.

Library Services sends heartfelt thanks to all of the organizations and people who participated in the 1000 Peace Cranes project and were responsible for the creation of over 3000 origami cranes. Much appreciation goes to Community Engagement for the various origami crane folding events they held including cranes made as part of the Sibley Park Clean-Up, the Coffee & Cranes event held at Tandem Bagels, the community event held at the Blue

Earth County Historical Society, and the Origami Peace Crane Party with Leisure Education for Exceptional People (LEEP) members.

Library Services is grateful to Dr. Gina Wenger for sharing her knowledge on Japanese-American internment camps at the Emy Frenz Art Gallery and for organizing the What Remains: Photos of the Japanese American Concentration Camps photography display in the CSU Gallery, which included an exhibition of over 1,000 paper cranes personally created by her. Finally, a special mention goes to Professor Liz Miller and her students in art installation classes Art 285, 385, 485, 585 and 685 for creating the colorful origami crane displays found in the Centennial Student Union, the Earley Center for Performing Arts and the Memorial Library.

This year's Common Read activities clearly demonstrate that when we collaborate at Minnesota State Mankato, what we create is truly greater than the sum of our parts. Thank you everyone for your participation in this year's activities.



Author Julie Otsuka visits Dr. Gina Wenger's What Remains: Photos of the Japanese American Concentration Camps show in the Centennial Student Union Gallery.

THE 2017 COMMON READ ANNOUNCEMENT

The Common Read book for 2017 will be *Out of Chaos: Reflections of a University President and his Contemporaries on Vietnam-Era Unrest in Mankato and its Relevance Today* by James F. Nickerson. Dr. Nickerson served as the president of Mankato State College during the 1960s and 1970s, a time of turbulence on many US campuses. The book reflects on Nickerson's leadership during those years in Mankato. He is acknowledged by many as being a central force that kept the student protests and their aftermath from descending into chaos. In addition to being the 2017 Common Read, *Out of Chaos* was selected to serve as a complement to the upcoming sesquicentennial celebrations marking the 150th year anniversary of Minnesota State University, Mankato. A new edition of the book is in the works and will be available for purchase during spring semester. A Common Read planning meeting is being organized for January 2017. Faculty, students and staff who would like to participate in the planning of next year's Common Read activities should contact Monika Antonelli, Common Read Chair, at monika.antonelli@mnsu.edu.



Dr. James Nickerson Sitting at his Desk.
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Database Recommendation – Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews

Cochrane Collection Plus, a comprehensive database collection from the Cochrane Library, is an essential source of high quality health care data for both providers, patients and those responsible for researching, teaching, funding and administrating at all levels of the medical profession. Of particular interest is the **Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews**. This database provides access to the meta-analysis of research articles and provides the names and affiliations of the reviews of articles. The articles within are of great help to Nursing students researching PICOT questions for Evidence Based Practice. It is highly recommended by the Nursing Faculty at Minnesota State University, Mankato for all health science research. Contact Paul Wyss, paul.wyss@mnsu.edu with questions on this resource.

THE ARCHIVATION LINE

Did you know that the Archives and Preservation department has a blog? The **Archivation Line** details many of the adventures in Archives and Preservation within Library Services at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Posts include details about new processed manuscript collections in the **MSU Archives**, preservation projects, records management, exciting new additions to the **Taylor Center Hall of Champions display**, new digital collections and projects in **ARCH**, information on **Cornerstone**, and more! Learn more about the most fascinating departments in the library by visiting The Archivation Line, <http://thearchivationline.blogspot.com>, today! Questions on The Archivation Line? Contact the Archives at: archives@mnsu.edu.

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