Project description

One Book is a program that encourages a community to read the same book together at the same time. Since 2008/2009, Holman Library has administered One Book on the GRCC campus. The project creates a unifying endeavor for members of the GRCC community, giving us a shared experience around which conversations, events, and experiences take shape.

For the 2013/2014 academic year, Faculty Excellence will again fund a curriculum development project intended to increase the intentional use of the book in course curricula. Faculty may choose from two approaches: you may use the book in an individual course or you may partner with a colleague on a project (not necessarily an entire course) across disciplines. Your cross-discipline collaboration may take place face to face or virtually. Creating a shared website or wiki, for example, may serve as a collaborative project. For either grant, faculty may integrate the book into course content in any way that is relevant and appropriate. Students are required to produce work related to the book; the work may be anything faculty deem appropriate.

The One Book

The book selection for the 2013/2014 academic year is When the Emperor was Divine by Julie Otsuka. When the Emperor was Divine tells the story of one Japanese American family, and thousands of others like them, who were reclassified virtually overnight as enemy aliens and forced to abandon their homes, communities, and livelihoods for remote, inhospitable internment camps. Author Julie Otsuka based the novel on her own family’s experiences during the war. Topics raised by the book include immigration and citizenship, the American dream, racism, civil rights, racial profiling, criminal justice, family, identity and community. For more in-depth information on the book and related content, see the library’s One Book guide at http://libguides.greenriver.edu/onebook2013-14.

Project application guidelines

Write a short application that includes:

- the class(es) and quarter in which you plan to integrate the book (you can apply now even if the class is in spring)
- a description of the assignment and/or student work product
- a description of how you plan to integrate the book into your course curriculum, or a list of course themes/readings that connect to the book
- if you are partnering across disciplines, a description of both curriculum projects and a brief statement of how the two projects will work together
Deliverables

If your project is funded, before the end of the following quarter, you agree to:

- Submit relevant curriculum materials: ppt, assignment sheets, discussion prompts, etc.
- Submit a brief written reflection on the project (1-2 pages max.)
- Collect at least one product of student work (following FERPA guidelines) based on the One Book reading and activity.

Acceptance criteria

- Projects will be accepted on a "first-received, first awarded" basis starting Opening Week, (Fall 2013).
- A maximum of five projects in any discipline/department per quarter will be awarded. After five projects have been awarded to a discipline/department, further submitted applications will be put on a wait list and awarded in future quarters if funding allows.

Stipend

- Individual course projects will be supported with a stipend of $175 (before benefits are deducted).
- Collaborative interdisciplinary course projects will be supported with a stipend of $450 ($225 per faculty – before benefits).
- Faculty and students will also be provided with free copies of the book.

Timeline

- **beginning fall quarter, 2013:** Completed project applications (and questions) can be submitted to Jody Segal via email (jsegal@greenriver.edu)
- **Fall, Winter, and Spring Quarters:** faculty implement projects
- **Winter Quarter:** planned author visit
- **Winter Quarter:** deliverables due for fall projects
- **Spring Quarter:** deliverables due for winter projects
- **Summer Quarter:** deliverables due for spring projects

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Note about academic property: These modules should reflect work that you have done. If you build on the ideas of others or include research that you got from others, you need to cite that and give credit where it is due. Also note that your modules will be made available to others online. If you have reservations about making public your work for others due to potential copyright issues, you are encouraged to secure a Creative Commons License for your module prior to submitting it as “completed.” Creative Commons Licenses can be applied for online at the following URL: [http://creativecommons.org/](http://creativecommons.org/).

Holman Library has a Heritage Toolkit courtesy of White River Valley Museum available for checkout, as well as many related texts. Also, please be sure to visit our exhibit on the main floor of the library.