

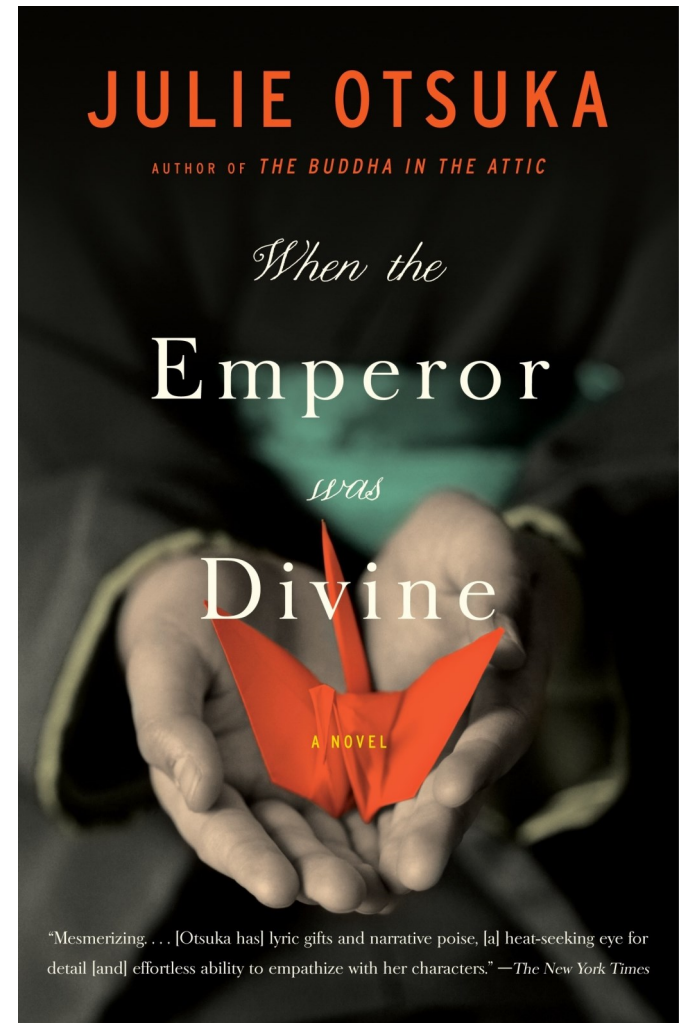
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NEA Big Read

at Galesburg Public Library April 2019



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NEA Big Read Kick-Off Event

Saturday, March 30, 2:00 PM, The Orpheum Theatre

Kick off the NEA Big Read with a free performance by Ho Etsu Taiko drumming of Chicago. Doors open at 1:30 PM. Free copies of *When the Emperor Was Divine* will be distributed to adults while supplies last. Event is made possible through a generous donation from a patron.

Origami Crane Folding

Tuesday, April 2, 7:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Come learn the art of Origami, or Japanese paper folding. Feel free to keep your cranes, or add them to a chain that will be displayed in the library. Free! Paper crane instructions and origami paper will be available at all other NEA Big Read craft events.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, April 9, 1:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Join us for a discussion of *When the Emperor Was Divine* by Julie Otsuka.

DIY Suminagashi Journals

Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Make beautiful marbled paper using the Suminagashi method. Then, make a journal with the marbled paper as the cover using the Japanese stab binding method. All supplies will be provided. Free and for all ages. Limited to 30 participants. Please sign up at the Reference Desk. Co-sponsored by the Galesburg Civic Art Center.

Book Discussion

Thursday, April 11, 6:30 PM, Jimmy John's

Join us for a discussion of *When the Emperor Was Divine* by Julie Otsuka.

Traditional Tea Ceremony

Saturday, April 13, 1:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Join representatives from the Japan House at the University of Illinois for the time honored Japanese traditional art of making and sharing tea. Tea ceremony will be performed by Professor Emeritus Kimiko Gunji. Four attendees will be chosen to participate in the ceremony. There will be a Q&A immediately following the ceremony. After Q&A, all attendees will be able to try the tea.

Kids' Activity Night

Monday, April 15, 6:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Celebrate Japanese-American culture with crafts, activities, and more. Free!

DIY Japanese Marquetry

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Learn an adapted form of the Japanese art of Marquetry, or wood inlaying. We will be decouping origami paper instead to create beautiful patterns. All supplies will be provided. Free and for all ages. Limited to 30 participants. Please sign up at the Reference Desk. Co-sponsored by the Galesburg Civic Art Center.

Kids' Book Club

Thursday, April 18, 4:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Open to 3rd-5th graders. Read and discuss *Paper Wishes* by Lois Sepahban. Free copies of the book are available in the Children's Room. Supplies are limited so get your copy soon!

DIY Sock Knitting

Thursday, April 18, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Come learn how to knit your own socks. Please bring your own materials (a set of 4 double point needles size 3 and 100 grams of sock yarn.) Free! Please sign up at the Reference Desk.

Tome Raiders Book Club

Friday, April 19, 6:00 PM, Hardee's

Join our sci-fi/fantasy book club for a discussion of *Echo* by Pam Muñoz Ryan. Copies of the book are available for checkout on the Hold Shelf.

Keep Calm and Color On

Monday, April 22, 2:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Color for relaxation. Colored pencils and Japanese-themed coloring pages will be provided. Free! For adults only.

Book Discussion: Farewell to Manzanar

Tuesday, April 23, 6:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Join us for a discussion of the teen tie-in novel to the Big Read, *Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston. Free copies of the book are available at the Reference Desk while supplies last. For all ages.

Food for Thought Book Club

Thursday, April 25, 11:30 AM, Craft Butcher and Deli

Join us for a discussion of *The Seasons of My Mother* by Marcia Gay Harden. Copies of the book are available for checkout on the Hold Shelf.

Pinterest Club-Kintsugi Workshop

Thursday, April 25, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Kintsugi is the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with lacquer mixed with gold or silver. Pottery will be provided, but you are welcome to bring broken pottery you already have. Please sign up at the Reference Desk. Co-sponsored by the Galesburg Civic Art Center.

Carl Sandburg Festival

Thursday, April 25– Sunday, April 28

One of Galesburg Public Library's partners for the NEA Big Read, the Carl Sandburg Festival celebrates Sandburg's legacy and the art of writing. Visit www.sandburg.edu/festival.

The Big Write Reception

Saturday, April 27, 2:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Join us for a reception for winners, entrants, friends, family, and the community to celebrate The Big Write, the library's annual creative writing contest.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, April 30, 6:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Join us for a quick discussion of *When the Emperor Was Divine* before meeting the author via Skype at 6:30 PM.

Skype with Julie Otsuka

Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library

The author of *When the Emperor Was Divine* will visit with the Galesburg Public Library via Skype. Themed snacks will be provided. Free and all are welcome. Please register at the Reference Desk. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Galesburg Public Library.

Trip to Anderson Japanese Gardens

Saturday, May 4, 7:00 AM

Carl Sandburg College's Corporate & Leisure College will take an educational day trip to Anderson Japanese Gardens and Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Gardens in Rockford, IL, in celebration of *When the Emperor Was Divine*. There will be a tour of both gardens, and a discussion of the book. Cost is \$75. Call Sandburg's Corporate & Leisure College department at 345-3501 for additional details or to register.