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## 2016 COMMON READ PROGRAM

The Common Read program at Minnesota State University, Mankato is beginning its seventh year. This year's book is *When the Emperor Was Divine* which tells the story of a Japanese American family's internment in an enemy alien camp in Utah during World War II. On October 19, 2016, author Julie Otsuka will give the Common Read keynote address on campus. The free event, which is being held in partnership with the Good Thunder Reading Series, is open to the public and will take place in the Centennial Student Union Ballroom from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Julie Otsuka will also be presenting additional programs on her most recent book on October 20, as part of the Good Thunder Reading Series at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Throughout the fall semester, the Common Read program will be hosting a variety of activities related to *When the Emperor Was Divine*. Campus and community members are invited to fold origami peace cranes and be part of the 1,000 Peace Crane Project. The completed peace cranes will be incorporated into several art installations around campus. To learn more about the project, visit the web page [www.mnsu.edu/commonread/cranes/thousandcranes.html](http://www.mnsu.edu/commonread/cranes/thousandcranes.html). For more information about the Common Read or for a list of resources related to the book, visit the website at [www.mnsu.edu/commonread](http://www.mnsu.edu/commonread).



## UPCOMING COMMON READ BOOK DISCUSSION

This fall, CETL, Library Services, and the Common Read Committee are hosting a book discussion on the 2016-2017 Common Read, *When the Emperor Was Divine* by Julie Otsuka. Join us, **Friday, September 23 from 10:00-11:30 A.M. in ML 88A Conference Room.** Copies of the book will be available to the first five registrants. Additional copies are available for checkout through the Library.



## CORNERSTONE'S GLOBAL REACH

Cornerstone: A Collection of Scholarly and Creative Works (<http://cornerstone.lib.mnsu.edu>) is now celebrating its second full year of operation and we wanted to share some amazing numbers with you. Since it went live on June 17, 2014, the 2,747 items in Cornerstone have been downloaded a total of 199,608 times. People from over 206 different countries have viewed items from Cornerstone.

The most downloaded item in Cornerstone is Michael Chavez's 2015 Master of Science thesis in Gender and Women's Studies titled **Representing Us All? Race, Gender and Sexuality in Orange is the New Black** with an impressive download count of 6,396! For more information on Cornerstone, contact the Digital Initiatives Librarian, Heidi Southworth at [heid.southworth@mnsu.edu](mailto:heid.southworth@mnsu.edu).

## STUDENT RESEARCH SUPPORT

### Do you teach a class involving student research?

According to the *Ithaka S+R US Faculty Survey 2015*, faculty increasingly report students struggle to locate and evaluate scholarly information.<sup>1</sup> Librarians can help! Request library sessions for your classes at <http://lib.mnsu.edu/services/instructform/index.php> or contact the Instructional Services Librarian, Jenny Turner ([jennifer.turner@mnsu.edu](mailto:jennifer.turner@mnsu.edu)) to discuss library options for a class or specific assignment.

1 Wolff, C., Rod, A. B., & Schonfeld, R. C. (2016, April 4). *Ithaka S+R US Faculty Survey 2015* (<http://dx.doi.org/10.18665/sr.277685>).

## CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

This year Library Services is proud to announce five student scholarship winners. Three students were selected to receive Library Scholarships. They are Carthan Fears, Eh Pho Say and Karisa Zachar. Two students, Zua Her and Adrianna Medrano, were awarded Dorothy Van Norman Scholarships.

### 2016/2017 Library Scholarship Winners!



**Carthan Fears**  
Computer Engineering  
Technology



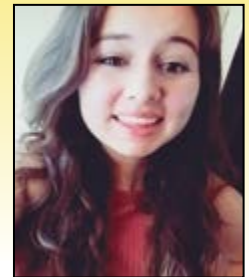
**Eh Pho Say**  
Social Work



**Karisa Zachar**  
Social work



**Zua Her**  
Dental Hygiene



**Adrianna Medrano**  
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