Building 9066 Archive into Wikipedia: A Case Study of Digital Scholarship, History And Activism @ Fresno State

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The Presentation in Three Points:

- Executive Order 9066
- Digital Scholarship & Wikipedia
- Intersection of History and Activism
Has anyone heard of the Executive Order 9066 in American History?
The Executive Order 9066

Western Defense Command and Fourth Army
Wartime Civil Control Administration
Presidio of San Francisco, California
May 3, 1942

Instructions to All Persons of Japanese Ancestry

Living in the Following Area:

All persons of Japanese ancestry, both alien and non-alien, will be removed from the above area by 12:00 midnight, May 5, 1942, and sent to War Relocation Authority centers for the duration.

The Executive Order 9066 was signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on May 3, 1942, during World War II. It authorized the relocation of Japanese Americans from the West Coast to internment camps in the interior of the United States. The order was based on fears of espionage and sabotage, but it was later acknowledged that there was no evidence of such activities.

9066 Exhibition at Fresno State
Wikipedia: An Open Space
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- Focus on “hidden histories” and “hidden collections”
Wikipedia?

Has anyone organized a Wikipedia-Edit-A-Thon before?
9066 Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon

Improve 9066 Wikipedia Entries with us!

This year marks the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066 and the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans with a focus on those from the San Joaquin Valley.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Henry Madden Library, 2nd floor, North Wing (outside the Leon S. Peters Ellipse Gallery)

Refreshments will be provided!

Free event. Open to the public. Parking is $3. Visit a parking kiosk.

For more information, contact Ray Pun at 559.278.2230 or email rayp.ucsfresno.edu. For accessibility information, contact Susan Christensen at 559.278.5792 or email susanm@csufresno.edu.
9066 Edit-A-Thon [edit]

Date: 3/14/2017, Tuesday from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Location: California State University, Fresno: Henry Madden Library 2108 (second floor next to the Peters Ellipse Gallery North Wing)

Summary: Help us improve and create new entries on the 9066 experience using library and exhibition materials. We will have reference books, primary sources, and other reading materials that will help you add into Wikipedia entries. Librarians will provide training and reference sources to assist contributors in adding and improving the Wikipedia entries on 9066! Please bring your own laptops! Light refreshment will be provided!

Additional Reading [edit]

https://library.fresnostate.edu/sites/all/assets/doc/event/9066-bibliography.pdf

To Do [edit]

For those new to editing Wikipedia we recommend looking for articles that need references, in-text citations, or stubs that need expanding. For those looking for a challenge try those that need more substantive edits around language, bias, and original research. And for the Wikipedia rockstars we recommend creating an article from scratch.

Here are a few suggested articles to create or improve during this edit-a-thon, but you are welcome to work on anything you like.

* [[Mitsuye Endo]] (more info needed)
* [[Violet de Cristoforo]] (more Post War info needed)
* [[Gordon Hirabayshi]] (more bio info needed)
* [[Minoru Yasui]] (more World War II info needed)
* [[Redress Movement]] (fact checking on dates needed)
Community Participants were engaged with the library reference materials and added new sources and information.

Conducted a thorough scan of “gaps” and missing information in digital space.

Text analysis of words in Wikipedia pages.
Community Activism and Digital Scholarship

◇ Work closely with different partners to promote your program in a marketing and communications strategy

◇ Assemble reference materials (print and digital), laptops and refreshment for patrons

◇ Create Wikipedia Accounts in advance for users and create a landing page with “gaps” in specific entries
Dilemmas to Consider in Your Program

◇ Are topics/themes too controversial, sensitive, vague or difficult?

◇ Technical issues: sometimes people do not know how to use computers, the Internet or Wikipedia

◇ Continue fostering new communities of engagement through Wikipedia or other open source program
Women’s Herstory in Wikipedia-Edit-Athon

**Women’s Herstory Editathon**

**Tuesday, March 29**
12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Henry Madden Library Room 2108
(second floor, north, near Starbucks)

We invite people of all gender identities expressions transgender cisgender and gender nonconforming women

Wikimedia Foundation found that less than 10% of its contributors identify as female. While the reasons for the gender gap are up for debate, the practical effect of this disparity is not.

**Content is skewed by the lack of female participation.**

This represents an alarming absence in an increasingly important repository of shared knowledge.

Librarians will provide training and reference sources to assist contributors in adding and improving the Wikipedia entries for women in history. Please bring your own laptops or check one out on the Library first floor. Light refreshments will be provided.

In partnership with the Cross Cultural Gender Center.

Free event. Open to the public. Parking is restricted.

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Final Thoughts:
Digital Scholarship As Digital Activism
THANKS!

Questions? Thoughts?

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Wikipedia?

What other ways to engage in digital scholarship activities through Wikipedia?