

UNITED WE READ PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

“Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet”

Chinese and Japanese Cultures

- Chinese School of Greater Kansas City
 1. Address - 2410 W. 123rd St., Leawood, KS 66209
 2. Principal – Dr. Chiachih DC Wang
 3. Phone – 913-735-7887
 4. Website – www.kcchineseschool.org
 5. Students can play music, model costumes, etc.
- Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Kansas City
 1. Website – www.taiwanembassy.org/US/MKC/mp.asp?mp=47
 2. Provided native costumes for a fashion show for Amy Tan’s “Joy Luck Club”
 3. Also may have artifacts that may be used in display
- Nelson Art Gallery – Asian Collections – Could sponsor a tour of the Chinese furniture galleries and/or the Chinese ink painting collections
- Japanese Council of Greater Kansas City
 1. Cherry Blossom Festival – April 11 in Independence
 2. Asian Heritage Festival – May 1 at Blue Valley Library
 3. Website - <http://japancouncil.org/index.php?n=Main.HomePage>
 4. Website lists local events sponsored by the Consulate General of Japan in Chicago
- Heart of America Japan-America Society
 1. Website <http://www.kcias.org/>
 2. Participate in the Japan Festival in the fall and the Ethnic Festival at Swope Park in August
 3. Mickey Coalwell is one of the directors
 4. Possible contact for Japanese musical programs as well as, other cultural programs
 5. Plan a graphic fiction program to discuss Manga
- Book discussion with Chinese tea – the flowering tea makes a nice display
- Book discussion with Asian foods
- Martial Arts Program – check with local martial arts groups
- Origami or paper folding – actually began in China but the word is taken from Japanese
- Other Asian Crafts –
www.artistshelpingchildren.org/chineseasianjapanesecraftsideaskids.html
- Asian games
- Writers Place – Poetry Reading – Frankie Wu might share his poetry
- Booklist of Asian/Immigrant Literature – Andrea Kempf from the Johnson Community College Library might be a contact.

- Chinese Brush Painting – check with the Kansas City Young Audiences for an instructor , 5601 Wyandotte, Kansas City, MO Phone – 816-531-4022, www.kcya.org
- Dreams of the Golden Mountain written by KU Fine Arts Professor Pok Chi Lau – Talks about the Diaspora and Asian American Culture as described in his book.
- Feng Shui Program

Generational Differences

- Panel Discussion led by Dr. Chia-Chih DC Wang concerning the challenges and concerns faced by Chinese immigrant families and individuals. Suggestions, guidelines, and helpful community resources for immigrant Chinese families and Chinese Americans to better deal with acculturative stress and intergenerational conflicts may be addressed

World War II

- Possible programs on World War II could include Japanese internment camps and the war in the Pacific. Try UMKC and KU history departments as well as, other local colleges – Rockhurst College, Baker University, William Jewell.
- Prepare bibliography and discussion of other titles dealing with internment and the relationship between the Chinese and Japanese

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